

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
24 MARCH 2010**

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24 MAACH 2010**

- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am on 24 March 2010 for the dispatch of business pursuant to a notice (hereinafter set forth) from the Administrator: Rosemarie Gaye Evans, Acting Clerk, attending according to her duty, the said Notice was read by the Acting Clerk:

"I, Owen John Walsh, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under section 40 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, do by this notice, convene the first meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island after a general election of that Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Kingston, at 10.00 am on Wednesday 24 March 2007

22nd March 2010

Owen John Walsh  
Administrator

2 **PRAYERS**

Prayers were read by Rev Frank Mostyn

3 **RETURN TO WRIT FOR ELECTION**

The Acting Clerk read and laid on the Table the Return to the Writ for the election of the Legislative Assembly held on 17 March 2010 which showed that the following Members had been elected:

- Timothy John Sheridan
- Craig Maurice Anderson
- Andre` Neville Nobbs
- David Ernest Buffett
- Melissa Ward
- Michael William King
- Lisle Denis Snell
- Rhonda Evelyn Griffiths
- Robin Eleanor Adams

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 **ATTESTATION BY ADMINISTRATOR**

His Honour the Administrator attested to the subscribing of the oath or affirmation of allegiance and an oath or affirmation of office as required by law

6 **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

Mr Snell moved –

**THAT Robin Eleanor Adams be chosen as Speaker and do now take the Chair**

Ms Adams informed the House that she accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Acting Clerk declared Ms Adams to have been elected Speaker

Ms Adams presented herself to His Honour the Administrator and took the Chair

**7 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Mr Sheridan moved –

**THAT Lisle Denis Snell be elected Deputy Speaker**

Mr Snell informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Speaker declared Mr Snell to have been elected Deputy Speaker

**8 ADDRESS BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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

**9 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 Addresses

**10 SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

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

**11 RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting at 10.27 am

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR - NO 1**

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

**Message No. 1** from the Administrator advising that on 10 March 2010 he declared his assent to the Appropriation (Amendment) Act 2009-2010, Child Welfare (Amendment) Act 2010, Social Services (Amendment) Act 2010 and Social Services (Amendment No 2) Act 2010

**13 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR - NO 2**

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

**Message No. 2** from the Administrator advising that on 10 March 2010 he reserved for the pleasure of the Governor-General the Healthcare (Amendment) Bill 2010

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR - NO 3**

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

**Message No. 3** from the Administrator advising that on 15 March 2010 he declared his assent to the Plant and Fruit Diseases (Amendment) Act 2010

**15 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR - NO 4**

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

**Message No. 4** from the Administrator advising that on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010, pursuant to section 24 of the Referendum Act 1964 (NI), the Norfolk Island Returning Officer declared that Norfolk Island's electors were not in favour of the question: "Do you think that the profitable publicly owned Norfolk Island Liquor Bond Supply Service should be sold to private enterprise"

**16 EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

Mr Buffett moved –

**THAT, under section 12 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* –**

**1. All previous resolutions under that section be revoked;**

2. **That there be 4 executive offices; and**
3. **These offices have the following designations:**
  - Chief Minister**
  - Minister for Finance and The Attorney-General**
  - Minister for Tourism, Industry & Development**
  - Minister for Community Services**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**17 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CHIEF MINISTER**

Mr Nobbs moved –

**THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen to be Chief Minister and that the Administrator be advised accordingly**

Mr Buffett informed the House that he accepted nomination

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**18 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

Mrs Griffiths moved –

**That Craig Maurice Anderson be chosen to be Minister for Finance and The Attorney-General and that the Administrator be advised accordingly**

Mr Anderson informed the House that he accepted nomination

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**19 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INDUSTRY & DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs Ward moved –

**THAT André Neville Nobbs be chosen to be Minister for Tourism, Industry & Development and that the Administrator be advised accordingly**

Mr Nobbs informed the House that he accepted nomination

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**20 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Mr Buffett moved –

**That Timothy John Sheridan be chosen to be Minister for Community Services and that the Administrator be advised accordingly**

Mr Sheridan informed the House that he accepted nomination

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**21 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Sheridan moved –

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday  
14 April 2010 at 10.00 am**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**22 ADJOURNMENT**  
Mr King moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 10.48 pm adjourned until Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 10.00 am**

**Gaye Evans**  
**Acting Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**Members Present:** All Members were present