

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
5 DECEMBER 2001**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am on 5 December 2001 for the dispatch of business pursuant to a notice (hereinafter set forth) from the Administrator: Robin-Eleanor Adams, Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, and Rosemarie Gaye Evans, Deputy Clerk, attending according to their duty, the said Notice was read by the Clerk:

"I, Anthony John Messner, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under section 40(2) of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* (Cth), convene a meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island, being the first meeting of the Tenth Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, on Wednesday 5 December 2001 at 10.00 am.

Dated 3 December 2001

Sgd A.J. Messner
Administrator"

2 PRAYERS

Prayers were read by Reverend Ian Hadfield

3 RETURN TO WRIT FOR ELECTION

The Clerk read and laid on the Table the Return to the Writ for the election of the Legislative Assembly held on 29 December 2001 which showed that the following Members had been elected:

- ◆ **Geoffrey Robert Gardner**
- ◆ **David Ernest Buffett**
- ◆ **Ivens Francois Buffett**
- ◆ **George Charles Smith**
- ◆ **Graeme Donaldson**
- ◆ **Stephanie Victoria Anne Jack**
- ◆ **Chloe Barbara Nicholas**
- ◆ **John Terence Brown**
- ◆ **Ronald Coane Nobbs**

4 OATHS BY MEMBERS

The Members, whose names are set forth above, made and subscribed an oath or affirmation of allegiance and an oath or affirmation of office before His Honour the Administrator as required by law

5 ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Mr Brown moved –

THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen as Speaker and do now take the Chair

Mr Buffett informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Clerk declared Mr Buffett to have been elected Speaker

Mr Buffett presented himself to His Honour the Administrator and took the Chair

6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mrs Jack moved –

THAT Chloe Barbara Nicholas be elected Deputy Speaker

Ms Nicholas informed the House that she accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Speaker declared Ms Nicholas to have been elected Deputy Speaker

7 ADDRESS BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR

At the invitation of the Speaker, His Honour the Administrator addressed the Assembly

8 ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Speaker replied to the Address to the Assembly by His Honour the Administrator

The Administrator and the Speaker exchanged copies of their respective speeches

9 PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE REV. IAN HADFIELD

The Speaker presented a gift to the Rev. Ian Hadfield as a token of thanks for the services the Reverend had rendered to the Legislative Assembly during his time on the Island as Minister of the Church of England

10 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House and with His Honour the Administrator left the Assembly Chamber

11 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting at 10.35 am

12 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker reported the following Message from the Office of the Administrator:

Message No. 1 from the Administrator advising that on 9 November 2001, in accordance with section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* and in accordance with the instructions of the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, he withheld assent to the Immigration (Guidelines) Amendment Bill 2001. The reasons for withholding assent were tabled

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Ms Nicholas moved –

THAT –

1. **All previous resolutions under that section be revoked;**
2. **There be 4 executive offices; and**
3. **These offices have the following designations:**

Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Intergovernment Relations
Minister for Finance
Minister for Community Services and Tourism
Minister for Lands and the Environment

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to, Mr Nobbs abstaining

14 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR INTERGOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Mr Ivens Buffett moved –

THAT Geoffrey Robert Gardner be chosen to be Chief Minister and Minister for Intergovernment Relations

Mr Gardner informed the House that he accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR FINANCE

Ms Nicholas moved –

That Graeme Donaldson be chosen to be Minister for Finance and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Donaldson informed the House that he accepted nomination
Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND TOURISM

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT George Charles Smith be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and Tourism and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Smith informed the House that he accepted nomination
Mr Brown moved –

THAT Chloe Barbara Nicholas be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and Tourism and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Ms Nicholas declined nomination
Mr Brown moved –

THAT Victoria Stephanie Anne Jack be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and Tourism and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mrs Jack declined nomination
Mr Brown moved –

THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and Tourism and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Buffett declined nomination
Mr Brown moved –

THAT John Terence Brown be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and Tourism and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Debate ensued

Mr Brown requested that an open ballot be conducted. The Speaker ruled that he would deal with the motion from Mr Brown as an amendment to the principal motion Accordingly, the question – That the amendment as proposed by Mr Brown be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 3
Mr Buffett
Mr Nobbs
Mr Brown

NOES, 6
Mr Gardner
Mr Donaldson
Mrs Jack
Mr Ivens Buffett
Mr Nobbs
Ms Nicholas
Mr Smith

Amendment negatived

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 8
Mr Buffett
Mr Gardner
Mr Donaldson
Mrs Jack
Mr Ivens Buffett
Mr Nobbs
Ms Nicholas
Mr Smith

NOES, 1
Mr Brown

Motion agreed to

17 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR LANDS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mrs Jack moved –

That Ivens Francois Buffett be chosen to be Minister for Lands and the Environment and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to on the voices

18 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Ms Nicholas moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 December 2001 at 10.00 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 11.11 am adjourned until Wednesday 19 December 2001 at 10.00 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present