

Madam Speaker took the Chair at 10 am.

VISITORS

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise of the presence in the gallery of a Year 10 class from Palmerston Senior College accompanied by Fran Davies, Veronica Hempel, Rebekkah Crawford, Kym Wilton and Brendon Williams. On behalf of honourable members, welcome to Parliament House. I hope you enjoy your time here.

Members: Hear, hear!

MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATOR Message No 21

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have received Message No 21 from His Honour the Administrator notifying assent to the bills passed at the October sitting. The message is dated 20 November 2014.

Message No 22 – Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission Bill

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have received Message No 22 from His Honour the Administrator recommending to the Legislative Assembly a bill for an act that will create statutory guarantees of certain liabilities of the Motor Accident (Compensation) Commission and authorise amounts to be paid from the Central Holding Authority. The message is dated 24 November 2014.

Return of Darwin Rates Bill 2014

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise that the Clerk has received correspondence from the official secretary to the Administrator containing an instrument signed by His Honour on 11 November 2014 which returns the Darwin Rates Bill, as passed by the Assembly on 20 August 2014, requesting consideration be given to a recommended amendment to the act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 205, the recommended amendment will be circulated to honourable members and printed unless the Assembly otherwise orders.

The Assembly must now fix a time for taking the proposed amendment into consideration in a Committee of the Whole.

MOTION

Amendment to Darwin Rates Amendment Bill (Serial 72)

Mr GILES (Local Government and Regions): Madam Speaker, I move that, pursuant to

Standing Order 205, the recommended amendment to the Darwin Rates Bill being a proposed law returned by His Honour the Administrator, be considered in a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday 26 November at 2 pm.

Ms LAWRIE (Opposition Leader): Madam Speaker, when will that information be provided to members of the opposition, the Independent member and members of the Palmer United Party? Given we will be considering an amendment in a Committee of the Whole tomorrow, could we be provided with that information this morning?

Mr Elferink: Forthwith. If it is not already there it should be shortly.

Motion agreed to.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER Green Ribbon, Purple Ribbon and White Ribbon Day

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, you have on your desks some coloured ribbons. The green ribbon is to support mitochondrial disease, which can affect both children and adults. Due to its genetic basis the disease often affects multiple family members and can present itself at any time in life. Recent research shows that one in 200 people may carry this genetic disorder.

The purple ribbons are for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Pancreatic cancer is a silent and devastating disease. On members' desks, as well as the ribbon, is a very personal account from a Territory police officer, Mr George Hillen, about his journey fighting this cancer.

Honourable members, you also have a white ribbon. One woman a week dies from an act of domestic violence. Today Northern Territory Police and ambassadors will be attending the White Ribbon Solidarity March at 11.30 am. Wear your white ribbon to pledge your support to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

MOTION

Change of Committee Membership

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, pursuant to Standing Order 262, I advise I have received correspondence from the Leader of the Opposition regarding changes to committee membership.

Ms LAWRIE (Opposition Leader): Madam Speaker, I move that the following committee membership changes, as nominated on 10 November 2014, be adopted: the members for Nightcliff and Nhulunbuy be discharged and the