

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2007**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.01 am, the Speaker, Hon Lisle Snell MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Tim Sheridan recorded the passing of –

**Eleanor Jean Ormsby Sim
Alexander Horrocks**

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

3 **GIVING OF NOTICES**

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, advised he would present the Tourist Accommodation (Amendment) Bill 2007 at the sitting of the House on 28 June 2007, not today, as further amendments were required to the Bill

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health – Inbound passenger statistics for April 2007
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 **STATEMENTS**

The following statements were made –

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, updated members on a proposal to review the structure, roles and responsibilities of the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker reported Message No. 3 from the Administrator dated 20 June 2007 recommending to the Legislative Assembly the enactment of the proposed law entitled "An Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending on 30 June 2008"

8 **APPROPRIATION BILL 2007-2008**

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending on 30 June 2008 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Mr Christian moved –

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

Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT, in addition to the powers conferred on the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee under standing order 20B, this House resolves that for the purposes of clarity it is agreed that under standing order 20B the Committee is able to -

- (1) Examine matters relating to economic and business development, small business, tourism, market and regulatory reform, public sector management, taxation and revenue and sustainability;**
- (2) Establish a Budget Development Cycle (the BDC) which codifies precise timelines for the Budget process;**
- (3) Make visits of inspection within Norfolk Island, and with the approval of the Legislative Assembly given by resolution in the House, within other States and Territories of Australia;**
- (4) Retain specialist consultants to work with the Committee as and when required; and**
- (5) Establish an appropriately staffed Committee Secretariat on terms and conditions determined by the Committee and in accordance with funding provided by the Assembly for this purpose**

Debate ensued

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Commerce, moved - That the words "amongst others" be inserted in paragraph (1) after the word "Examine"

Debate ensued

Mr Gardner's amendment withdrawn by leave

Question - That the motion be agreed to - put and agreed to on the voices

10 NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU ACT 1980 - APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House in accordance with subsection 4(2) of the *Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau Act 1980* recommends to the executive member that he appoint -

**Nadia Lozzi-Cuthbertson; and
Morgan Evans**

to be members of the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2007, and further, that under subsection 4(5) of the Act, that this House recommends to the executive member that -

**Marion Christian; and
Mathew Christian-Bailey**

be re-appointed to be members of the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2007

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Neville Christian abstaining

11 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1982 - INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A BREATHALYSER

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, to move -

THAT this House requests the responsible executive member to bring forward legislation to amend the *Road Traffic Act 1982* to provide for the use of a breathalyser to ascertain whether a person is driving under the influence of alcohol over the prescribed limits

Debate ensued

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, moved –

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

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 MUSEUM TRUST ACT 1987 - APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, pursuant to notice, moved:

THAT, for the purposes of subsection 5(1) of the *Museums Trust Act 1987* this House resolves that -

Ronald Coane Nobbs

be appointed as a trustee under the Act for the period from 22 June 2007 to 19 April 2009

Question put and agreed to on the voices

13 EMPLOYMENT ACT 1988 – MATERNITY AND PATERNITY LEAVE – REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, pursuant to notice, moved:

THAT this House requests the responsible executive member to review the leave provisions within the *Employment Act 1988* with a view to bringing forward draft legislation to amend the Act to provide for maternity leave and paternity leave and to enable parent(s) to return to their place of employment at the conclusion of that leave

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Brendon Christian moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism and Health participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.16 pm adjourned until Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present