

NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1995

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.01 am. Mr Speaker (Hon D E Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mrs Anderson referred to the death of -

Blanche Byers Kurtz

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

3 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE - HON ROBERT ADAMS MLA**

Leave of absence from the meeting was unanimously extended to Mr Adams

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented to the House:

- (1) Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Finance) - Virement of Funds - Directions given by executive member since 1 July 1995;
- (2) Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson (Minister for Health and Education) - Employment Amendment Regulations 1995;
- (3) Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Finance) -
 - (a) Financial Indicators August 1995

Mr King moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

- (b) Tourist arrival figures August 1995;

Mr King moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

(c) Tourism Policies, results of review

Mr King moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr Speaker reported **Message No. 85** from the Administrator advising that on 29 August 1995 he reserved for the pleasure of the Governor-General the Dangerous Drugs Amendment Bill 1995 and the Poisons and Dangerous Substances Amendment Bill 1995

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REPORTS FROM STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Mrs Anderson, Chairman of the Select Committee on Electoral and Constitutional Matters, reported that the Committee would be tabling its report at the October sitting of the House

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.56 am

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ACHIEVEMENT BY MRS GORDINA BEVERIDGE OF HER 103RD BIRTHDAY

Mr Buffett, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House by this motion recognises the achievement by Mrs Gordina Beveridge of her 103rd Birthday, and offers her congratulations and the warmest of wishes upon her celebration of this happy event

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

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NAMING OF ROADWAY LEADING TO THE MEMORIAL PARK AND THE GUIDES AND SCOUTS HALLS

Mr Buffett, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT the roadway (presently unnamed) which leads off Middlegate Road at its northern end and which provides access to those portions of land occupied by The Memorial Park and The Guides and Scouts Halls be named "Faye Bataille Drive", in recognition of her outstanding and continuous contribution to the Norfolk Island Community

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Finance), by leave, moved -

THAT this House, under section 8 of the Public Service Ordinance 1979, recommends to His Honour the Administrator that John Patrick Rankin be appointed Chief Administrative Officer with effect from a date determined by the Administrator, on the terms and conditions specified in the Schedule

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

- 11 EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Finance), by leave, moved -

THAT this House recommends to His Honour the Administrator that, in pursuance of section 8 of the Public Service Ordinance 1979, he vary as follows, the terms and conditions of the appointment of Eric Roy Mitchell as Chief Administrative Officer as determined by the Deputy Administrator on 26 March 1993 and varied by the Administrator on 25 October 1994:

Clause 1 - Period of Appointment

Omit "for 2 years, commencing on 19 April 1993" and substitute "from 19 April 1993 to 26 November 1995".

Clause 4 - Gratuity in Lieu of Superannuation or Long Service Leave

Omit subclause 4(1) and substitute the following:

- "4. (1) The officer shall receive a gratuity, payable at the end of the term. The amount of the gratuity shall be a sum equal to the product of multiplying the annual salary payable at the end of the term by the number of years or parts of years comprising the term".

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to unanimously

- 12 COMPOSITION OF TASKFORCE TO INQUIRE INTO THE INTRODUCTION OF A GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ON NORFOLK ISLAND
Mr Bates, pursuant to notice, moved the motion on the Notice Paper in his name in an amended form, by leave -

THAT this House agrees -

- (1) that -

Kevin Ransford Pereira;
Norman Dennis Buffett;
Ian Ross MacKenzie Anderson; and
Brian George Bates,

form the nucleus of the Taskforce which is to consider the matters agreed to in the motion of this House of 23 August 1995 regarding the establishment of a goods and services tax on Norfolk Island; and

- (2) that to enable the Taskforce to fulfil the requirements of the motion of the House, it may -
- i. consider any matters relevant to its inquiry;
 - ii. co-opt the services of other persons; and

iii. request the Chief Administrative Officer to make available the services of senior public servants

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to unanimously

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CITATION OF LAWS BILL 1995

Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws with respect to the citation of Norfolk Island laws and moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr King tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued
Debate adjourned (Mr King) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting

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FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Buffett moved -

THAT this House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 18 October 1995 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to unanimously

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson (Minister for Health and Education) moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to unanimously

AND THEN the House at 11.55 am adjourned until Wednesday 18 October 1995 at 10 a.m.

ROBIN GRAHAM
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present except the Hon Robert Adams MLA, by leave