

Madam Speaker Purick took the Chair at 10 am.

**MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR
Message No 9**

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have received Message No 9 from Her Honour the Administrator notifying assent to bills passed during the October sittings. The message is dated 13 November 2017.

**VISITORS
MacKillop Catholic College**

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 students from MacKillop Catholic College, accompanied by their teachers, Tom Zagami and Daisy Farnham. Welcome to Parliament House. I hope you enjoy your time here.

Members: Hear, hear!

APPOINTMENT TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise the House that upon written advice received from the Member for Araluen and under Standing Order 181, the Assembly appointed the Member for Araluen to the Estimates Committee effective from the time I received the nomination on 31 October 2017.

I table a copy of the letter.

**SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
Revision of 2018 Meeting Days**

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I have been approached by the government to review the meeting days scheduled for February 2018. I have revised the schedule accordingly and I table my media release outlining the change. You can review the revised calendar for sittings dates on the Department of the Legislative Assembly's website.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Member for Arafura**

Ms FYLES (Leader of Government Business): Madam Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 224, I move a leave of absence be granted to the Member for Arafura today.

Motion agreed to.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ORDER

Ms FYLES (Leader of Government Business): Madam Speaker, I table a copy of the Administrative Arrangements Order, published in the *Northern Territory Gazette No S78* dated 6 November 2017.

**PAPER TABLED
Social Policy Scrutiny Committee Report – Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill**

Ms AH KIT (Karama): Madam Speaker, I table the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee's report on its inquiry into the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017 and associated minutes of proceedings. Pursuant to Standing Order 200(4), this report was sent to the Speaker and made public on Wednesday 15 November.

This is the first bill to be referred to a scrutiny committee for inquiry and report under the new committee system. While at times challenging, this proved to be an extremely informative and worthwhile process. The committee's examination of the bill was greatly enhanced by the advice and suggestions of all those who provided submissions and appeared before the committee. All of the submissions were generally supportive of the bill. Indeed, witnesses commended the government for bringing the legislation forward.

The committee was particularly pleased that commissioners from Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania gave their time and experience by making submissions and speaking to the committee. The insights of those already heading similar anti-corruption bodies were extremely helpful, and further