

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2013**

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FORTIINTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
WEDNESDAY 17 JULAI 2013**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.02 am, the Speaker, Hon David Buffett AM MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Evans recorded the passing of –

**Eileen Gloria Quintal  
Stephen Enoch Nobbs**

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.09-10.11 AM)**

4 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Responses were provided to:**

**10 Mr Evans asked the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services -**

Will the Minister please advise:

1. What is the formal process for Residents by Citizenship granted under section 28A, who literally within days, weeks or months after applying decide to depart the island with no clear intention to “reside ordinarily in Norfolk Island”?
2. Norfolk Island residents are provided with an authority endorsed in their passports showing they have the authority to reside indefinitely on Norfolk Island. If residency is ceased, what happens with this authority in their passport which has no validity date on it?
3. The process a person undertakes to obtain a PRNIV (Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island Visa) when entering Australia and the purpose of this Visa?

**Paper tabled: Immigration Fact Sheet No 59**

**11 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

In May this year the Joint Standing Committee (External Territories) visited the island and recommended that the commitment of both Governments to reform should be documented in a joint statement and timetable and that this timetable should be predicated on the Norfolk Island Government introducing its own revenue streams, immigration reforms and divestiture of local Government Business Enterprises; would the Chief Minister advise the community of the outcomes of his recent communications with the Federal Minister on this matter?

**Papers tabled: JSC Report of visit to NI April 2013; Ltr to Hon Catherine King MP; and Ltr Senator Louise Pratt JSC**

**12 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Is it a fact that the Norfolk Island Government has committed to the introduction of property tax (municipal rates) for the island; and if so, would the Chief Minister outline the government's policy position in relation to the development of a rating model and the introduction of a taxing bill and explain how he and his government arrived at this position?

**13 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Is it a fact that the Norfolk Island Government has committed to developing an open economy that embraces competition, productivity improvements and micro-economic reform; and if so,

would the Chief Minister outline his vision, his prioritized implementation plan and corresponding legislative program for the next three years?

**14 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Would the Chief Minister explain who specifically is going to carry out the following funding agreement requirements:

1. Design of household and business income and expenditure surveys;
2. Updates on the Sustainable Growth Strategy;
3. Position paper regarding the introduction of Community Title legislation; and
4. An options paper and strategies on future airline underwriting?

**15 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Would the Chief Minister provide the House with a list of everything that the Commonwealth has done to assist and support Norfolk Island since both Governments signed the Road Map in March 2011, and attach a dollar value to that support?

**16 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister -**

Would the Chief Minister update the House on what action he has taken to ensure that the Commonwealth honours its obligations under the Road Map namely, the recruitment of personnel to carry out a Government Business Divestment assessment program and giving assent to the Land Valuation Bill 2012, the Tourist Accommodation (Amendment and Amendment No.2) Bill 2012 and the Public Service Bill 2013?

**17 Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services -**

Given that the Immigration Policy and Guidelines state that the Minister will have regard to an applicant's intention to reside "ordinarily" in Norfolk Island; would the Minister explain why the brand new immigration website states that if Australian and New Zealand citizens intend to reside "permanently" in Norfolk Island they can apply for residency under Section 28A.

**18 Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services -**

Is the Norfolk Island Immigration Office authorized to refuse to accept or process an application form under Section 28A – Residency by citizenship?

**19 Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services -**

Would the Minister explain why an Australian and/or New Zealand citizen, who is not the holder of a permanent resident Norfolk Island visa, is required to hold a return ticket when entering Norfolk Island?

**20 Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Finance -**

Would the Minister table and make available to the public the 2013-14 line item budget papers?

**5 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- 1) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism – **Criminal Code Regulations 2013**
- 2) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Employment (Amendment) Regulations 2013**
- 3) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **Virements**
- 4) Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan – **GST Quarterly Report April-June 2013**

**6 STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE**

The following statements were made –

- 1) Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell – **NIGTB Tourism Strategy 2013**
- 2) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Queensland Health**

**Paper tabled: Ltr to Terry Clout re Queensland Health**

- 3) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Review of Healthcare and Medivacs**
- 4) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Policy and Legislative Change**
- 5) Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, Ms Adams – **Immigration Update**
- 6) Minister for the Environment – **Road Safety Committee**

## 7 **MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Message No. 5** On 27 June 2013, acting pursuant to section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, I declared my assent to the following proposed laws passed by the Legislative Assembly: Appropriation Act 2013-2014 (Act No 11 of 2013) and this Message from the Office of the Administrator is dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and signed Keith Young, Deputy Administrator.

## 8 **REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – TABLING OF QUARTERLY REPORT DATED 17 JULY 2013**

Mr Nobbs as Committee Chairman tabled on behalf of the Infrastructure and Business Development Committee, the first Quarterly Report dated 17 July 2013. The Committee had investigated and reported on –

- a) The means by which the current Norfolk Island economy may be strengthened and expanded;
- b) Norfolk Island's current and future infrastructure needs based on current, proposed or potential business development requirements; and
- c) Such other relevant matters as the Chief Minister and/or Committee deem relevant.

Mr Nobbs gave a summary of the Committee's deliberations and eight recommendations were presented to the House

Ms Adams moved –

**THAT the Report be noted**

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Ms Adams) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

## **NOTICES**

### 9 **MOTION BY LEAVE**

#### **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACT 1979 - APPOINTMENT OF PERSON TO ACT AS CLERK**

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, sought leave to move foreshadowed motion

Question – **THAT leave be granted** – put and agreed on the voices

Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism, Mr Snell, moved -

**THAT pursuant to the provision of section 48 of the Legislative Assembly Act 1979, this House recommends to the Speaker that:**

- a. **Sharyn Louise Quintal be appointed as a person to act as Clerk to the Legislative Assembly;**
- b. **This appointment be upon the same terms and conditions of appointment, which apply to the Clerk to the Legislative Assembly; and**
- c. **The period during which she may from time to time be called upon to act as Clerk, be from 11 July 2013 to 2 January 2014**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**10 MARINE SAFETY (AMENDMENT NO 2) BILL 2013**

Minister for the Environment, Mr Ward, pursuant to notice, presented the Marine Safety (Amendment No 2) Bill 2013 and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

**Paper:** Mr Ward tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Ward) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

**11 CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013**

Minister for Finance, Mr Sheridan, pursuant to notice, presented the Customs (Amendment) Bill 2013 and moved –

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

**Paper:** Mr Sheridan tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Sheridan) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

**12 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Porter moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 14 August 2013 at 10 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 12.22 pm adjourned until Wednesday 14 August 2013 at 10.00 am**

Gaye Evans

**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present