

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**No. 4**

**THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2013**

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**1. Meeting of Council**

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Barry House, took the Chair and read prayers.

**2. Statement by President — Senate Vacancy — Election of Susan Lines**

The President made the following Statement —

Members I have the honour to inform you that at a joint sitting of the Houses of Parliament of the State of Western Australia, held at Perth on 15 May 2013 the Members of such Houses sitting and voting together, in pursuance of Section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia *Constitution Act*, did choose Susan Lines of 16A Cargill Street, Victoria Park, Western Australia to hold the place vacated by Senator Chris Evans.

**3. Petitions**

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 107 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support a Royal Commission into the management of the Sandalwood Industry by the Forest Products Commission. (Tabled Paper 253).

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 35 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support attempts to save the Denmark Music and Arts program. (Tabled Paper 254).

**4. Ministerial Statement — Business of the House — Tuesday, 21 May 2013**

The Leader of the House made a Ministerial Statement with respect to retiring Members and the proposed business of the House for Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

**5. Papers**

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

**Leader of the House**

*Reports —*

Consultants Engaged by Government (For the six months ended 30 June 2012)..... 250

Interstate and Overseas Travel undertaken by Ministers, Members of Parliament and  
Officers on Official Business (For the three months ended 30 June 2012) ..... 251

Ministerial Resourcing Report (as at 9 May 2013) ..... 252

**6. Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2013**

The Attorney General: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for “An Act to amend the statute law by repealing or amending various enactments.” be introduced and read a first time.

## **7. Free Range Eggs Labelling Bill 2013**

Hon Lynn MacLaren: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for “An Act to secure the confidence of consumers and protect the market of free range egg producers by establishing regulations for the labelling and sale of free range eggs in Western Australia.” be introduced and read a first time.

## **8. Local Manufacturing Content — Resource Projects**

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been read, Hon Kate Doust moved, without notice —

That this Council condemns the Barnett Government for failing to ensure that local manufacturing workers and businesses share in Western Australia’s economic success and in particular the failure of this government’s 10-point plan to increase local manufacturing content in resource projects.

Hon Kate Doust, by leave, tabled letters in relation to local manufacturing content in resource projects. (Tabled paper 255).

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

## **9. Prison System — Government Strategies**

Private Members’ Business No. 1 having been read, Hon Simon O’Brien moved, without notice —

That this Council offers its encouragement to Government and relevant government agencies to examine and pursue innovative strategies to reduce the numbers of Western Australians in the prison system.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

## **10. Address-in-Reply**

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich sought leave of the House to continue her remarks at the next sitting.

Leave granted.

## **11. Distinguished Visitors**

The President drew attention to the presence in the gallery of Helen Maunga, the Deputy Clerk and Sarah Takairangi, Chamber Clerk from the Cook Islands Parliament, and, on behalf of honourable Members, extended a warm welcome to them.

## **12. Address-in-Reply**

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (*see item 10 above*).

## **13. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Attorney General representing the Minister for Police tabled documents in relation to the procedures for communications from the Office of the Minister for Police to the Western Australian Police, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm. (Tabled Paper 256).

## **14. Address-in-Reply**

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (*see item 12 above*).

Hon Ken Baston sought leave of the House to continue his remarks at the next sitting.

Leave granted.

On the motion of the Leader of the House the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

**15. State Agreements Legislation Repeal Bill 2013**

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 4 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 257).

Debate stands adjourned.

**16. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

Hon Linda Savage, by leave, tabled a document in relation to babies' brains and law and order. (Tabled Paper 258).

**17. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 5.28pm until Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at 3.00pm.

**Members present during the day's proceedings**

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Helen Bullock, Hon Jon Ford and Hon Max Trenorden.

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**  
Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON BARRY HOUSE**  
President of the Legislative Council