

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.02am. The Speaker, Hon Lisle Snell MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 CONDOLENCES

Mr Sheridan recorded the passing of –

**Karl Davies
Jean Pearson
Samuel Frank Sheridan**

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 Nobbs, Chief Minister – Employment (Amendment) Regulations 2009
Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry – Postal Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2009
Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Mr Neville Christian, Minister for Finance –
a) Financial Indicators for July and August 2009
Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b) GBE Budgets for 2009/2010 financial year
4) Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health -
a) Legal Aid Act 1995 – Report by executive member for period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;
b) Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise Annual Report year ended 30 June 2009
Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, 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 further update on intergovernmental relations with Australia ;

Mr Gardner, Minister for tourism and Health, moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry reported on progress with the investigation into a compulsory superannuation scheme for Norfolk Island

6 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker reported Message No. 35 from the Administrator advising that on 8 September 2009 he declared his assent to the Child Welfare Act 2009 and the Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009

7 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

Telescope

- amount of duty applicable \$590.41

Portable X-ray Machine

- amount of duty applicable \$1,350.00

Vehicle for use as Ambulance

- amount of duty applicable \$1,000.00

Rugby League Jerseys

- amount of duty applicable \$470.40

Rugby League Uniforms

- amount of duty applicable \$255.80

Column 2

Importer/conditions

Quota Club of Norfolk Island

Conditions: To be erected at Queen Elizabeth Lookout, Rooty Hill Road

Animal Welfare Society of Norfolk

Island Conditions: Nil

St Johns Ambulance, Norfolk Island

Division Conditions: Nil

Norfolk Island Junior Rugby League

Conditions: Nil

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Conditions: Nil

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 ANNUAL REPORTS ACT - 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 16 December 2009, as the day by which the report must be presented to the Legislative Assembly

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 MOTION BY LEAVE – NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ACT 1985 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD

Mr Gardner, Minister for Tourism and Health, by leave, moved –

THAT this House, in accordance with subsection 12(1) of the *Norfolk Island Hospital Act 1985*, resolves that —

**Valeria Grace Martinez;
Candice Anne Snell; and
Marshall Shane McCoy**

be appointed by the executive member as members of the Norfolk Island Hospital Advisory Board for the period ending 19 August 2012

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Brendon Christian left the sitting at 12.15 pm to catch a plane

10 MOTION BY LEAVE - LIQUOR ACT 2005

Mr Nobbs, Chief Minister, by leave, moved –

That this House agrees in principle to seek expressions of interest for alternative arrangements for the importation and sale of packaged liquor in Norfolk Island, with a view to providing a more competitive commercial environment and ending the current Administration monopoly on importation and wholesale sale of packaged liquor products

Debate ensued

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

11 MOTION BY LEAVE -

Mr Christian, Minister for Finance, by leave, moved –

THAT this House in accordance with section 51 of the Norfolk Island Act 1979 recommends that the Administrator –

- a) **appoint the Australian National Audit Office, which is a registered auditor within the meaning of section 51A of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, to be the Norfolk Island Government Auditor under section 51 of the Act for the financial year ending 30 June 2010; and**
- b) **for the purposes of section 51 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* determine that the terms and conditions of appointment of the Norfolk Island Government Auditor be that the costs including expenses for the financial year ending 30 June 2010 be borne by the Commonwealth Government**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry, pursuant to notice, presented the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2009 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Magri tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued

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

13 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Magri, Minister for Commerce and Industry moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Gardner and Mr Nobbs participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 1.55 pm adjourned until Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present, Mr Brendon Christian leaving the meeting at 12.15 pm