

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
27 OCTOBER 2004**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 2.00 pm on 27 October 2004 for the dispatch of business pursuant to a notice (hereinafter set forth) from the Administrator: Robin-Eleanor Adams, Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, and Rosemarie Gaye Evans, Deputy Clerk, attending according to their duty, the said Notice was read by the Clerk:

"I, Grant Ernest John Tambling, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under section 40 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*), do by this notice, convene the first meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island after a general election of that Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Kingston, at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 27 October 2004.

Dated 26 October 2004.

Sgd Grant Tambling

Administrator"

2 **PRAYERS**

Prayers were read by Dr John S. Duke

3 **RETURN TO WRIT FOR ELECTION**

The Clerk read and laid on the Table the Return to the Writ for the election of the Legislative Assembly held on 20 October 2004 which showed that the following Members had been elected:

- ◆ **Geoffrey Robert Gardner**
- ◆ **Timothy John Sheridan**
- ◆ **Neville Charles Christian**
- ◆ **Lorraine Carol Boudan**
- ◆ **Ronald Coane Nobbs**
- ◆ **David Ernest Buffett**
- ◆ **John Terence Brown**
- ◆ **Stephanie Victoria Anne Jack**
- ◆ **Timothy John Brown**

4 **OATHS BY MEMBERS**

The Members, whose names are set forth above, made and subscribed an oath or affirmation of allegiance and an oath or affirmation of office before His Honour the Administrator as required by law

5 **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen as Speaker and do now take the Chair

Mr Buffett informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Clerk declared Mr Buffett to have been elected Speaker

Mr Buffett presented himself to His Honour the Administrator and took the Chair

6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr Brown moved –

THAT Timothy John Brown be elected Deputy Speaker

Mr Tim Brown informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Speaker declared Mr Tim Brown to have been elected Deputy Speaker

7 ADDRESS BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR

At the invitation of the Speaker, His Honour the Administrator addressed the Assembly

8 ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Speaker replied to the Address to the Assembly by His Honour the Administrator

The Administrator and the Speaker exchanged copies of their respective Addresses

9 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House at 2.31 pm and with His Honour the Administrator left the Assembly Chamber

10 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting at 2.34 pm

11 TABLING OF DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENTS

The Speaker tabled the following disallowable instruments:

Waste Management (Amendment) Regulations 2004
Employment (Amendment) Regulations 2004
Warrant of Delivery approved under section 14 of the
Removal of Prisoners Act 2004, for the purposes of section 5 of that Act

12 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker reported the following Message from the Office of the Administrator:

Message No. 1 from the Administrator advising that ON 28 September 2004 he declared his assent to the *Evidence Act 2004, Removal of Prisoners Act 2004, Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2004, Annual Reports Act 2004* and reserved for the Governor-General's pleasure the Planning (Amendment) Bill 2004

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT, under section 12 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* –

- 1. All previous resolutions under that section be revoked;**
- 2. There be 4 executive offices; and**
- 3. These offices have the following designations:**

Chief Minister
Minister for Finance
Minister for Community Services
Minister for the Environment

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Tim Sheridan moved –

THAT Geoffrey Robert Gardner be chosen to be Chief Minister and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Gardner informed the House that he accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR FINANCE

Mr Neville Christian moved –

That Ronald Coane Nobbs be chosen to be Minister for Finance and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Nobbs informed the House that he accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mrs Boudan moved –

THAT John Terence Brown be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Brown informed the House that he accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

17 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Tim Brown moved –

That Stephanie Victoria Anne Jack be chosen to be Minister for the Environment and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mrs Jack informed the House that she accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

18 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mrs Boudan moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday
10 November 2004 at 10.00 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Gardner, Mrs Boudan and Mr Brown participating
Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 2.48 pm adjourned until Wednesday 10 November 2004 at 10.00 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present