

Minutes of Proceedings



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2022

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Message from His Excellency the Governor — Assent to Bills

The President reported the receipt of a Message from His Excellency the Governor assenting to the following Bills —

16 August 2022 — Message No. 18	Act No.
Appropriation (Capital 2022–23) Bill 2022	22 of 2022
Appropriation (Recurrent 2022–23) Bill 2022	23 of 2022
Railway (METRONET) Amendment Bill 2022	24 of 2022

3. Ministerial Statement — Vets Supported for Livestock Disease Surveillance

The Minister for Agriculture and Food made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development work to build the capacity of veterinarians across Western Australia in preparing to respond to foot and mouth disease.

4. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's Papers —

Financial Audit Results — Local Government (2020-21) (Report No. 5) (August 2022) 1494

Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

Reports —

Law Reform Commission of Western Australia — Admissibility of Propensity and Relationship Evidence in WA — Project 112 (Final Report) (May 2022) 1495

5. Underperformance of McGowan Government Ministers

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

That this House notes the underperformance of a number of McGowan Government Ministers, resulting in the loss of community and industry confidence across a range of sectors, and calls on the Premier to remove the worst cabinet performers from their portfolios immediately rather than allowing them to warm their ministerial seat for months or years to come.

6. Public Sector Wages Policy

Motion No. 12 having been called, Hon Dr Brad Pettitt, pursuant to notice, moved —

In recognition of their long contribution to State budget repair and dedication to the service of the Western Australian community, this House supports a public sector workers wages policy that doesn't see real wages going backwards year on year.

Debate ensued.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industrial Relations moved, without notice —

To delete all words after 'that' and insert:

delivers public sector workers a significant pay increase.

Debate ensued.

Amendment — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (18)

Hon Klara Andric
Hon Dan Caddy
Hon Stephen Dawson
Hon Kate Doust
Hon Sue Ellery
Hon Peter Foster
Hon Lorna Harper
Hon Jackie Jarvis
Hon Alannah MacTiernan

Hon Ayor Makur Chuot
Hon Kyle McGinn
Hon Shelley Payne
Hon Stephen Pratt
Hon Martin Pritchard
Hon Matthew Swinbourn
Hon Dr Sally Talbot
Hon Darren West
Hon Pierre Yang (*Teller*)

Noes (11)

Hon Martin Aldridge
Hon Peter Collier
Hon James Hayward
Hon Steve Martin
Hon Sophia Moermond
Hon Dr Brad Pettitt

Hon Tjorn Sibma
Hon Dr Steve Thomas
Hon Neil Thomson
Hon Dr Brian Walker
Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Amendment thus passed.

Debate resumed.

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt, tabled a document entitled, *Short Term Relief without Real Growth*, in relation to public sector wages growth (Tabled Paper 1496).

Debate resumed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

7. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Jackie Jarvis in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 2 — Report Review 2020-21: Examination of Selected Reports by the Commissioner for Children and Young People

Debate resumed on the motion of the Hon Jackie Jarvis, that the Report be noted.

Hon Nick Goiran moved, That further consideration of the report be postponed until the next day's sitting.

Question — put and passed.

Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 3 — The Merits of Appointing a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Debate resumed on the motion of the Hon Neil Thomson, that the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —

- (1) Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 2 — *Report Review 2020-21: Examination of Selected Reports by the Commissioner for Children and Young People*, made progress, and postponed further consideration until the next sitting.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 3 — *The Merits of Appointing a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

8. Bush Fires Amendment Bill 2022

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Energy, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard*, information in relation to megawatt hour output for each Synergy generation plant including coal, gas and renewable generation, during 2021-22, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mental Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard*, information in relation to funding for five pilot perinatal mental health services, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to procurement of Rapid Antigen Test kits purchased by the Department of Health, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon James Hayward.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management tabled, *circular to departments and authorities No. 2 of 2001* regarding paid leave for Emergency Service Volunteers, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1497).

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the completion of the site master plan for the Albany Health Campus, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

10. Bush Fires Amendment Bill 2022

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 8 above*).

The Minister for Emergency Services tabled a brochure entitled *Australia's Fire Danger Rating System*. (Tabled Paper 1498).

Debate resumed.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

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.

11. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

12. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 6.29pm until Thursday, 18 August at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sandra Carr, Hon Rosetta Sahanna and Hon Wilson Tucker.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council