

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009**

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TWELWTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
WENSDI 17 JUUN 2009**

- 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 –

**William Kauti**

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

**3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**4 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were tabled:

- 1) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health – Report by executive member under Legal Aid Act 1995 for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008;
- 2) Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry – Road Traffic (General)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2009
- 3) Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance – Financial Indicators for May 2009  
Mr Sheridan moved –

**THAT the House take note of the paper**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**5 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker reported **Message No. 29** from the Administrator advising that on 26 May 2009 he declared his assent to the Road Traffic (Amendment No. 3) Act 2009

**6 GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009**

Debate resumed (Mr Christian, Minister for Finance) from 20 May 2009 on the question –  
That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

**Detail stage:**

Mr Christian moved –

**THAT the following amendments be taken as read and agreed to as a whole**

THAT the Bill be amended as follows –

1. That item 1 be amended by inserting after (a) –  
“(aa) In the definition of “allowable deduction” omit “subsection 5(5)”, substitute “subsection 5(3)”.
2. That item 2 be amended by deleting proposed new subsection 4B(3) and substituting -

“(3) Directions under subsection (2) are disallowable instruments and must be complied with by the Administration, despite any other law of Norfolk Island.”

3. That the sectional heading of proposed new section 4C in item 2 be amended by omitting “exempt” and substituting “GST free”.
4. That proposed new subsection 5(2) of item 3 be amended by omitting “9%” and substituting “12%”.
5. That item 12 be amended by omitting from proposed new paragraph 12B(2)(b) “--” and substituting “—”.
6. That item 12 be amended by omitting from proposed new paragraph 12D(2)(c) “you are” and substituting “the person is”.
7. That proposed new paragraph 24A(1)(a) in item 19 be amended by
  - inserting after “Chief Revenue Officer” -
    - “and executive member”;
  - inserting after “document” -
    - “and for which notice of it having been made has been published in the Gazette by the Chief Revenue Officer and copies of the form have been made available on the website of the Administration in readily downloadable and accessible format”.

Debate ensued

Question – That the amendments be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices  
Mr Christian moved –

**THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to**

Debate ensued

Question put

Bill (as amended) agreed to on the voices

## **7 APPROPRIATION BILL 2009-2010 – MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker reported **Message No. 30** from the Administrator 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 2010”.

## **8 APPROPRIATION BILL 2009-2010**

Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance, presented the Appropriation Bill 2009-2010 and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

Debate ensued

**Paper:**

Mr Christian tabled the Revenue Fund approved budget for year ending 30 June 2010  
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

**The Speaker at 1.08 pm suspended the sitting until 2.30 pm  
The House resumed at 2.30 pm, the Speaker taking the Chair**

## **9 VALUATION OF LAND BILL 2009**

Leave having been denied for Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance, to present the Valuation of Land Bill 2009, Mr Christian moved –

**THAT so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent  
introduction of the Bill at this time**

Question put

The House voted –

**AYES, 6**

**Mrs Jack**

**Mr Neville Christian**

**Mr Nobbs**

**Mr Gardner**

**Mr Anderson**

**Mr Magri**

**NOES, 3**

**Mr Snell**

**Mr Brendon Christian**

**Mr Sheridan**

Motion agreed to

Mr Christian presented a Bill for an Act to value land and for other purposes and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

Debate ensued

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

**10 PLANNING ACT 2002 – REJECTION OF A PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE NORFOLK ISLAND PLAN**

Resumption of debate (Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare) from 20 May 2009 on the question – That the motion be agreed to

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Magri voting against, Mr Snell and Mr Neville Christian abstaining

**11 CEMETERIES BILL 2009**

Debate resumed (Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare) from 20 May 2009 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

Mrs Jack moved -

**THAT the Bill be agreed to**

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

**12 PUBLIC RESERVES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009**

Debate resumed (Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare) from 20 May 2009 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

Mrs Jack moved -

**THAT the Bill be agreed to**

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

**13 PLANT AND FRUIT DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008**

Mr Brendon Christian moved –

**THAT the Bill be withdrawn from the Notice Paper**

Debate ensued

Question put

The House voted –

**AYES, 4****Mr Brendon Christian****Mr Sheridan****Mr Gardner****Mr Magri****NOES, 5****Mr Snell****Mrs Jack****Mr Neville Christian****Mr Nobbs****Mr Anderson**

Motion negated

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

Mr Jack 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

**14 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Sheridan moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday 25 June 2009 at 10 am**

Debate ensued

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 the Environment, Education and Social  
Welfare participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 4.40 pm adjourned until Thursday 25 June 2009 at 10 am**Robin-Eleanor Adams  
**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly****MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present