

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 21 AND 28 JUNE 2006**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.02 am, the Deputy Speaker, Mr Tim Brown, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR SPEAKER GARDNER**

Leave of absence from the sitting was unanimously extended to Speaker Gardner who is off Island until 28 June 2006

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- (1) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister - the new Administrative Arrangements Order dated 2 June 2006
- (2) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance –

- (a) Financial Indicators for May 2006  
Mr Christian moved –

**THAT the House take note of the paper**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (b) Customs Act 1913 – directions by executive member for waiver of duty under section 2B(2) of the Act

5 **STATEMENTS**

- (1) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister, responded to the recent mail drop pamphlet concerning governance proposals by the Commonwealth and went on to reiterate the Norfolk Island Government's strategic vision for Norfolk Island's sustainability
- (2) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, reported his intention to delay the commencement of the NSL by one month and spoke about government revenues overall

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages from the Office of the Administrator:

**Message No. 38** from the Administrator advising that on 23 May 2006 he reserved the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill 2006 for the pleasure of the Governor-General

**Message No. 39** from the Administrator advising that on 23 May 2006 he declared his assent to the Business Transactions (Levy Imposition) Act 2006; the Business Transactions (Administration) Act 2006 and the Healthcare (Medical Evacuation Fund) Amendment Act 2006

7 **CREATION OF TRUST FUND FOR ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES' ANNUAL LEAVE AND LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, pursuant to notice, moved –

**THAT this House requests the responsible Minister to take urgent action in order to create a new trust fund, transfer sufficient funds to that trust fund in order to provide for all entitlements of Administration employees in respect of annual leave and long service leave, and make further such transfers each month in order to ensure that the trust fund at all times contains sufficient funds to cover the cost of those entitlements, and on the basis that no funds be withdrawn from that trust fund except for the purpose of paying such entitlements**

Debate ensued  
Mr Brown moved the following amendment:

**THAT the words “over the next 2 years” be inserted before the word “transfer” (first occurring)**

Debate ensued  
Debate adjourned (Mr Brown) on the amendment and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

**8 GAINING OF EXPERIENCE FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, withdrew Notice No. 1 appearing on the Notice Paper in his name

**9 CUSTOMS ACT 1913 - EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY**

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, pursuant to notice, moved –

**THAT, under subsection 2B(4) of the Customs Act 1913, this House recommends to the Administrator that the goods specified in the first column of the Schedule imported by the person specified opposite, and on the conditions mentioned, in the second column of the Schedule be exempted from duty -**

**SCHEDULE**

**Column 1**  
**Goods**

**Column 2**  
**Importer/conditions**

**Rolls Wire Rope**  
**- amount of duty applicable \$377.36**

**Norfolk Island Fishing Club**  
**Conditions – to be used on Fishing Club**  
**Cranes**

Debate ensued  
Question put and agreed to on the voices

**10 SOCIAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006**

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, moved –

**That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent his introducing the Social Services (Amendment) Bill 2006 and the Bill to be considered through all stages at this sitting**

Question put and agreed to on the voices  
Mr Brown presented the Social Services (Amendment) Bill 2006 and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

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

**11 APPROPRIATION BILL 2006-2007 – MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Deputy Speaker reported Message No. 40 from the Deputy Administrator dated 20 June 2006 recommending to the Legislative Assembly the proposed detailed stage amendment to the Appropriation Bill 2006-2007 as set out in the attached schedule

**12 APPROPRIATION BILL 2006-2007**

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) from 17 May 2006 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put  
Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

**Detail stage:**

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved –

**THAT the Schedule dated 12 May 2006 to the Appropriation Bill 2006-2007 be replaced with the Schedule dated 20 06.06 (#2)**

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices  
 Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices  
 Mr Christian moved –

**THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to**

Question put  
 Bill as amended agreed to on the voices

### 13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) from 17 May 2006 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle  
 Question put  
 Bill agreed to in principle on the voices  
 Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage  
 Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to**

Question put  
 Bill agreed to on the voices

### 14 HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006

Debate resumed (Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services) from 15 March 2006 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle  
 Question put  
 Bill agreed to in principle  
**Detail stage:**  
 Mr Brown moved –

That clause 7 of the Bill be amended as follows —

1. At the end of proposed new paragraph 21(1)(j) add the words —

“including requesting a person apparently under the age of 18 years to state their age, and a person carrying out skin penetrations to produce a written consent for carrying out such a procedure on a child under that age.”

2. Following the proposed new section 21B the following new section be inserted —

**“Skin penetration procedures on children**

**21C.** A person must not carry out a skin penetration procedure on a child under the age of 18 years without the written consent of the parent or guardian of the child.  
 Penalty: 100 penalty units.”.

Debate ensued  
 Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices  
 Question – That the clauses as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices  
 Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to - put and agreed to on the voices  
 Mr Brown moved –

**THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to**

Question put  
 Bill as amended agreed to

### 15 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Sheridan moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 July 2006 at 10 am**

Debate ensued  
 Motion withdrawn by leave

### 16 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

By agreement of the House the Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting at 12.29 pm until 10 am on Wednesday 28 June 2006

**17 RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

The House resumed on Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 10.06 am, the Deputy Speaker taking the Chair

**18 NORFOLK ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY LEVY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006**

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved –

**That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent his introducing the Norfolk Island Sustainability Levy (Amendment) Bill 2006 and the Bill to be considered through all stages at this sitting**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Christian presented the Norfolk Island Sustainability Levy (Amendment) Bill 2006 and 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 Christian moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to**

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

**19 CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006**

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved –

**That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent his introducing the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2006 and the Bill being considered through all stages at this sitting**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Christian presented the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2006 and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

**Debate ensued**

Question put

The House voted –

**AYES, 5**

**Mr Buffett**

**Mr Christian**

**Mr Tim Brown**

**Mrs Boudan**

**Mr Brown**

**NOES, 3**

**Mr Sheridan**

**Mr Nobbs**

**Mrs Jack**

Bill agreed to in principle

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Christian moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to**

Question put

The House voted –

**AYES, 5**

**Mr Buffett**

**Mr Christian**

**Mr Tim Brown**

**Mrs Boudan**

**Mr Brown**

**NOES, 3**

**Mr Sheridan**

**Mr Nobbs**

**Mrs Jack**

Bill agreed to

**20 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Sheridan moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 July 2006 at 10 am**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**21 ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs Boudan moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Debate ensued with Mr Brown and Mrs Jack participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 11.07 adjourned until Wednesday 19 July 2006 at 10 am**

Robin-Eleanor Adams  
**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present except Mr Gardner by leave