

**NORFOLK ISLAND
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2006**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am, the Speaker, Hon Geoff Gardner, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Tim Brown recorded the passing of –

**Ansbury Glennie Christian
Ruby Pendleton
James Harold Gardner
Olive O'Leary**

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Time for questions without notice having expired, Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 10 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- (1) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister – Removal of Prisoners Act 2004 – Approval of form to be used as a Warrant for the Return of a Person to Norfolk Island for a Particular Purpose for the purposes of section 8 of the Act;
- (2) Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services – Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau Act 1980 - Instrument of appointment of Members of the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau, namely –

**Marion Janet Christian
Mathew Charles Christian-Bailey
Lindsay Ross Ford
Ian Cameron Menzies
Lance Bert Poulton**

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (3) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance –
 - a. Norfolk Island Sustainability Levy Regulations 2006;
 - b. Public Moneys Act 1979 – Directions dated 11 July 2006 by executive member to Finance Manager to transfer to the financial year 2006-2007 the amounts specified in column 3 of the Schedule for the purpose of meeting commitments entered into in the year ending 30 June 2006 in respect of the matters specified in column 2 of the Schedule;
 - c. Asset Management Plans for the Administration of Norfolk Island (3 Folders);

5 STATEMENTS

- (1) Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment -
 - a. made a statement on the proposed ongoing stock health programme to monitor the current livestock slaughter process and the disease status of livestock on the Island;
 - b. advised of her intention to commence substantial parts of the Public Health Act 1996, in particular Divisions 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Part 2 of the Act which relates to Environmental Health;
- (2) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister, reported on the recent visit of Minister Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs; and provided an update on the ongoing negotiations on the Norfolk Island/Commonwealth of Australia governance issue

6 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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

Message No. 40 from the Administrator advising that on 26 April 2006 he declared his assent to the Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment) Act 2006 and the Healthcare Levy (Amendment) Act 2006

Message No. 41 from the Deputy Administrator dated 27 June 2006 advising that on 27 June 2006 he declared his assent to the Appropriation Act 2006-2007; the Telecommunications (Amendment) Act 2006; and the Health (Amendment) Act 2006

Message No. 42 from the Administrator dated 4 July 2006 advising that on 4 July 2006 he declared his assent to the Norfolk Island Sustainability Levy (Amendment) Act 2006

7 HEALTHCARE LEVY INCREASE

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

THAT this House, in accordance with paragraph 6(1)(a) of the *Healthcare Levy Act 1990*, on the recommendation of the Minister for Community Services, resolves that the healthcare levy payable under paragraph 6(1)(a) of that Act be increased by \$7.50 (that is \$30 per annum) with effect from 1 September 2006

Debate ensued

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

8 IMMIGRATION ACT 1980 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, by leave, moved –

THAT for the purposes of subsection 6(4) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, this House recommends the re-appointment of Andre Neville Nobbs as a member of the Immigration Committee for the period 22 July 2006 to 21 July 2008

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

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

Debate resumed (Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services) from 21 June 2006 on the question – That the amendment be agreed to, namely –

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

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 12.15 pm

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 12.24 pm

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 4
Mr Buffett
Mr Christian
Mr Tim Brown
Mr John Brown

NOES, 5
Mr Gardner
Mr Sheridan
Mr Nobbs
Mrs Jack
Mrs Boudan

Amendment negatived

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 3
Mr Christian
Mr Tim Brown
Mr John Brown

NOES, 6
Mr Buffett
Mr Gardner
Mr Sheridan
Mr Nobbs
Mrs Jack
Mrs Boudan

Motion negatived

10 PUBLIC MONEYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005

PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005

On the motion of Mr Nobbs, leave granted for the Public Moneys (Amendment) Bill 2005 and the Public Sector Management (Amendment) Bill 2005 to be withdrawn from the Notice Paper

11 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved -

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 16 August 2006 at 10 am

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mrs Boudan and Mr Nobbs participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.36 pm adjourned until Wednesday 16 August 2006 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present