

**NORFOLK ISLAND
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2005**

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1. Legislative Assembly met at 10.01am, the Speaker, Hon David E. Buffett AM, took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **CONDOLENCES**
Mr Tim Brown, Deputy Speaker, recorded the passing of –

**Bruce Alexander Griffiths
Jenni Broad**

Mr Brown joined the meeting at 10.04 am

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood in silence

3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

4 PAPERS

- (1) Mr Gardner, Chief Minister – Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Regulations 2005
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (2) Mr Nobbs, Minister for Finance – Annual Report of the Norfolk Island Public Service Board for period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;
Mr Nobbs moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (3) Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment – Statement of Reasons for decision by Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Clth) under section 341J of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
Mr Jack moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (4) Mr Nobbs, Minister for Finance, -

- a) Confidential correspondence relating to complaint by a government minister re dishonoured airline ticket. This correspondence is only to be available for perusal by members under standing order 197
Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b) Detail of funds transferred by way of virement since meeting of House on 13 April 2005

- c) Letter dated 22 June 2005 from Norfolk Island Public Service Association re Association's decision to defer its application to the Public Sector Remuneration Tribunal in view of current downturn in the Island's economy

5 STATEMENTS

1) Mr Nobbs, Minister for Finance –

- a) provided a response to a question asked at the June 2005 sitting by Mr Tim Brown in relation to the carriage of mail to and from Norfolk Island
Mr John Brown moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Mr Brown gave notice of his intention to move at the next sitting of the House a motion to require that mail be carried on the government's aircraft

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- c) expanded on progress with the development of the Norfolk Sustainability Levy (NSL). The following documents were tabled:

Papers:

- i) Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce position paper on the proposed NSL received 15 June 2005;
- ii) Report of the visit of the Australian Government Advisory Group dated 21 June 2005;
- iii) Exposure draft of Norfolk Island Sustainability Levy Bill 2005 dated 15 July 2005;
- iv) A Guide to the Norfolk Sustainability Levy (NSL)
- v) Proposed Initiatives Revenue Generating Solutions for Norfolk Island 2005 prepared by Alternative Revenue Workgroup

Mr John Brown moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 12.14 pm

Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Deputy Speaker reported **Message No. 15** from the Administrator dated 12 July 2005 advising that on 7 July 2005 His Excellency the Governor-General declared his assent to the Norfolk Island Planning and Environment Board (Amendment) Act 2005 and the Planning (Amendment) Act 2005

7 INTERIM REPORT OF IMPACT OF BILLS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Mr Buffett (Chairman of the Committee) gave an update on the Committee's deliberations on the Social Services Amendment Bill 2004 and advised that the Committee was working towards presenting its report to the House at the August sitting

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 12.32 pm

8 PROCUREMENT OF FULL-TIME COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR NORFOLK ISLAND

Debate resumed (Mr Sheridan) from 18 May 2005 on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, moved –

THAT debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 7

**Mr Buffett
Mr Gardner
Mr Christian
Mrs Jack
Mr Tim Brown
Mrs Boudan
Mr Brown**

NOES, 2

**Mr Sheridan
Mr Nobbs**

Motion agreed to

9 SALE OF TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005

Debate resumed (Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services) from 15 June 2005 on the question –

That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 7

**Mr Buffett
Mr Gardner
Mr Christian
Mrs Jack
Mr Tim Brown
Mrs Boudan
Mr Brown**

NOES, 1

Mr Sheridan

ABSTENTIONS, 1

Mrs Jack

Bill agreed to in principle

Detail stage:

Mr Brown moved –

THAT clause 5 of the Bill be deleted

Question - That the amendment be agreed to - put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Sheridan dissenting and Mrs Jack abstaining

Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Sheridan dissenting and Mrs Jack abstaining

Mr Brown moved –

THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to

Question put

Bill as amended agreed to on the voices, Mr Sheridan dissenting and Mrs Jack abstaining

10 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Christian moved -

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 17 August 2005 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

11 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Tim Sheridan moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 1.02 pm adjourned until Wednesday 17 August 2005 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present