

**NORFOLK ISLAND
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013**

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WEDNESDAY 11 DISEMBA 2013**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.05 am, the Speaker, Hon David Buffett AM MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Evans recorded the passing of –

William Joyce Adams

Mr Speaker recorded the passing of –

Nelson Mandela

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.14-10.55 AM)**

1) **Paper tabled: Letter from Chief Minister dated 6 December 2013 to Hon Jamie Briggs MP**

4 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Responses were provided to:

40 **Mrs. Ward to ask the Minister for Finance –**

Will the Minister answer the following questions in relation to municipal rates:

1. what is the timeframe attached to the introduction of municipal rates;
2. at what stage will the community be invited to submit their concerns;
3. who will decide the tax base; and
4. why isn't there a taxing bill in the draft legislative program?

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 2) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 2012-2013; Norfolk Island Administration, Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise and Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau**
- 3) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Revenue Fund Financial Indicators October and November 2013**
- 4) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Public Moneys Act 1979 - Virements**

6 **STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE**

The following statements were made –

- 1) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Council of Elders Membership for 2013-2015**
 - 2) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau – Positive Outcomes**
 - 3) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Update on the TV Service upgrade**
 - 4) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Update on the Electricity Working Group**
- Mrs Ward moved –

THAT the Statement be noted

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed on the voices

NOTICES**7 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 —

Raewyn Florence Evans

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

8 NORFOLK ISLAND TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2023

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

THAT this House endorse the Norfolk Island Tourism Strategic Plan 2013-2023 tabled on 16 October 2013

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 KINGSTON AND ARTHURS VALE HISTORIC AREA (KAVHA) – REVIEW

Mr Nobbs pursuant to notice, moved

THAT this House resolves that the Minister responsible for KINGSTON AND ARTHURS VALE HISTORIC AREA (KAVHA) undertake a review of the administrative arrangement between the Commonwealth and Norfolk Island governments in relation to the management of KAVHA, including a review of the Memorandum of Understanding and particularly the reasons why proposed Norfolk Island legislation related to KAVHA and its management has never been enacted. The Minister is further requested to report to the House within 60 days

Debate ensued
Mr Nobbs 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

10 ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS LEVY (AMENDMENT) ACT 2013

Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the exemptions available under the *Absentee Landowners Levy Act 1976* and moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Sheridan tabled the explanatory memorandum
Debate ensued
Mr Sheridan 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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 11 PAPER - DRAFT HEALTH SERVICES PLAN BY NEXUS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING**
Resumption of debate (Mr Nobbs) from 13 November 2013 on the question – THAT the Paper be noted - on the Draft Health Services Plan for Norfolk Island prepared by the Nexus Management Consulting Group

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 12 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**
Mr Evans moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Monday 23 December 2013 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 13 ADJOURNMENT**
Mrs Ward moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.35 pm adjourned until Monday 23 December 2013 at 10.00 am

Gaye Evans
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present