

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2013**

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FORTIINTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
WEDNESDAY 13 NOEWEMBA 2013**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.04 am, the Speaker, Hon David Buffett AM MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **LEAVE**

Leave of absence unanimously extended to Mr Timothy John Sheridan MLA

3 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Evans recorded the passing of –

**Cora Alice Rangī Hudson**

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

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.07-11.06 AM)**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER took the Chair at 10.54 am  
SPEAKER resumed Chair at 11.07 am**

5 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Responses were provided to:**

**34 Mrs. Ward asked the Minister for Environment –**

Given that the Government's draft legislative program states that Strata Title legislation is proposed to be phased in, and will initially be limited to, areas serviced by the water assurance scheme and given that this is at odds with the previous government's position; will the Minister ensure that a draft bill is circulated to Members with adequate time for review prior to it being provided to the Federal department in the third quarter?

Minister Ward to answer in Statements

**35 Mrs. Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Given that the Norfolk Island Government is attempting to attract investment to the island; will the Chief Minister inform the House whether or not Australian foreign investment legislation and policies extend to Norfolk Island and if so, explain what that means for potential foreign investors wanting to invest on island?

1) **Paper tabled: Foreign Investments Review Board Website FAQ**  
<http://www.firb.gov.au/content/faq.asp?navid=7>

**36 Mrs. Ward asked the Minister for Environment –**

Will the Minister answer the following in relation to the Commonwealth funded high temperature incinerator:

1. where will the incinerator be located;
2. what types of material can be burnt;
3. what are the expected running costs; and
4. will its installation mean an increase to the waste management levy?

**37 Mrs. Ward asked the Minister for Finance –**

Will the Minister inform the House of the actual revenue amount raised by the waste management levy for the last three financial years and advise whether or not the levy income alone adequately covered waste management service costs in each given year?

**38 Mrs. Ward asked the Minister for Finance –**

Is it a fact that the Public Sector Remuneration Tribunal has determined that a wage adjustment in an amount equal to 7.0% of the base salary wage be made and if so, will the Minister answer the following:

1. what is the annual cost of this increase;
2. is the amount budgeted; and if not
3. which areas will have to cut costs in order to cover the adjustment?

Chief Minister to answer parts 1 and 2 in Statements

**39 Mrs. Ward asked the Minister for Finance –**

Is it a fact that to date the financial indicators demonstrate that GST revenue is under-budget; and if so, what measures are being taken to compensate for this loss of revenue?

**41 Mrs. Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Will the Chief Minister answer the following in relation to complaints against the conduct of public service employees:

1. what measures are in place to ensure that all members of the public service behave in a way which upholds the stated values of the public service and this community;
2. what mechanisms are in place to receive complaints against the conduct of public service employees by members of the public and/or colleagues;
3. is it possible for a complaint to be lodged anonymously or in confidence and what assurances can be given that such a request would be handled respectfully; and
4. if a complaint were lodged by a member of the public service, what measures are in place to ensure that person is safe from retribution by either senior officers and/or other employees?

**6 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 2) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Employment Conciliation Board Annual Report 2012-13**

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the House take note of the Paper**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Draft Health Services Plan by Nexus Management Consulting**

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the Draft Plan be made an Order of the Day for a Subsequent day of Sitting**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 4) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Policy Paper – Sustainable Growth Strategy for Norfolk Island**
- 5) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell (for and on behalf of Minister for Finance) – **Revenue Fund Financial Indicators for September 2013**
- 6) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell (for and on behalf of Minister for Finance) – **Virements**
- 7) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **First Edition Auwas Industry News – Norfolk Island Tourism Industry Newsletter Oct 2013**
- 8) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **NIG Legislative Programme consolidated as at 12 November 2013**

- 9) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Norfolk Island Annual Reports 2010-2011 and 2011-2012**
- 10) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Annual Report of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee 2012-2013**
- 11) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell (for and on behalf of Minister for Finance) – **Customs Act 1913 Approved exemptions**

## 7 STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE

The following statements were made –

- 1) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Governor-General of Australia's Visit 13-14 November 2013**
- 2) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Public Sector Remuneration Tribunal**
- 12) **Paper tabled: Determination (PSA) No 1 of 2013**
  - 3) Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward – **Update on the proposed introduction of Community Title into Norfolk Island including answer to QON No 34**
  - 4) Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward -
- 13) **Paper tabled: Letter to Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment**
  - 5) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Extension of Commonwealth Health Benefits to Norfolk Island and letter from Minister Adams to Commonwealth Ministers Jamie Briggs MP and Peter Dutton MP**  
Leave granted for letter dated 12 November from Minister Adams to be taken as read and inserted into Hansard as a whole
  - 6) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **White Ribbon Day**

## NOTICES

### 8 SOCIAL SERVICES ACT 1980 - RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBER TO SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams, pursuant to notice, moved

**THAT for the purposes of paragraph 4(3)(b) and sections 6 and 8 of the *Social Services Act 1980*, this House resolve to recommend the re-appointment of —**

**Patricia Madge Anderson**

**as a community member of the Social Services Board for the period of 3 years commencing 17 November 2013 and recommend to His Honour the Administrator that he sign the instrument of re-appointment on the basis that the said person is capable of appointment as a community member on the grounds that the proposed appointee—**

- **is a resident;**
- **neither they nor their spouse is a beneficiary; and**
- **they are not a member of the Legislative Assembly.**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

### 9 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT 2000 - RE-APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, pursuant to notice, moved –

**THAT this House, in accordance with paragraph 10(1)(a) of the *Public Sector Management Act 2000*, recommends that the Minister responsible for the public service, re-appoint —**

**Nadia Lozzi-Cuthbertson**

as presiding member of the Public Service Board for the period 18 November 2013 to 17 November 2015.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**10 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT 2000 - RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, pursuant to notice, moved –

**THAT this House, in accordance with section 56 and subsection 11(1) of the *Public Sector Management Act 2000*, recommends that the Minister responsible for the public service, re-appoint —**

**Aristides Alexis Martinez**

as the deputy presiding member of the Public Service Board referred for the period 20 November 2013 to 19 November 2015.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**11 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT ACT 2000 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, pursuant to notice, moved –

**THAT this House, in accordance with paragraph 10(1)(a) of the *Public Sector Management Act 2000*, recommends that the responsible Minister responsible for the public service, appoint —**

**David Sinclair South**

as a member of the Public Service Board for the period 13 November 2013 to 12 February 2014.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**12 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Resumption of debate (Mr Nobbs) from 16 October 2013 on the question – THAT the Report be noted - on the second quarterly Report of the Infrastructure and Business Development Committee dated 16 October 2013

Debate ensued

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT this House agree that the Infrastructure and Business Development Report tabled on 16 October 2013 be passed to the Norfolk Island Government for its progression**

Debate ensued

Question - **THAT the amendment be agreed to** – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – **THAT the motion as amended be agreed to** - put and agreed to on the voices

**13 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Ward moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 10 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**14 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Porter moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 12.23 pm adjourned until Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 10.00 am**

Gaye Evans

**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present except Mr Tim Sheridan MLA, by leave