

**NORFOLK ISLAND
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2006**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.02 am, the Speaker, Hon Geoff Gardner, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MRS VICKY JACK MLA**

Leave of absence from the sitting was unanimously extended to Mrs Jack

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Time for questions without notice having expired, the Speaker agreed a further extension of 10 minutes

Paper: Chief Minister tabled the application form, and accompanying guidelines, for a grant of legal aid

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

(1) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance – Financial Indicators for June 2006 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

(2) Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services – Inbound passenger statistics for July 2006 – and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

(3) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister – Norfolk Island Museum Trust Statement of Receipts and Payments up to 30 June 2006 for each of the following financial years: 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000;2001; 2002; 2003;2004;2005 and 2006

5 **STATEMENTS**

(1) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister, provided a response to Question on Notice No. 5 relating to the High Court constitutional challenge;

(2) Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services –

a. Made a statement in respect of the Norfolk Island Hospital and acknowledged recent generous donations from the community to the hospital;

b. Briefed Members on the Regional Tourism Conference to be held on Norfolk Island 19 to 23 August

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

(3) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister –

a. Advised of that the Commonwealth Grants Commission were on Island and encouraged the community to make themselves aware of the Commission's draft report and to attend the public meetings being held by the Commission

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b. Announced that Mrs Janine Nobbs has been selected by the royal Australian Navy as Commissioning Lady for the vessel which will be named HMAS *Sirius*; as a result of negotiations by the Norfolk Island Government in 2005 the Norfolk Island community has “adopted” the new ship thereby providing the people of Norfolk Island with a tangible link to the ship which will bear a name of significance to the Island

6 NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU ACT 1980 – METHODOLOGY FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

Mr Nobbs, pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT this House requests the executive member with responsibility for tourism to introduce at the next sitting a bill to amend the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau Act 1980 to delete subsection 4(2) of the Act and substitute a new subsection 4(2) to provide that Members of the Bureau shall be appointed by the executive member in accordance with a recommendation of the Legislative Assembly

Debate ensued

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT debate be adjourned

The House voted –

AYES, 6

Mr Buffett

Mr Gardner

Mr Sheridan

Mr Nobbs

Mrs Boudan

Mr Brown

NOES, 2

Mr Christian

Mr Tim Brown

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

7 NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ACT 1985 – RE-APPOINTMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD

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

THAT for the purposes of subsection 12(1) of the Norfolk Island Hospital Act 1985, this House resolves that Candice Anne Nobbs be re-appointed by the executive member as a member of the Norfolk Island Hospital Advisory Board for the period 20 August to 19 August 2009; and that Valeria Grace Martinez and Marshall Shane McCoy be appointed by the executive member as members of the Norfolk Island Hospital Advisory Board for the period 20 August 2006 to 19 August 2009

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 SUPREME COURT ACT 1960 - APPOINTMENT UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE ACT

Mr Buffett, Chief Minister, by leave, moved –

THAT for the purposes of section 23 of the Supreme Court Act 1960, this House resolves to revoke the appointment of Jeanette Irene Haviland and appoint Philippa Hendrika Spence as a person who may file an information for an indictable offence triable before the Supreme Court

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 BOOKMAKERS (BETTING EXCHANGE) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Bookmakers Act 1998 to make provision for licensing and for the operation of betting exchanges and related matters and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Christian tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued

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

10 HEALTHCARE LEVY INCREASE

Debate resumed (Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services) from 19 July 2006 on question – That the motion be agreed to

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

11 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn
until Wednesday 20 September 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 Mr Nobbs, Mr Christian, Mr Tim Sheridan, Mr Buffett, Mr Gardner and Mrs Boudan participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.36 pm adjourned until Wednesday 20 September 2006 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present except Mrs Jack, by leave