



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2023**

**10.00am**

### 1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

### 2. Petition

Hon Martin Aldridge presented an E-Petition from 1,009 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to consider measures to improve the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme for regional residents. (Tabled Paper 2790).

### 3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

#### President

*Reports —*

Commissioner for Children and Young People — Insights from the Speaking Out Survey 2021 — The views of WA children and young people on their wellbeing by education region (November 2023).....	2785
Corruption and Crime Commission — Further review of the Department of Transport's management of unlawful access to TRELIS (November 2023) .....	2786
Ombudsman Western Australia — A report on giving effect to the recommendations arising from the Investigation into family and domestic violence and suicide .....	2787

#### Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

*Annual Reports —*

Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (2022-23) (Date received 08/11/2023).....	2788
Work Health and Safety Commission (2022-23) (Date received 08/11/2023) .....	2789

### 4. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 90 — Consideration of the 2023-24 Budget Estimates

Hon Peter Collier presented Report 90 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Consideration of the 2023-24 Budget Estimates*. (Tabled Paper 2791).

## 5. Government Budget Surplus

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House —

(1) Notes that —

- (a) the *2022-23 Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*, also called the *Mid-year Review*, released in December 2023 has again shown that the Cook Labor Government has underestimated State revenue for this financial year, especially iron ore royalties revenue;
- (b) the latest figures are again predicting a multi-billion dollar surplus for Western Australia;
- (c) Western Australian residents and families continue to struggle with higher cost of livings while the Cook Labor Government continues to roll in and flaunt its wealth, which it owes to high international iron ore prices rather than their own financial management.

(2) Calls on the Cook Labor Government to urgently do more for struggling Western Australian residents and families.

## 6. Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2021

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate resumed.

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

## 7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No 4, *City of Gosnells Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 10, *School Education Amendment Bill 2023*. (Minister for Agriculture and Food).

## 8. Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 1, *Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

## 9. Shire of Westonia Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 2, *Shire of Westonia Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

**10. Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper**

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 3, *Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

**11. Shire of Esperance Cemeteries Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper**

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 5, *Shire of Esperance Cemeteries Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

**12. Shire of Murray Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper**

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 6, *Shire of Murray Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

**13. City of Bayswater Health Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper**

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 7, *City of Bayswater Health Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

**14. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023**

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Acting President left the Chair.

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**In Committee**

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs tabled a comparison table of the State General Election 2021, North West Central By-election 2022, and the Rockingham By-election 2023. (Tabled Paper 2792).

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs tabled an Australian jurisdictional comparison of electoral reform. (Tabled Paper 2793).

### **15. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 2794).

The Minister for Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Louise Kingston. (Tabled Paper 2795).

### **16. Statement by President — Distinguished Visitors — Cook Islands Parliament**

The President made the following Statement —

On behalf of all Members I'd like to say Kia Orana and extend a warm welcome to Legislative Council to two visitors from the Cook Islands Parliament.

Ms Tai Manavaroa, Deputy Clerk, and Ms Sarah Takairangi, Chamber Clerk, have spent the week at our Parliament as part of an attachment supported by the Pacific Parliamentary Partnership Fund.

The Parliament of Western Australia has a long-standing and warm relationship with the Cook Islands Parliament spanning over 25 years. During this time, we have engaged in capacity building and knowledge sharing across the two Parliaments. In recognition of this relationship, Ms Manavaroa has joined us at the Clerk's table to observe Question Time.

### **17. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023**

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 14 above*).

The Acting President left the Chair.

#### **In Committee**

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

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The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again.

### **18. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

**19. Western Australian Marine Amendment Bill 2023**

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 130 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport 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 Minister assisting the Minister for Transport moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 2796).

Debate stands adjourned.

**20. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 6.06pm until Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at 1.00pm.

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

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Donna Faragher (*leave*).

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC**

President of the Legislative Council