



THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

Passenger departure fee arrangements

The Chief Executive Officer of the Administration of Norfolk Island, George Plant, has issued clarification of the changed arrangements for airport departure fees arising from the 2009/10 budget adopted by the Legislative Assembly this week.

Mr Plant said that the Minister for Finance had confirmed that the key budget decisions were to increase the cost to \$40 per passenger effective on and from 1st July 2009, and to incorporate departure fees for all passengers on RPT flights as passenger movement charges in air ticket prices as soon as practicable.

Because of the requirement for airlines to modify their systems, these changes will not reflect in tickets until those sold after August 1st 2009 and will apply to travel occurring after October 1st. This means that passengers departing Norfolk Island between 1st July and 30th September will be required to pay the \$40 departure tax at the airport.

The departure fee counter at the airport will continue to operate during the period from July 1st to September 30th, after which it will be closed, because from that time onward the passenger movement fee will be included in all air ticket prices.

George Plant
Chief Executive Officer

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