MOTION - (to Move Suspension of Standing Orders)

I move the Suspension of so much of Standing Orders as would allow a motion to establish an Inquiry into a number of matters relating to the proposed grant of a Lease over Lot 5260, Town of Darwin known as Stella Maris.

(When leave is granted)

MOTION – (to Move the Inquiry)

I move that this Parliament resolves, pursuant to Section 4A of the Inquiries Act, to appoint a person to inquire into and report to the Administrator on the following matter:

With respect to the proposed grant of a Lease over Lot 5260, Town of Darwin known as Stella Maris (“the site”) the Inquiry will:

1. Investigate and identify the circumstances of the purported decision of the then Minister for Lands to grant a lease over the site to Unions NT on or about 3 August 2012.

2. Review the public policy and public accountability considerations involved in making the purported decision to grant a lease of the site to Unions NT without putting the matter out to expressions of interest or public tender.

3. Assess the performance of relevant persons, including the responsible Minister at the time, in carrying out their obligations under the regulatory regime and ensuring the proper accountability processes were applied in the tenure management of the site.

4. Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the regulatory regime in ensuring transparency, good governance and community input into the process of leasing or granting Crown land.

5. Consider and comment on the provision and accessibility of relevant information to affected stakeholders and the public in relation to the proposal and purported decision to grant the site to Unions NT.

6. Make recommendations to the Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment on any measures that might help to ensure transparency, good governance and community input into the process of leasing or granting Crown land with particular reference to the purported decision to grant the site to Unions NT.

7. Consider, assess and make recommendations in relation to any other matter the Inquiry considers relevant to the matter.