

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 52

Thursday 20 March 2014

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Member for Johnston, Dr Chris Burns

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitor.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the application of Standing Orders insofar as they relate to Divisions.

5. QUESTIONS

10.04 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

10.08 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (supplementary question)

10.10 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Giles (Chief Minister), laid upon the Table – Terms of Reference, Schedule, Hydraulic fracturing for hydrocarbon deposits in the Territory (Paper 761).

10.13 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister

10.17 Mr Higgins to Minister for Mines and Energy

10.21 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister (The Speaker ruled the question out of order)

10.22 Mr Wood to Minister for Housing

10.26 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister

10.30 Mr Higgins to Minister for Education

10.32 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister

10.37 Mr Higgins to Minister for Alcohol Rehabilitation

Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition) moved — That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent this House from censuring the Chief Minister.

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that the Government would accept the censure motion, pursuant to Standing Order 95.

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 11 Legal Studies classes from Darwin High School. .

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

6. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition) moved — That this House censure the Chief Minister for lying, on failing to govern in the real interest of Territorians – urban, regional and remote, ignoring commitments and focussing instead on his own benefit.

Debate ensued.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson), Mr Giles (Chief Minister) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00pm.

7. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER – MOTION NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question - That this House censure the Chief Minister for lying, on failing to govern in the real interest of Territorians – urban, regional and remote, ignoring commitments and focussing instead on his own benefit.

Debate ensued.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 8

Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Ms Lawrie
Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Mr Vatskalis
Mr Vowles
Ms Walker

Noes - 13

Ms Anderson
Mr Chandler
Mr Conlan
Mr Elferink
Mr Giles
Mr Higgins
Mr Kurrupuwu
Mrs Lambley
Ms Lee
Mrs Price
Mr Styles
Mr Tollner
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion negatived.

8. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2014 (SERIAL 71)

Mr Tollner (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tollner moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Tollner laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 768).

On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) debate was adjourned.

9. HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2014 (SERIAL 67)

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mrs Lambley (Minister for Health) by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – CHALLENGING CONVENTION: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan), Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly), Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin), Mr Chandler was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

11. PAPERS

The Deputy Speaker Tabled the following Travel Reports –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Casuarina, Mr Kon Vatskalis, travel to Hong Kong and China as Shadow Minister for Tourism, Asia and Trade 11th - 17th January 2014 and 19th - 20th January 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 769).
2. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend 2013 Telstra Business Women's Award on 20th September 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 770).
3. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee to attend the Living with Cancer Forum held at Barbara James House, Darwin on 3rd October 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 771).
4. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend the Welcome Reception for World Solar Challenge at Parliament House 4th October 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 772).

5. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend Australian U14 Boys Basketball Championship 2013, Darwin on 5th October 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 773).
6. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend The Wagilak Songmen (Crossing Roper Bar) 11th-12th October 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 774).
7. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend 2013 Northern Territory Brolga Tourism Awards in Alice Springs on 15th-17th November 2013, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 775).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the Assembly adjourned at 6.14pm until Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 20 March 2014 –

Annual Report 2012/2013:

National Environment Protection Council (Paper 762)

Subordinate Legislation 2014:

No. 3, Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment By-Laws 2014
(Paper 763)

No. 4, Advance Personal Planning Regulations (Paper 764)

No. 5, Registration Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 765)

No. 6, Birth, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 766)

No. 7, Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 767)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Finocchiaro on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly