

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
9 FEBRUARY 2000**

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9 FEBYUWERI 2000**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.05 am on 9 February 2000. The Speaker (Hon G.C. Smith) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Buffett recorded the death of –

**Lynnette Vanessa King
Garry Parsons
Cecil Squire Eastwood
Clarence Bert William Swift**

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

2 **PUBLIC GALLERY**

The Speaker welcomed Mrs Dorothy Kitching to the public gallery. Mrs Kitching is assisting with legislative drafting for the Administration until the new Legislative Counsel is engaged.

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.34 am

Time for questions without notice having expired –
Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 15 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

- 1) Mr Ion-Robinson, Minister for Immigration and Resource Management - Firearms (Special Visiting Shooter Permits) Amendment Regulations 2000;
- 2) Mr Gardner, Minister for Health - Report from the Chairman of the Norfolk Island Gaming Authority relating to activities of the Authority from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999;
- 3) Mr Smith, Chief Minister - exemptions from customs duty approved by the executive member under the Customs Act 1913;

- 4) Mr Robertson, Minister for Tourism and Commerce - inbound passenger statistics for January 2000
Mr Robertson moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 5) Mr Brown, by leave - a petition signed by some 200 people requesting the name for the road known as “Dead Rat Lane” be retained;
Mr Brown moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 6) Mr Smith, Chief Minister - Financial Indicators for December 1999
Mr Smith moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 STATEMENTS

The following statements were made:

- 1) Mr Robertson reported that expressions of interest had been called for to establish and conduct a rock crushing business at the Norfolk Island Airport subject to planning approval;
- 2) Mr Ion-Robinson advised of the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Pacific Arts and Norfolk Island’s role in that forum.
- 2) Mr Robertson gave an update on the installation of the Navigation System – SLS 2000
Mr Brown moved –

THAT the House take note of the Statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

7 REQUEST TO EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO AMEND SOCIAL SERVICES ACT 1980

Mr Brown, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT the Executive Member take all necessary action so as to allow social services beneficiaries to earn an additional \$1,000 per six months without such earnings affecting their social services benefits

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Brown)

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting at 1.16pm until 2.15 pm

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The House resumed its sitting at 2.20 pm, Deputy Speaker taking the Chair

8 **REQUEST TO EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO TERMINATE LEASE OF PREMISES KNOWN AS “AT RANDOM”**

Mr Brown, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House requests the Minister for Tourism and Commerce to take immediate action to terminate the lease, whether by the Administration of Norfolk Island or Norfolk Telecom of the premises in New Cascade Road known as “At Random”

Debate ensued

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates took the Chair at 3.05 pm

Mr Buffett, by leave, moved the following amendments:

Delete all words after “action to” and insert the following:

- “a) document the prospective uses of the “At Random” site;**
- b) establish a realistic purchase price of the “At Random” site;**
- c) include in the current lease an option to purchase encompassing a progressive purchase arrangement.**

Failing this, action be taken within a period of 2 months, the termination of the lease be initiated”

Debate ensued

Mr Brown moved –

THAT the question be put

Question – That the question be put – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 6

Mr Smith

Mr Buffett

Mr Bates

Mr Robertson

Mr Gardner

Mr Ion-Robinson

NOES, 3

Mr McCoy

Mr Nobbs

Mr Brown

Amendment agreed to

Question – that the motion as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

9 CUSTOMS ACT 1913 - EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY – APPLICATION OF MILLENIUM 2000 COMMITTEE

Mr Smith (Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning), 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 in the second column of the Schedule be exempted from duty

Schedule

Goods

Marquee - amount of duty applicable - \$8,361.28

Importer

Millenium 2000 Activities Committee

Bounty model – amount of

Millenium 2000 Activities Committee

Debate ensued

Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 3.25 pm

Mr Ion-Robinson (Minister for Immigration and Resource Management) moved –

THAT the question be put

Question – That the question be put – put and agreed to, Mr McCoy abstaining

Question put and agreed to, Mr McCoy abstaining

10 IMMIGRATION ACT 1980 - DETERMINATION OF GENERAL ENTRY PERMIT QUOTA FOR PERIOD 17 FEBRUARY 2000 TO 16 FEBRUARY 2001 – MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr Ion Robinson (Minister for Immigration and Resource Management, by leave, moved -

THAT for the purpose of subsection 21(1) of the Immigration Act 1980, this House resolves that it be determined by instrument in writing that 20 General Entry Permits be granted during the period 17 February 2000 to 16 February 2001

Debate ensued

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 7

Mr Smith

Mr Buffett

Mr Bates

Mr Robertson

Mr Gardner

Mr Ion-Robinson

Mr Brown

NOES, 2

Mr McCoy

Mr Nobbs

Motion agreed to

11 EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENT (NO.2) BILL 2000 – INTRODUCTION BY LEAVE AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO TAKE BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES

Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Employment Act 1988 and moved –

That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Robertson tabled a copy of the Bill and the explanatory memorandum

Mr Robertson moved –

THAT so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill from being taken through all stages at this sitting

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Gardner being absent from the Chamber

Question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle - put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices, Mr Gardner being absent from the Chamber

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Robertson moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices, Mr Gardner being absent from the Chamber

12 BROADCASTING OF RADIO TRIPLE J BY VL2NI

Debate resumed (Mr Brown) on the question – That the motion be agreed to

Mr Brown read into Hansard part of a letter to him of 8 February 2000 from Rev Ian Hadfield for the Church of England Parish Council on the issue

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 2

Mr McCoy

Mr Brown

NOES, 7

Mr Smith

Mr Buffett

Mr Bates

Mr Robertson

Mr Gardner

Mr Ion-Robinson

Mr Nobbs

Motion negatived

13 IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Ion-Robinson, Minister for Immigration and Resource Management) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle

Detail stage:

Mr Ion-Robinson moved the following amendment:

Clause 1, omit “1999”, substitute “2000”

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

Question – That the clause as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Debate suspended until a later hour in the sitting

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates took the Chair at 4.50 pm

14 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Buffett) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Detail stage

Mr Buffett moved the following amendment:

Clause 1, omit “1999”, substitute “2000”

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the clause as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Buffett moved –

THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to

Question put

Bill as amended agreed to on the voices

15 PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Debate resumed (Mr Brown) on the question – That the motion be agreed to

Motion withdrawn by leave

16 COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Brown) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Mr Brown read into Hansard an extract from a letter of 21 January 2000 to Minister for Health from Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle

Detail stage:

Mr Brown moved the following amendment:

Clause 1, omit “1999”, substitute “2000”

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the clause as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Brown moved –

THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to

Question put

Bill as amended agreed to on the voices

17 IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999 – RESUMPTION

Debate resumed at the detail stage

Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Ion-Robinson moved –

THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to

Question put

Bill as amended agreed to

18 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Buffett moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Mr Brown moved –

THAT the question be put

Question – That the question be put – put and agreed to on the voices

Question – That the motion be agreed to - put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 5.06 pm stood adjourned

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present

17 January 2000

Members,

**Correction to Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of House
On 15,22 and 23 December 1999**

Please replace page 290 of the minutes with the attached. A correction has been made to clause 4, line 4, by the insertion of a full stop after (2)(b) and the deletion of the remainder of the sentence.

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly