MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 58

Thursday 8 May 2014

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1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MOTION AGREED TO

Ms Anderson (Member for Namatjira) moved – That a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Kurrupuwu (Member for Arafura) on account of personal matters.

Motion agreed to.

4. QUESTIONS

10.01 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston), by leave, laid upon the Table -

1. Letter from Eli Melky, Country Liberal Party Deputy Treasurer to Ross Connolly, President Country Liberal Party, Re: Concerns regarding finances, dated 24 March 2014 and Email from Graeme Lewis, Management Committee Member, to Ross Connolly, Eli Melky, Daniel Davies, Damien Moriarty, Re: SMS messages to Eli Melky, dated 26 March 2014 and reply Email, from Ross Connolly to Graeme Lewis, Eli Melky, Daniel Davis and Damien Moriarty, Re: SMS messages to Eli Melky, dated 26 March 2014 (Paper 812).

2. Email from Alison Anderson, Larissa Lee, Francis Xavier to Ross Connolly, Re Harassment of us 3 indigenous members, dated 29 March 2014 and Email from Graeme Lewis to Tory Mencshelyi, Ross Connolly, Damein Moriarty, Daniel Davis, Tony Schelling, Eli Melky, jgalton, Adam Giles, David Tollner, Nigel Scullion, Natasha Griggs, HelpNT, jandadebrenn Rebecca Healy, Re: Harassment of us 3 indigenous members, dated 30 March 2014 (Paper (813).

10.03 Mr Higgins to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
10.07 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
10.11 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
10.15 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
10.17 Ms Finocchiaro to Treasurer
10.20 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
10.23 Ms Anderson to Deputy Chief Minister (ruled out of order)
10.24 Mr Barrett to Minister for Education
10.27 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (referred to the Attorney-General)
10.32 Mr Higgins to Minister for Housing
10.35 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (referred to the Attorney-General)

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Withdrawal from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama) to withdraw from the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 240A.

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10.40 Mr Barrett to Minister for Correctional Services

Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) 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.

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5. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER – MOTION NOT AGREED TO

Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) moved — That this House censure the Chief Minister for:

- Lying to this Parliament and lying to Territorians about his knowledge of the CLP slush fund Foundation 51;
- Lying to this Parliament and lying to Territorians about the relationship between the CLP and Foundation 51;
- Refusing to come clean about his knowledge and involvement in the CLP slush fund Foundation 51 despite clear evidence of numerous conversations with one of the funds directors, Graeme Lewis;
- Attempting to cover up his lies by refusing to have a full and public inquiry into the activities of CLP slush fund Foundation 51; and
- Arrogantly refusing to send a referral to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to find the best way to establish a corruption commission to ensure transparency in the political donation system in the Territory.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston), by leave, laid upon the Table - Domain History Info for foundation51.com.au, Old Registrar Info, 07 April, 2014 - Registrar Info, 07 May 2014 (Paper 814).

Debate resumed.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 9	**Noes - 12**
Ms Anderson	Mr Barrett
Mr Gunner	Mr Chandler
Ms Lawrie	Mr Conlan
Ms Lee	Mr Elferink
Mr McCarthy	Ms Finocchiaro
Ms Manison	Mr Giles
Mr Vatskalis	Mr Higgins
Mr Vowles	Mrs Lambley
Ms Walker	Mrs Price
	Mr Styles
	Mr Tollner
	Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion negatived.

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

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6. NOTICES:
The following notice was given:

1. Mr Tollner (Treasurer) to present a bill entitled – Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (Serial 80).

2. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General) to present a bill entitled – Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill 2014 (Serial 77).

7. HEALTH SERVICES BILL 2014 (SERIAL 74) – BILL AGREED TO
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.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill in detail.

In Committee

Mr Higgins (Chair of Committees) took the Chair.

Bill taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported as printed.

The Assembly resumed; the Speaker took the Chair; Mr Higgins reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill as printed.

Madam Speaker put the question - That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Tollner (Treasurer) the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

8. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (PRESUMPTION OF JOINT TRIALS) BILL 2014 (SERIAL 75) – BILL AGREED TO
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 Mr Tollner (Treasurer) by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – RECOVERY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY LIVE EXPORT MARKET (BEEF AND BUFFALO) – MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Westra van Holthe (Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries) made a statement updating the Assembly on the status of the Northern Territory's live cattle and buffalo export markets.

Mr Westra van Holthe moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) debate was adjourned.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND CURRENT EFFORTS IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TO DATE – MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Conlan (Minister for Central Australia) made a statement updating the Assembly on the Northern Territory Governments achievements in Central Australia

Mr Conlan moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) debate was adjourned.

11. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – VIOLENT CRIME IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Speaker advised the Assembly that Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) had proposed a definite Matter of Public Importance – The dramatic increase in violent crime in the Northern Territory.

Having received the necessary support - Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

And the Assembly adjourned at 8.37pm until Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 8 May 2014 -

Coroners Act:

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the deaths of Mr Kevin Taylor, Ms Lena Yali and Mr Gregory McNamara, pursuant to Section 46B, dated 7 April 2014 (Paper 815)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Ms Maylene Namundja also known as Ms Maylene Namunjajt, pursuant to Section 46B, dated 10 April 2014 (Paper 816)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendation regarding the death in custody of Mr Damien Hughes, pursuant to section 46B, dated 2 April 2014 (Paper 817)

Remuneration Tribunal:

Remuneration Tribunal Report on the Entitlements of Magistrates and Determination No. 1 of 2014 (Paper 818)

Subordinate Legislation 2014

No. 8, Construction Industry Long Service Leave and Benefits Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 819)
No. 9, Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 820)
No. 10, Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulations (Paper 821)
No. 11, Public and Environmental Health Regulations (Paper 822)
No. 12, Planning Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 823)

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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Fyles and Mr Kurrupuwu on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly