

**NORFOLK ISLAND
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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FORTIINTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.01 am, and the Speaker, Hon David Buffett AM MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Evans recorded the passing of –

AGNES EDWARD

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

3 **GIVING OF NOTICE**

Mr Evans gave notice of his intention to present a Bill for an Act to provide for a same-sex marriage between adults

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.05-10.32 AM)**

5 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Responses were provided to:

87 Mrs Ward to ask Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services -

What is the agreed Norfolk Island and Commonwealth Government policy on –

- 1) Australian citizens and residents being required to apply and pay for Norfolk Island residency; and
- 2) the interpretation of the *Immigration Act 1980* (NI) section 33A which allows foreign national passport holders to apply for Norfolk Island residency by declaration if they are entitled to reside permanently in Australia?

6 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 1a) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **Household and Business Income and Expenditure Surveys 2014 – Survey Supervisor's Report**
- 1b) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **Household and Business Income and Expenditure Surveys 2014 – Businesses**
- 1c) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **Household and Business Income and Expenditure Surveys 2014 – Households** - and moved –

THAT the House take note of the Paper

Debate ensued

Question – **THAT debate be adjourned and made an order of the day for a subsequent day of sitting** - put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **NI Government Tourist Bureau Financial Report July 2013-June 2014** - and moved –

THAT the Paper be noted and published

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward – **Safer road travel on NI. Developing a road safety strategy for 2014-2016 by Ian Faulkes**
- 4) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Public Sector Remuneration Tribunal Determination NIHE** - and moved –

THAT the Paper be taken as read and included into Hansard

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 5) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Education Review - NI** - and moved –

THAT the Paper be noted and printed

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 6a) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Virements end of June, Aug, Sept 2014**
- 6b) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Revenue Fund Financial Indicators July 2014**
- 6c) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Revenue Fund Financial Indicators Aug 2014**
- 6d) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **NIHE Budget Item breakdowns**

7 STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE

The following statements were made –

- 1) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **Deloittes**
- 2) Chief Minister, Mr Snell – **Australian Federal Police, Visit by Superintendent**
- 3) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **NIHE - Health needs in NI**
- 4) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Visit by Mrs Beth Trevin promoting Cancer Awareness**
- 5) Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward – **Roads Works Programme prioritization**
- 6) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Telecommunications – Installation of 03B equipment**

8 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR – NO 17

Message No. 17 from the Administrator advising that on 2 September 2013, under section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he declared his assent to the **Land Administration Fees (Amendment) Act 2014** (Act No 9 of 2014)

NOTICES

9 NORFOLK ISLAND BROADCASTING ACT 2001 – APPLICATION FOR BROADCASTING LICENCE

Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan, pursuant to notice moved –

THAT in accordance with the provisions of subsection 10(6) of the *Norfolk Island Broadcasting Act 2001*, I give notice of my intention to issue a broadcasting licence as follows—

The proposed licensee is RPM Media (a Norfolk Island registered business name Number 43/08 which is a partnership owned by Robin Nisbet, Peter Cassidy & Mathew Christian-Bailey). The reason for issuing the licence is to permit the licensee to conduct a Television Broadcasting facility called TVNI from premises at Taylors Road. The proposed licence will present a service providing, inter alia, documentary programs, public benefit advertising and movies to residents of, and visitors to, Norfolk Island as well as making available to audiences in Norfolk Island television programs offering entertainment, education and information in accordance with the objects of the Act. The terms and conditions of the licence in addition to the statutory conditions applicable to all licensees will include a requirement that the broadcast be confined to the immediate Norfolk Island community at a strength sufficient for

reception only by residents of Norfolk Island and that it must not interfere with the reception of any radio or television or telecommunications signals from other sources;

and –

THAT the Legislative Assembly resolve to approve the issue by the Minister for Finance of a broadcasting licence to RPM Media (registered business name no. 43/08 being a partnership owned by Robin Nisbet, Peter Cassidy & Mathew Christian-Bailey) for the purpose of conducting a television broadcasting station under the description TVNI station for the benefit of residents of, and visitors to, Norfolk Island; and subject to the conditions that the broadcast be only within the specified VHF Channel 10 broadcast frequency of 212.5 MHz at a strength sufficient for reception only within the territorial boundaries of Norfolk Island and that it must not interfere with the reception of any radio or television or telecommunication signals from other sources.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices – Mr Nobbs absent from Chamber

10 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICINAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY

Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services (Robin Adams) pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT this House –

1. **Acknowledges the health benefits attributed to medicinal cannabis in the treatment of many serious and debilitating diseases and the growing public demand both across Australia and globally for medicinal cannabis to be available to those in need of treatment;**

2. **Recognises the overwhelming support expressed at the public meeting convened by the Norfolk Island Government on Thursday 21 August 2014 for the introduction of a medicinal cannabis industry on Norfolk Island;**

3. **Acknowledges that Norfolk Island by its isolation provides a safe environment in which to establish a world's best practice model for the growing of medicinal cannabis which could then be replicated on the mainland of Australia; including a local medicinal cannabis program on Norfolk Island with a view to export; and**

4. **Is of the view that there is potential for substantial and much needed economic benefits to accrue to the Norfolk Island community from the establishment of a medicinal cannabis industry on the Island.**

Accordingly this House fully endorses the stated commitment of the Norfolk Island Government to work in close consultation with the Commonwealth Government and Commonwealth Agencies to make changes to their policies in order to facilitate the establishment as promptly as possible of an appropriately regulated medicinal cannabis industry on Norfolk Island.

Debate ensued

7) **Paper tabled:** Ms Adams tabled (Re)introducing medicinal cannabis

8) **Paper tabled:** Ms Adams tabled (Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961

Question put

The House voted –

Ayes 8
Mr Buffett
Mr Porter
Mr Ward
Ms Adams

Noes 1
Mrs Ward

Mr Snell
Mr Nobbs
Mr Evans
Mr Sheridan
 Motion agreed to

11 PRESENTATION OF BILL BY LEAVE
IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT NO 3) BILL 2014
IMEGRIESHAN (CHIENJEN 3) BIL 2014

Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services (Ms Adams) by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Act 1980* and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

9) **Paper tabled:** Ms Adams tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle

Ms Adams moved –

THAT so much of standing orders be suspended
as would prevent the Bill going through all stages today

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Ms Adams moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House at 12.45 pm

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting at 2.02 pm

ORDERS OF THE DAY

12 INTRODUCTION OF LAND RATING SYSTEM

Resumption of debate (Mr Nobbs) from 20 August 2014 on the question – THAT the motion be agreed

13 REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014
REJISTRIESHAN 'BERTH, DETH EN MAERIJ (CHIENJEN) BIL 2014

Debate resumed (Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell), from 20 August 2014 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Snell moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

14 PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 2014
PABLIK SERWES BIL 2014

Debate resumed (Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell), from 20 August 2014 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage
Mr Snell moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put
Bill agreed to on the voices

**15 PROVIDENT ACCOUNT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2014
PROVEDENT AKAUNT (CHIENJEN) BIL 2014**

Debate resumed (Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell), from 20 August 2014 on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put
Bill agreed to in principle
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage
Mr Snell moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put
Bill agreed to on the voices
Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mrs Ward moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Porter moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with all Members participating

10) **Paper tabled:** Mr Evans tabled an exposure draft of a Private Members' Bill, the Same-Sex Marriage Bill 2014

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 3.12 pm adjourned until Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 10.00 am

Gaye Evans
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present