

**NORFOLK ISLAND
TENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2003**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.04 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Ms Nicholas referred to the passing of –

Mary Helena Adams

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

4 **VISITORS IN PUBLIC GALLERY**

The Speaker welcomed Rt. Rev. Robert Forsyth, Bishop of South Sydney, and Mrs Forsyth.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.31 am

5 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were tabled:

- 1) Mr D. Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism tabled the Inbound passenger statistics for March 2003 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Donaldson, Minister for Finance tabled the Financial Indicators for February 2003 and moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 **STATEMENTS**

- 1) Mr David Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism –
- a) reported that the Tourist Accommodation Act required a review of tourist accommodation to be carried out at two yearly intervals commencing in June 2003. This statutory review will be initiated;
 - b) provided the House with an update on the current and forward marketing and promotional activities of the Tourist Bureau;
 - c) summarised current activities at the Norfolk Island Hospital including, amongst other things, building of the new dental clinic; development of

- telemedicine; purchase of capital equipment; staff movements; visiting specialists and the development of codes of procedure;
- 2) Mr I Buffett, Minister for Land and the Environment -
 - a) provided a response to a question without notice asked at an earlier sitting by Mr Nobbs relating to the current status of the proposed action against SMEC and Kaipara;
 - b) advised that he anticipated the Governor-General would that day assent to the reserved Bills relating to the land initiative;
 - 3) Mr Gardner, Chief Minister, advised of progress being made with the Cyber Centre project;
 - 4) Mr D. Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism –
 - a) reported of the need to close Grassy Road today, and possibly on other days, as a safety measure while Telecom are installing the underground optic fibre cabling;
 - b) made a brief statement on the global impact of S.A.R.S (severe acute respiratory syndrome)

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

The Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages:

Message No. 14 from the Administrator advising that on 25 March 2003 he reserved for the pleasure of the Governor-General the Legislative Assembly Amendment Bill 2003

Message No. 15 from the Deputy Administrator advising that on 25 March 2003 the Administrator declared his assent to the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2003 and the Public Sector Management Amendment Act 2003

8 **PUBLIC RESERVES ACT 1997 - APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR NORFOLK ISLAND PUBLIC RESERVES**

Mr I. F. Buffett, (Minister for Land and the Environment), pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House for the purposes of subsection 13(2) of the *Public Reserves Act 1997* resolves that Part A and Part B of the Draft Plans of Management for:

Anson Bay Reserve;
Ball Bay Reserve;
Bumbora Reserve;
Cascade Reserve;
Headstone Reserve;
Hundred Acres Reserve;
Middleridge Reserve;
Nepean Island Reserve;
Point Ross Reserve;
Selwyn Reserve;
Stock Reserve;
Two Chimneys Reserve;
Cemetery Reserve;
Government House Grounds Reserve;
Kingston Common Reserve;
Kingston Recreation Reserve;
Point Hunter Reserve; and
War Memorial Reserve,

are approved subject to the alterations contained in the documents titled “Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan of Management” for each reserve

Papers: Mr I Buffett tabled the Plans of Management (draft) for Norfolk Island Public Reserves Parts A and B 2003 and Public Submissions made in relation to the draft Plan of Management for Parts A and B
Debate ensued

The Speaker took the Chair at 11.45 am

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

9 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (FUEL) BILL 2003

Mr G. Donaldson, Minister for Finance, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1913* and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 12.05 pm

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

10 NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Debate resumed (Mr D Buffett, Minister for Community Services and Tourism) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle
Bill withdrawn by leave

Mr D Buffett, by leave, presented a Bill for an Act (dated 14 April 2003) to amend the Norfolk Island Hospital Act 1985 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

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

11 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 21 May 2003
at 10.00 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

18 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Jack moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.38 pm adjourned until Wednesday 21 May 2003 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present