

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2002**

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TENTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE
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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.05 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Ms Nicholas recorded the passing of –

Allan Samuel Dyer

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

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.16 am

3 **PRESENTATION OF PETITION**

Mr Buffett presented a Petition from certain electors of Norfolk Island requesting that the House immediately take all action which may be required in order to reinstate Dr. Foong to the position of medical practitioner at the Norfolk Island Hospital; and further that the House institute an independent inquiry into the management of the Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise by the executive member, the Director and the Norfolk Island Hospital Board

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Petition being debated

Debate ensued

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 4

Mr Donaldson

Mr Nobbs

Ms Nicholas

Mr Brown

NOES, 5

Mr Buffett

Mr Gardner

Mrs Jack

Mr Ivens Buffett

Mr Smith

Motion negatived

4 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 10.24 am

Time for questions without notice having expired Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by 10 minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Time for questions again having expired Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT time for questions without notice be extended by a further five minutes

Question put and agreed to on the voices

5 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Mr Smith (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) tabled the Tourist Accommodation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2002 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Brown recording his abstention

6 STATEMENTS

Mr Smith (Minister for Community Services and Tourism) –

- 1) Advised that the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police has agreed to assist the Norfolk Island community meet a large part of the costs associated with the current murder inquiry;
- 2) Updated Members on the Tourism Symposium now scheduled for some time in August this year; he also congratulated Mr Bruce Walker on his recent appointment of General Manager of the Tourist Bureau
Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House take note of the Statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- 3) Reported on his recent visit overseas, first to New Zealand where he held positive discussions with Air New Zealand management on the future of the air service they operate to Norfolk Island; and then to Brisbane where he had meaningful discussions with Mr Greg Prechelt of Norfolk Jet Express followed by discussion with the Queensland Minister with responsibility for education on the matter of Norfolk Island trainee ships and apprenticeships
Mrs Jack moved –

THAT the House take note of the Statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- 4) Spoke on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to tenure of teachers on Norfolk Island which is currently under discussion with the NSW Department of Education

Paper:

Mr Smith tabled a copy of the draft MOU
Mrs Jack moved –

THAT the House take note of the Statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices;

- 5) Advised Members that the Norfolk Island Youth Centre continued to operate very successfully; it is expected that plans for their new building would be available shortly

7 APPROPRIATION BILL 2002 – MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker reported Message No. 5 from the Administrator recommending to the Legislative Assembly the enactment of a proposed law entitled “An Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending June 2003”

8 APPROPRIATION BILL 2002

Mr Donaldson (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending on 30 June 2003 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

The Speaker at 12.25 pm suspended the sitting of the House until 2 pm

The House resumed at 2.00 pm, the Speaker taking the Chair

Debate resumed on the question – That the Appropriation Bill 2002 be agreed to in principle

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 3.15 pm

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

9 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mrs Jack moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 June 2002 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Brown, Mr Ivens Buffett and Mr David Buffett participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 4.11 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 June 2002

Robin-Eleanor Adams

Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present