

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2002**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.04 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 PETITION

Mr Nobbs presented a Petition from 789 persons residing on Norfolk Island who support the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly's stated opposition to changes to the electoral system as proposed by a Joint Standing Committee of the Australian Federal Parliament and pray that the Norfolk Island Government strongly express their opposition to these proposed changes to the electoral system, to the Minister for External Territories, the Honourable Wilson Tuckey, during his upcoming visit to Norfolk Island and through him to the Australian Federal Government.

3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Paper 1: Mr G Gardner (Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations) tabled the instructions from Senator Ian Macdonald (Minister for Territories) to Mr Tony Messner, Administrator of Norfolk Island that assent be declared to the Greenwich University Bill 1998

Paper 2: Mr G Gardner (Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations) correspondence relating to the Higher Education Funding Act (Commonwealth) and attachments

Deputy Speaker Nicholas took the Chair at 10.36 am

Time for questions without notice having expired Mr Brown moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 10 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Time for questions without notice have expired Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 5 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

4 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Answers were provided to the following questions on notice:

No. 33 (Ms Nicholas to Minister for Community Services and Tourism) re. Administration Organisational Review (spread of hours and time off in lieu of overtime) to form a valuable part of the Focus 2002 project

No. 34 (Ms Nicholas to Minister for Community Services and Tourism) re. Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise – significant escalation in transfer of funds

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Papers were presented to the House:

- (3) Mr G Gardner (Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations) tabled the exposure draft of the Administrative Review Tribunal Regulations 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (4) Mr I F Buffett (Minister for Lands and the Environment) tabled the following exposure draft Regulations –
- 4) Planning Regulations 2002
 - 5) Heritage Regulations 2002
 - 6) Trees Amendment Regulations 2002
 - 7) Building Regulations 2002

and moved -

THAT the House take note of the Papers

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (8) Mr I F Buffett (Minister for Lands and the Environment) tabled the Draft Water Resources Development Control Plan and Preliminary Notes and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (9) Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) tabled the Financial Indicators for the month of October 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (10) Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) tabled the Virement of Funds Advice for the period 24 October to 8 November 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (11) Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) tabled the Travel Allowance and Airfares utilised by the Public Service for the period 1 August 2002 to 31 October 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (12) Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) tabled expenditure charged to the Executive Member's Advance during the financial year 2001-2002 and moved–

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (13) Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) tabled the Exemptions from Customs Duty for October 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 STATEMENTS

- (1) Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) – Social Services Review
- (2) Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) –Termination of Appointment of Mrs Robyn Murdoch as Chief Executive Officer of the Norfolk Island Public Service
- (3) Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) – Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise Review
Paper 14: Auditor's Report of the financial statements of the Hospital Enterprise
- (4) Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) –Passenger Statistics
Paper 15: Inbound Passenger Statistics for the month of October 2002
- (5) Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) – Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2002
Paper 16: NI Government Tourist Bureau Audit Report

- (6) Mr G Gardner (Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations) tabled the instructions from Senator Ian Macdonald (Minister for Territories) to Mr Tony Messner, Administrator re Greenwich University

7 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2002 – MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Deputy Speaker Nicholas reported Message No. 8 from the Deputy Administrator recommending to the Legislative Assembly the enactment of a proposed law entitled “A Bill for an Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending June 2003”

8 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2002

Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending on 30 June 2003 and moved –

THAT so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being considered through all stages at this sitting

Question put
Agreed

Mr Donaldson moved –

That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued
Question put
Bill agreed to in principle on the voices
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage
Mr Donaldson moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put
Bill agreed to on the voices

9 NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ACT 1985 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr David Buffett (Minister for Community Services and Tourism), by leave, moved -

THAT for the purposes of subsection 12(1) of the Norfolk Island Hospital Act 1985, this House resolves that -

**Stephanie Victoria Anne Jack; and
Chloe Barbara Nicholas**

be appointed by the Executive Member as Members of the Board of Management for the period 21 November 2002 to 20 May 2003

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 MOTION OF CONDEMNATION

Mr Brown, by leave, moved –

THAT this House expresses its regret at the recent rushed passage of Commonwealth legislation regarding Greenwich University without any genuine consultation with the Norfolk Island Government and in the absence of appropriate transitional and compensation provisions, and condemns the responsible Federal Minister for refusing to meet with representatives of Greenwich University to discuss the issues, failing to respond to the Norfolk island Government's attempt to consult about the matter, and misleading the Australian Parliament and the Australian people

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

11 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Smith moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 18 December 2002 at 10.00 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Nobbs –

- a) recording a vote of thanks to the people who signed the Petition, therefore giving their support to the Government
- b) Giving Notice of Motion for a subsequent sitting regarding transfer of crown lease to freehold

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.55 pm adjourned until a date to be determined

Gaye Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present