

Madam Speaker Aagaard took the Chair at 10 am.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER
Telephones in Chamber - Broadcast Issues

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have been advised one of the causes of the sound problems we experienced yesterday was the use by members of iPhones and mobile phones in the Chamber. I remind members that it has been a long-standing rule of this House that the use of all mobile phones and iPhones in the Chamber is not allowed. I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

A member: No UFOs then, Madam Speaker?

Madam SPEAKER: No, sadly, no UFOs. That was not a UFO, anyway.

TABLED PAPER
Pairing Arrangement -
Member for Arafura and Member for Araluen
and
Member for Nightcliff and Member for Brennan

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have received two documents relating to pairs. The first pair is for the whole of the day for the member for Arafura and the member for Araluen. It is signed by the Government Whip and the acting Opposition Whip.

The second pair is for me, the member for Nightcliff, and the member for Brennan from 10.45am to the luncheon break.

RESPONSE TO PETITION

The CLERK: Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, I inform honourable members that response to petition No 25 has been received and circulated to honourable members. The text of the response will be placed on the Legislative Assembly website. A copy of the response will be provided to the member who tabled the petition for distribution to petitioners.

Petition No 25
ANZAC Hill High School – remain as a Secondary Campus
Date presented: 12 October 2009
Presented by: Mr Giles
Referred to: Chief Minister
Date response due: 18 February 2010
Date response received: 18 February 2010

On 13 October 2009, petition No 25 was presented and read in the Legislative Assembly. The petition concerned ANZAC Hill High School - Remain as a Secondary Campus. I respond to the petition pursuant

to Standing Order 100 as the Minister for Education and Training.

The petition read in the Legislative Assembly bore 665 signatures and called for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly to commit to keeping the ANZAC Hill High School campus open as a separate campus within the new Centralian Middle School; and the core subjects of Maths, English and Special Education remain at both campuses and students and parents continue to have a choice of campus for education in Alice Springs.

In February 2009, the former Minister for Education and Training announced the creation of an Alice Springs middle school as part of the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan to tackle youth crime and antisocial behaviour. Following an extensive community consultation process during 2009, the new Centralian Middle School opened with higher than anticipated enrolments with two separate campuses under one Principal and two Campus Heads at the beginning of the 2010 school year.

The Centralian Middle School is providing better tailored educational programs, including more specialist courses, and will improve vocational and alternative education pathways. Under the agreed model, students attend the Gillen campus to access a range of general and specialist subjects, with some students accessing the ANZAC Hill campus for additional specialist subjects.

Special education teachers are able to work with teachers, classes and individuals on both campuses.

I am absolutely committed to the delivery of high quality education that will ensure Northern Territory children are provided opportunities at school that will enable them to develop the skills required to participate fully in the economic and social development of the Northern Territory and the nation.

**CONSUMER CREDIT (NATIONAL UNIFORM
LEGISLATION) IMPLEMENTATION BILL**
(Serial 90)

Bill presented and read a first time.

Ms LAWRIE (Treasurer): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.