

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2008**

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WENSDI 18 DISEMBA 2008**

- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.04 am. The Speaker, Hon Lisle Snell MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Sheridan recorded the passing of –

Brian George Bates

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Time for questions having expired Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 20 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were tabled:

- 1) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister, tabled the Norfolk Island Annual Report of the Administration of Norfolk Island for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and read the accompanying letter from the Chief Executive Officer dated 15 October 2008
Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the paper be noted and printed

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, tabled the inbound passenger statistics for November 2008 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

5 **STATEMENTS**

The following statements were made:

- 1) Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister, provided a broad-ranging report to the Assembly on the "State of the Nation" in Norfolk Island, together with a summary of the Government's forward planning, pointing out how the global financial and credit crises, and in particular their effects in Australia and New Zealand, pose new challenges for economies such as ours which depend heavily on tourism and discretionary spending by visitors
Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the statement be noted and printed

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) The Speaker read a letter dated 16 December 2008 from the Government Auditor CST Nexia concerning the Administration of Norfolk Island's Audit for the year ended 30 June 2008

Paper:

The Speaker tabled a copy of the Independent Audit Report provided with the letter and which formed part of the financial statements of the Administration

**The Speaker at 1.05 pm suspended the House until 3 pm
The House resumed at 3 pm, the Speaker taking the Chair**

6 ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill An Act to amend the Road Traffic Act 1982 in relation to driving under the influence of drink or drugs, the conduct of breath analysis and the powers of the police and matters connected therewith and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

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

7 HEALTHCARE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Healthcare Act 1989 and moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

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

8 ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL 2008

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an act to amend the Road Traffic Act 1982 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

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

9 PLANT AND FRUIT DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill An Act to amend the Plant and Fruit Diseases Act 1959 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

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

10 AIRPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Resumption of debate (Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance) from 19 November 2008 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Christian moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

11 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008

Resumption of debate (Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance) from 19 November 2008 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Christian moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

12 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Anderson moved –

THAT the house at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 21 January 2009 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

13 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with all Members participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 5.20 pm adjourned until Wednesday 21 January 2009 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present