

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 16

Tuesday 19 February 2013

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1. **MEETING:**

The Assembly met at 2pm. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. **PRAYERS.**

3. **RESIGNATION OF FORMER MEMBER FOR WANGURI:**

The Speaker again reported her receipt of the resignation of the former Member for Wanguri, Mr Paul Henderson, on 23 January 2013 pursuant to section 18 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act.

4. **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:**

The Speaker advised Member of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of — Scott McNeill; Gary Manison; Luke Manison; Rose Manison; James Herraman; Jess Herraman and Alice Herraman.

5. **STATEMENT BY SPEAKER — FILMING IN THE CHAMBER:**

The Speaker advised Members that pursuant to Sessional Order, her permission had been granted to ABC TV, Channel 9 and SKY News to film, with sound, and the NT News to take photographs during the swearing in of the new Member for Wanguri.

6. **RETURN TO WRIT— WANGURI DIVISION:**

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid on the Table the Writ issued by Her Honour Sally Thomas, AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia on 28 January 2013 for the election of one Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory for the Division of Wanguri to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Paul Raymond Henderson (Paper 237).

By endorsement on the Writ, dated 18 February 2013, it was certified that Nicole Susan Manison had been duly elected on 16 February 2013 as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Division of Wanguri.

7. **MEMBER SWORN:**

The Member for Wanguri, Nicole Susan Manison, was admitted to the Chamber, made and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance and of Office and was conducted by her sponsors Ms Lawrie and Mr McCarthy to her place in the Chamber (Paper 238).

8 **SHADOW MINISTRY:**

Ms Lawrie, by leave, advised the Assembly of Opposition Office holders:

Delia Lawrie, Member for Karama — Leader of the Opposition; Treasurer; Major Projects; and Economic Development.

Gerry McCarthy, Member for Barkly — Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Regional Development; Infrastructure and Construction; Lands and Planning; Transport; Essential Services; and Arts and Museums.

Kon Vatskalis, Member for Casuarina — Health; Primary Industry and Fisheries; Mines and Energy; Asian Relations and Trade; Defence Support; Information, Communications and Technology; Corporate Services.

Lynne Walker, Member for Nhulunbuy — Attorney-General and Justice; Corrections; Indigenous Policy; and Local Government.

Michael Gunner, Member for Fannie Bay — Government Accountability; Statehood; Police, Fire And Emergency Services; Education and Training; Business and Employment; Racing, Gaming and Licensing; and Alcohol Policy.

Natasha Fyles, Member for Nightcliff — Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage; Climate Change; Parks and Wildlife; Child Protection; Children and Families; and Women's Policy.

Ken Vowles, Member for Johnston — Tourism; Sport and Recreation; Senior Territorians; Multicultural Affairs; and Young Territorians.

Nicole Manison, Member for Wanguri — Public and Affordable Housing; and Public Employment (Paper 239).

**9. NOTICES:**

The following notices were given —

1. Mr Elferink: To move — That during the current session of the Assembly, Standing Order 109(3)(b) be reworded in the following terms:

'(b) the time for the answer of each question shall be sufficient to allow for the minister to provide an appropriate answer.'

2. Mr Giles: To present Places of Public Entertainment Act Repeal Bill 2013 (Serial 19).

**10. PETITIONS:**

Mr Wood, by leave, presented Petition No 11 from 2013 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders relating to funding for the Freds Pass Reserve and Litchfield Swimming Pool (Paper 240).

Petition read.

**11. QUESTIONS:**

- 2.09 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.13 Ms Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 2.16 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.18 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (Supplementary)
- 2.18 Ms Lee to Chief Minister
- 2.21 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.22 Mr Higgins to Treasurer
- 2.26 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 2.28 Ms Price to Minister for Tourism and Major Events
- 2.31 Mr Wood to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 2.33 Mr Gunner to Leader of Government Business
- 2.35 Mr Kurruwu to Minister for Alcohol Rehabilitation and Policy
- 2.38 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.42 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.44 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Women's Policy
- 2.47 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.52 Ms Lee to Minister for Women's Policy
- 2.55 Mr Wood to Minister for Alcohol Rehabilitation and Policy
- 2.56 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
- 2.57 Mr Higgins to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
- 3.00 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 3.02 Mrs Price to Minister for Correctional Services
- 3.05 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

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

12. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:**  
The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of former Member for Johnston Dr Chris Burns.
13. **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AGE OF RETIREMENT) BILL 2012 (SERIAL 15):**  
The Order of the Day having been read for the 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.
- Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr Elferink (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
14. **ALCOHOL MANDATORY TREATMENT — MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — STATEMENT NOTED:**  
Mr Tollner (Minister for Alcohol Policy) made a statement relating to mandatory alcohol treatment in the Northern Territory.
- Mr Tollner moved — That the Assembly take note of the Statement.
- Debate ensued.
- Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr McCarthy, Mr Wood was granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Tollner, Mr McCarthy was granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Question — put and passed.
15. **WOMEN'S POLICY — MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:**  
Ms Anderson (Minister for Women's Policy) made a statement relating to the Government's policy in relation to women.
- Ms Anderson moved — That the Assembly take note of the Statement.
- Debate ensued.
- Papers Tabled:** Ms Anderson laid upon the Table an article entitled *Diverse Paths* by Shelley Penn, dated 4 July 2012 (Paper 244), *Going Places – The Career Progression of Women in the Architectural Profession* by Dr Paula Whitman (Paper 245), *The Great Sex Swindle* by Catherine Armitage (Paper 246) and *Are Women Really More Talkative Than Men? In Brevia* by Mehl, Vazire, Ramirez-Esparza, Slatcher and Pennebaker (Paper 247).
- Debate continued.

**Paper Tabled:** Ms Fyles, by leave, laid upon the Table Territory Women Do Matter, Country Liberals Women's Policy by Kezia Purick, August 2012 (Paper 248).

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Ms Fyles, Ms Walker was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Attorney-General), debate was adjourned.

**16. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S FEBRUARY 2013 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY — PAPER TABLED:**

The Speaker laid on the Table the Auditor-General's February 2013 Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 243).

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved — That the Report be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Elferink moved – That the Assembly take note of the Report and sought leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Leave granted.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Statement by Speaker:** The Speaker informed Members that the Member for Wanguri was to make her first speech in the Assembly and that Members should afford her the conventional courtesy of hearing her in silence.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 9.33pm until Wednesday 20 February 2013 at 10am.

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**PAPERS:**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 February 2013 –

**Coroner's Act:**

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations into the death of Ms Rosalyn O'Neill, pursuant to section 46B of the Coroner's Act, dated 21 January 2013 (Paper 241)

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations into the death of Mr Kwementyaye Daniel Briscoe, pursuant to section 46B of the Coroners Act, dated 15 February 2013 (Paper 242)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings.

Ian McNeill  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly