

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
18 APRIL 2001**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.03 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Leave of absence from the sitting was extended to Mr McCoy and Mr Brown

3 **GIVING OF NOTICES**

Mr Gardner gave notice of his intention to move a motion at the next sitting of the House to abolish the Financial Institutions Levy

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates took the Chair at 10.09 am

5 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

An answer was provided to question on notice number 59 asked by Mr Cook QC relating to crushing of metal on the Whaling Station site and related matters

6 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 1) Mr Buffett (Minister for Immigration and Community Services), under section 34(2) of the Immigration Act 1980, tabled the annual report to the Assembly relating to the number of declarations of residency granted under section 33 of the Act during the year ended 31 December 2000;
- 2) Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) tabled the Monthly Financial Indicators for March 2001 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Mr Smith (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) – Inbound passenger statistics for March 2001 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

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

- 4) Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) –

- a) Tabled a copy of exemptions from duty approved by the executive member and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b) Tabled the Administration Policy and Guidelines (draft) for procurement of goods and services dated 30 March 2001 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the 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

7 STATEMENTS

- 1) Mr Buffett (Minister for Immigration and Community Services) reported -

- a) On progress with the Justice Reform Package
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b) On progress with the Road Traffic Amendment Package;
c) On progress with finalising the Statutory Immigration Policy Guidelines

- 2) Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister –

- a) Read a letter dated 17 April 2001 from Environment Australia responding to a question asked at the previous sitting about the use of pesticides in the Norfolk Island National Park;
b) Made a statement in respect of the selection process for the new Chief Executive Officer

8 IMPORTATION OF PLANT MATERIAL TO IMPROVE SUPPLY OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FRUIT

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved -

The Minister for Health is requested to expedite, with appropriate quarantine controls, the importation of such plant material as is required to allow for the improved supply of locally produced fruit

Debate ensued
Mr Nobbs by leave moved –

Delete the words “, with appropriate quarantine controls,”, substitute “quarantine legislation appropriate to”

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to
Question – That the motion as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to

9 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVIDENT ACCOUNT ACT 1958

Mr. Nobbs (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved -

That this House recommend and approve the appointment of DEEN GRAEME POTTER, a public service employee, as the Official Trustee under section 4A of the Provident Account Act 1958 as amended

Debated ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 MUSEUM TRUST ACT

Mr Buffett (Minister for Immigration and Community Services), pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT for the purposes of subsection 5(1) of the Museums Trust Act 1987 this House resolves that the Executive Member appoint:

**Albert Fletcher Buffett
Janice Lyn Christian
Margaret Rosemary Jowett
Patricia Christian Magri**

as Trustees of the Norfolk Island Museum Trust for the period 10 April 2001 to 9 April 2003

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

11 CUSTOMS ACT 1913 – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister), 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, and on the conditions mentioned, in the second column of the Schedule be exempted from duty –

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2
Goods	Importer/Conditions
60 Cartons of Lions Christmas Cakes – amount of duty Applicable \$233.71	Lions Club of Norfolk Island Conditions – Nil

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to – Mr Cook QC and Mr Nobbs abstaining

12 IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT (GUIDELINES) BILL 2001

Debate resumed from 21 March 2001 (Mr Buffett, Minister for Immigration and Community Services) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Buffett moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

13 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES BILL 2001

Debate resumed from 21 March 2001 (Mr Buffett, Minister for Immigration and Community Services) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Buffett moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

14 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Cook QC moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 16 May 2001 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Smith (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.15 pm adjourned until Wednesday 16 May 2001 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present except Mr Brown, Mr Walker and Mr McCoy by leave