

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2008**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, Hon Lisle Snell MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Sheridan recorded the passing of –

**Keith Norman Bigg
Reginald Miles McCoy**

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Speaker at 10.15 am suspended the sitting until 10.30 am to permit an adjustment to be made to the recording equipment. The House resumed at 10.30 am and questions without notice resumed

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were tabled:

- 1) Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance – Financial Indicators for September 2008
- 2) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health –
 - a. Report by executive member under the Legal Aid Act 1995 in respect of Norfolk Island legal aid for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008
 - b. Inbound passenger statistics for September 2008;
 Mr Gardner 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 – Postal Services (Amendment) Regulations 2008
- 4) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health – Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2008
- 5) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister – Instrument under subsection 1(2) of Schedule 1 of the Public Sector Management Act 2000 excluding from the public service that class of persons employed by the Administration of Norfolk Island in the position designated Administrative Officer – Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

5 **STATEMENTS**

The following statements were made –

- 1) Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, made a statement in respect of testing of soils and sediment samples for dioxins;
- 2) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister, provided an update on the runway end safety areas (RESA) currently under construction at the airport;
- 3) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister made and tabled a statement on Norfolk Island and the global financial crisis and moved –

THAT the statement be noted and printed

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 4) The Speaker briefed Members on the recent Parliamentary Educators' Conference held on Norfolk Island, which delegates from all Australian and New Zealand parliaments attended; the Speaker complimented the Deputy Clerk Mrs Gaye Evans for her professional organisation and chairmanship of the conference

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker reported **Message No. 20** from the Acting Administrator dated 23 September 2008 advising that on 23 September 2008 he declared his assent to the Firearms (Amendment) Act 2008

7 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT 2000 - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Andre Nobbs, Chief Minister, pursuant to notice, moved —

THAT this House recommends in accordance with section 38 of the *Public Sector Management Act 2000*, that George Plant be appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Public Service

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT 200 - DETERMINATION TO AMEND THE HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL SUBSECTION 3:10

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

THAT this House, having considered the written comments of the Norfolk Island Public Service Association and the Norfolk Island Public Service Board in respect of the draft determination to amend subsection 3.10 Mileage Allowance of the Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual, does hereby in accordance with and under sections 26 and 28 of the *Public Sector Management Act 2000* make the draft determination in respect of subsection 3.10 of the Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual by replacing subsection 3.10 of the Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual dated 22 February 2006 and substituting the draft determination, and declares that a copy of this motion, signed by the Speaker shall be the instrument in writing of the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of paragraph 26(1)(d) of the said Act

Debate ensued

Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT debate be adjourned

Question – That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting – put and agreed to on the voices

9 NAMING OF ROADS

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, pursuant to notice, tabled the revised Schedule of recommended road names dated 9 October 2008 and moved -

THAT this House recommends that the Administrator determine that the Schedule of recommended road names dated 9 October 2008 and tabled in the House today, under section 7 of the Act, be named accordingly by the instrument of determination to be executed by His Honour the Administrator

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Brendon Christian, moved –

THAT the house at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 November 2008 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

11 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Anderson moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Nobbs, Mr Jack, Mr Gardner and Mr Snell participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.46 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 November 2008 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present