Mr ELFERINK: A point of order, Madam Speaker! Consistent, concise and directly relevant. It is none of those.

Madam SPEAKER: The minister has the call. He has a question which was not concise or succinct, however, minister, can you come to the point pretty quickly?

Mr KNIGHT: This is a ridiculous situation where they are wasting my time trying to answer it.

Members interjecting.

Madam SPEAKER: Order!

Mr KNIGHT: Madam Speaker, the generator is part of the $2bn Weddell Power station. It is a brand new GE generator. Brand new put in there! Maintained correctly, installed correctly. Something went wrong with it obviously.

Members interjecting.

Madam SPEAKER: Order!

Mr KNIGHT: You are laughing at Power and Water staff, you are laughing at …

Members interjecting.

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Opposition members!

Mr KNIGHT: Madam Speaker, GE was involved in the replacement of this. We were lucky enough to get a brand new generator off the production line in Houston, Texas and within 30 days of that generator being ordered by Power and Water, it was installed and running. An incredible effort was done by Power and Water, their staff, and their contractors, to get it flown over and driven up by truck. It was driven 24 hours a day get it here and get it installed. Staff only took one day off, and that was Christmas Day, and they worked right through that period to get it installed. We have sufficient capacity to have one of those generators off line.

I can advise the member for Port Darwin there are multiple investigations going on here, and obviously it is a significant cost which may be incurred by someone. We have our insurance company involved. We have NT Gas doing their investigation. The GE company is doing their investigation, and we are doing our own investigation. That particular turbine will be shipped back to Houston as it sits. We will have a team from Power and Water going over to Houston, with cameras, and being there when they open the turbine up. We fully expect to recover every single dollar in the exercise of that machine being damaged. It is a very unusual situation; GE cannot explain it, but we will recover every single dollar from that particular incident.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Placement Policy

Ms ANDERSON to MINISTER for CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Will you remove, under your act, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander placement policy that hinders children being placed with anyone, and the safety of the child looked at instead of the colour of their skin?

ANSWER

Thank very much to the member for her question, and it is a very important question. I have been on the public record saying that colour, religion, ethnicity does not matter.

Ms Anderson: You still have the policy.

Mr VATSKALIS: What I said is the safety of the child comes first. If the child is an Indigenous child and there is an Indigenous family which can provide a safe environment, then it will be placed with an Indigenous family. If there is no family kinship …

Ms Anderson: You do not have the guts.

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Member for Macdonnell, you have asked the minister a question, allow him to answer it.

A member: Allow him to spin it.

Ms Anderson: I asked him a specific question, Madam Speaker.

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Member for Greatorex, you can withdraw from the Chamber.

Mr VATSKALIS: Let me make it clear: what comes first is the safety of the child – colour, religion, ethnicity is irrelevant. The safety of the child is what matters. I will not remove policies that work. What I will do is make sure whatever is in place provides a safe environment for the child.