

**NORFOLK ISLAND
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2012**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.03 am, the Speaker, Ms Robin Adams JP MLA, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Snell recorded the passing of –

Mary Louisa Selby

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

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (10.07 AM – 10.39 AM)**

4 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Responses were provided to:

498 **Ms Griffiths asked the Chief Minister**

How many police officers and how many gaolers are currently employed on Norfolk Island?

499 **Ms Griffiths asked the Minister for Community Services**

What are the regulations regarding neon lights on cars?

500 **Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister**

Would the Chief Minister provide a layman's explanation of the need for a property based tax on Norfolk Island?

501 **Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister**

The latest funding agreement calls for amendments to the Public Sector Management Act and Human Resources Policy. What time frame has been attached to the relevant conditions?

502 **Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Tourism, Industry & Development**

What regulatory and consumer protection measures will be put in place prior to the deregulation of the island's publicly owned telecommunications infrastructure?

503 **Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister**

Is it a fact that the 2011/12 Funding Agreement stated that Norfolk Island will continue to support the need for revised management arrangements for the world heritage Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area, and will work cooperatively, collaboratively and in good faith with the Department to: a. finalize the preferred model of management by the next meeting of the Management Board; and b. implement the new governance model by 30 June 2012, and if so:

1. What is the difference between the 'model of management' and the 'governance model'?
2. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Norfolk Island Government and the Commonwealth of Australia?
3. How is each Government represented on the Management Board?
4. Have any major issues been identified in transferring from the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding to the new governance model, and how have they been addressed?
5. Is there a timetable to review the success or otherwise of the new governance model and model of management?

504 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister

Every Australian State and Territory has legislation in place to ensure that persons convicted of sex offences and other serious offences against children are able to be monitored by Police once they have served their sentence. Would the Minister explain why Norfolk Island has no similar legislation in place?

505 Mrs Ward asked the Minister for Community Services

Would the Minister provide an update on the review of the Plans of Management for the Public Reserves and outline the government's policy on conservation and land management, including the rehabilitation of native and endemic species.

506 Mrs Ward asked the Chief Minister

Has the Commonwealth established a new governance and taxation model for Norfolk Island and if not, will the Chief Minister press the urgency of its creation on behalf of the Norfolk Island community in order to assist with the creation of economic certainty?

5 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following papers were tabled:

1. Minister for Community Services – **Dogs Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2012**
2. Minister for Community Services – **Pasturage and Enclosure (Amendment) Regulations 2012**
3. Chief Minister – **Virement of Funds Advice**

6 STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE

- 1) Minister for Community Services – Norfolk Island Healthcare Scheme Brochure updated
Paper: Minister for Community Services – **Updated Norfolk Island Healthcare Scheme Brochure**
- 2) Minister for Community Services – Update on the Pest and Disease Survey

7 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR – NO 33

The Speaker reported –

Message No. 33 from the Administrator under section 21 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979* advising that on 4 December 2012 he declared his assent to the Immigration (Amendment) Act 2012 (Act No 10 of 2012) and the Goods and Services (Amendment No.2) Act 2012 (Act No 11 of 2012) and the Status of Children Act 2012 (Act No 12 of 2012)

NOTICES

The Speaker read –

Message No. 34 from the Administrator dated 11 December 2012 under section 25 of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, he recommends to the Legislative Assembly the enactment of the proposed law entitled "An Act to authorise expenditure from the public account for the year ending on 30 June 2013".

8 APPROPRIATION BILL 2012-2013

Chief Minister, Mr Buffett, pursuant to notice, presented the Appropriation Bill 2012-2013 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Deputy Speaker Snell took the chair – 11.11 AM – 11.14 AM

Debate ensued

Mr Buffett moved –

That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an

Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 REGISTRATION OF BULLS (REPEAL) BILL 2012

Minister for Community Services, Mr Sheridan, pursuant to notice, presented the Registration of Bulls (Repeal) Bill 2012 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Sheridan tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill
Debate ensued
Mr Sheridan moved –

That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012

Minister for Community Services, Mr Sheridan, pursuant to notice, presented the Norfolk Island Hospital (Amendment) Bill 2012 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Sheridan tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill
Debate ensued
Mr Sheridan moved –

That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

SUSPENSION

The House suspended at 12.05 pm until 1.05 pm

RESUMPTION

The House resumed at 1.12 pm, the Speaker taking the Chair

11 MARINE SAFETY BILL 2012

Minister for Tourism, Industry & Development, Mr Nobbs, pursuant to notice, presented the Marine Safety Bill 2012 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Nobbs tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill
Debate ensued
Mr Nobbs moved –

That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012

Chief Minister, Mr Buffett, pursuant to notice, presented the Public Sector Management (Amendment) Bill 2012 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Paper: Mr Buffett tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill
No Debate
Mr Buffett moved –

That debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Question put and agreed to on the voices

ORDERS OF THE DAY**13 POLICY PAPER – POLICIES TO IMPROVE IMMIGRATION IN NORFOLK ISLAND**

Resumption of debate from 17 October 2012 (Ms Griffiths) on the question – That the Paper be noted
Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 DRAFT NORFOLK ISLAND TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 TO 2022

Resumption of debate from 21 November 2012 (Mrs Ward) on the question – That the Paper be noted
Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012

Resumption of debate from 21 November 2012 (Minister for Community Services, Mr Sheridan) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle
Question put
Bill agreed to in principle on the voices
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage
Mr Sheridan moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012

Resumption of debate from 11 April 2012 (Chief Minister, Mr Buffett) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle
Question put
Bill agreed to in principle on the voices
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage
Mr Buffett moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put and agreed to on the voices

17 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr King moved –

THAT this House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 10 am

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Ward moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Deputy Speaker Snell took the chair – 2.55 PM

Debate ensued –

Ms Adams advised of her intention to resign from the role of Speaker before the next sitting of the House

Question put and agreed to on the voices

THEN the House at 3.16 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 10.00am

Sharyn Quintal

Clerk (Acting) to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present