

SUITORS' FUND AMENDMENT (LEVY) BILL 2017

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr J.R. Quigley (Attorney General)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Attorney General.

Second Reading

MR J.R. QUIGLEY (Butler — Attorney General) [1.26 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill needs to be viewed in conjunction with clauses 4 and 5 of the Suitors' Fund Amendment Bill 2017, which I have already introduced, which seeks to address the funding deficiency of the Suitors' Fund by amending the Suitors' Fund Act 1964 (WA) to remove the current cap on the levy and provide for the quantum of the levy to be prescribed in regulations. The levy imposed by the bill amounts to a tax. Section 46(7) of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899 (WA) requires a separate bill to impose the levy, and this is that bill.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Ms L. Mettam**.