

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2003**

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WENSDI 15 OKTOEBA 2003**

- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.01 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.29 am

3 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following papers were tabled:

- 1) Mr Gardner, Chief Minister – *Legal Aid Act 1995* - Report by executive member addressing matters specified in section 31(4) of the Act;
- 2) Mr Donaldson, Minister for Finance – Financial Indicators for 3 months up to September 2003
Mrs Jack moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Mr Gardner, Chief Minister – Annual Report of the Norfolk Island Administration for the financial year 2001-2002
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 4) Mr David Buffet, Minister for Community Services and Tourism – Inbound passenger statistics for September 2003 and visitor statistics for calendar years 1999 through to September 2003

4 STATEMENTS

- 1) Mr Donaldson, Minister for Finance, provided a report on progress of the Revenue Base Review and foreshadowed the visit next week at the invitation of the Administration of two officers from the Commonwealth Treasury to assist in the revenue base investigation.
- 2) Mr I Buffett, Minister for Land and the Environment, in response to a question asked at an earlier sitting by Mr Nobbs, advised that the description of KAVHA in Schedule 1 of the Norfolk Island Plan contained an error which requires correction prior to the making of the Plan in November;
- 3) –Mr David Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism, reported to the House on the appointment of a Counsellor by the DAA working group in conjunction with the Salvation Army

Mr Brown left the meeting at 11 am for personal reasons

5 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Deputy Speaker reported Message No. 21 from the Deputy Administrator advising that on 30 September 2003 he declared his assent to the Absentee Landowners Levy Amendment Act 2003

6 AMENDMENT TO ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Mr Smith, for and at the request of Mr Brown, by leave, moved -

THAT this House requests the responsible executive member to bring forward at an early date, a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act so as to prohibit:

- 1. The carriage of children on the backs of trucks and utilities**
- 2. The carriage of children while standing in motor vehicles**
- 3. The driving of a motor vehicle while any part of the body of the driver or any passenger is projecting outside the vehicle**

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

7 HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr Smith, for and at the request of Mr Brown, by leave, moved -

THAT this House requests the responsible executive member to consider, and bring forward for the consideration of the House at its next meeting, proposals to encourage senior citizens to maintain their existing private health insurance policies notwithstanding that they may be provided with cover by the HMA Scheme

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

8 SOCIAL SERVICES ACT 1980 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Mr D Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism, pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT for the purposes of section 8 of the *Social Services Act 1980* this House resolves to recommend to His Honour the Administrator that under sections 4 and 6 of the said Act that he reappoint –

**Patricia Madge Anderson;
Dale Frances Hogden; and
Thomas Leslie Lloyd,**

as community members of the Social Services Board for a period of 3 years commencing on and including 15 October 2003

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2004

Mr G. Donaldson, Minister for Finance, pursuant to notice, moved –

That for the purposes of subsection 9(2) of the *Employment Act 1988* this House resolves that the *Employment Regulations 1991* be amended to provide -

- a) in respect of 2004, the day after Christmas Day is not to be observed as a public holiday; and
- b) Monday 27 December 2004 is to be observed as a public holiday

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Donaldson) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

10 OUTSOURCING OF ROADWORKS

Debate resumed (Mr Smith) on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Mr D. Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism, by leave, moved –

THAT the motion be amended to read:

THAT this House requests the responsible executive member to investigate the various options including outsourcing to upgrade and maintain all necessary roads on Norfolk Island over the next ten years and to report back to the House by the December sitting

Debate ensued

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the motion as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Speaker took the Chair at 12.17 pm

11 DEVELOPMENT OF A VIABLE PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTOR ON NORFOLK ISLAND

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Ms Nicholas moved the following amendment:

That paragraph 4) be amended by deleting “the responsible Executive Member” and inserting “Mr Ron Nobbs MLA”

Debate ensued

Amendment withdrawn by leave

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 LAND SPECULATION

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Question put and agreed to on the voices

13 POPULATION CONTROL

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 2
Mr Nobbs
Mr Smith

NOES, 6
Mr D Buffett
Mr Gardner
Mr Donaldson
Mrs Jack
Mr I Buffett
Ms Nicholas

Motion negatived

14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR NOBBS MLA

Leave of absence from the next sitting of the House unanimously extended to Mr Nobbs

15 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 November
2003 at 10.00 am**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Donaldson, Minister for Finance, moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Gardner and Mr I Buffett participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 1.22 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 November 2003 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams

Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present – Mr Brown withdrawing from the meeting
at 11 am