

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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TWELWTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE
WENSDI 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Andre Nobbs, Chief Minister, recorded the passing of –

**Dorothy Ruth Macrae
Martyn Peter Sheridan**

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

3 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE MR IAN ANDERSON AND MR TIM SHERIDAN**

Leave of absence from the sitting was unanimously extended to Mr Anderson and Mr Sheridan

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

5 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

A response was provided to Question on Notice No. 1 to the Minister for Finance from Mr Sheridan re. GST related matters

Paper:

Mr Christian tabled a paper detailing monthly gross revenue, GST free sales; GST collected; input tax credits and duty drawback for the financial year 2007/2008
Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

6 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 1) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health –
 - a. Annual Report of Norfolk Island Tourism to 30 June 2008;
 - b. Annual Report of the Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise to 30 June 2008
 Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- 2) Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance – s.2B(2) Customs Act 1913 – Directions for exemption from payment of customs duty
Mr Neville Christian moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- 3) Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry – Schedule of recommended road names

Mr Magri moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- (4) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister – Employment (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008

7 STATEMENTS

The following statements were made –

- 1) Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, provided an update on testing of samples of water, sediment and soil in the Headstone area following representations from residents who were concerned about possible residues from the burning of waste in that area, in particular, possible contamination related to dioxins;
- 2) Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, provided an answer to a question without notice asked at an earlier sitting re. unregistered motor vehicles
Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance, moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Speaker under subsection 11(11) of the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004 reported that nil complaints under the Act had been received in the 12 months to 30 June 2008

Paper:

The Speaker tabled the Report

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Commerce, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

9 ANNUAL REPORTS ACT 2004 – EXTENSION OF TIME TO PRESENT REPORT

Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister, pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT this House in accordance with section 12(1) of the Annual Reports Act 2004 grants an extension of time for presentation of the Annual Report for the Administration of Norfolk Island, and fixes the day of 17 December 2008, as the day by which the report must be presented to the Legislative Assembly

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 MUSEUM TRUST ACT 1987 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER

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

THAT this House resolves for the purposes of subsection 5(2) of the Museum Trust Act 1987 that the executive member re-appoint Owen Edward John Walsh as a member of the Norfolk Island Museum Trust for the period 21 September 2008 to 20 September 2010

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

11 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**

**Christmas Cakes
- amount of duty applicable \$240.00**

Lions Club of Norfolk Island

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Debate resumed (Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health) from 27 August 2008 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 Gardner moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

13 CEMETERIES BILL 2008

Debate resumed (Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare) from 19 March 2008, on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, moved –

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

Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Brendon Christian, moved –

THAT the house at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 15 October 2008 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mrs Jack, Mr Nobbs and Mr Magri participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 11.24 am adjourned until Wednesday 15 October 2008 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present except Mr Anderson and Mr Sheridan, by leave