



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2024

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 Sophia Moermond presented an E-Petition from 31 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support the re-instatement of formal training on, and implementation of roadside impairment testing by the Western Australian Police force (Tabled Paper 3039).

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

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4. Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report 42 — Terms of Reference: Inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia

Hon Pierre Yang presented Report 42 of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, *Terms of Reference: Inquiry into regional telecommunication in Western Australia*. (Tabled Paper 3040).

5. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 12 — Going rogue: serious misconduct by a commission officer — Parliamentary Inspector's report

Hon Dr Steve Thomas presented Report 12 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission, *Going rogue: serious misconduct by a commission officer — Parliamentary Inspector's report*. (Tabled Paper 3041).

6. Tourism

Hon Peter Foster: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Legislative Council acknowledges the Cook Governments investments in tourism and attracting significant events to Western Australia.

7. Transport

Hon Klara Andric: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Legislative Council commends the Cook Governments investments in transport and METRONET, including the States' first locally build and manufactured C-series trains entering service.

8. Misuse of Drugs Amendment (Lawful Personal Use of Cannabis) Bill 2024

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dr Brian Walker pursuant to notice, moved —

That a Bill for "An Act to —

- amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981*;
- make it lawful for an adult to possess small quantities of cannabis for personal use;
- make it lawful for an adult to cultivate not more than 6 cannabis plants for personal use;
- permit an adult lawfully in possession of cannabis to give the cannabis by way of a gift to another adult,
- and for related purposes." Be introduced and read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Hon Dr Brian Walker moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Hon Dr Brian Walker tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3042).

Debate stands adjourned.

9. Legalise Cannabis (Referendum) Bill 2024

Non-Government Business No. 2 having been called, Hon Sophia Moermond pursuant to notice, moved —

That a Bill for “An Act to provide for a referendum on the question of legalising cannabis in specific circumstances and for related purposes.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Hon Sophia Moermond moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Hon Sophia Moermond tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3043).

Debate stands adjourned.

10. Medical Cannabis Discrimination

Non-Government Business No. 3 having been called, Hon Sophia Moermond moved, without notice —

- (a) This House condemns the recent decision by Rio Tinto to stipulate that none of its employees, regardless of their role or location, may continue in their employment if they are found to be taking legally prescribed medicinal cannabis; and
- (b) Further, this House reaffirms the principle that workers across Western Australia have the right to receive the very best standards of medical care, which should be guided by qualified medical professionals, not by corporate CEOs.

Debate ensued.

Hon Dr Brian Walker, by leave, tabled Documents from Rio Tinto — Medicinal Cannabis Guidance Note (November 2023). (Tabled Paper 3044).

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

11. Student Assistance Payment

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Sandra Carr moved, without notice —

That this House notes the Cook Government's announcement of a WA Student Assistance Payment and other initiatives which are providing cost of living support for Western Australian's.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

12. City of Bunbury Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 1, *City of Bunbury Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

13. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 2, *Shire of Kondinin Amendment Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 11, *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Safety Levies Amendment Bill 2023*. (Minister for Emergency Services).

14. Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 2023

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

15. Land Tax Assessment Amendment (Residential Construction Exemptions) Bill 2023

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Minister for Finance moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

16. Firearms Bill 2024

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 146 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3045).

Debate stands adjourned and Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review [SO 126].

17. Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Application Bill 2023

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

18. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Sport and Recreation, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3046).

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas. (Tabled Paper 3047).

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

19. Statement by President — Lance Rosich — Retirement

The President made the following Statement —

I advise that our Parliamentary Security Officer, Lance Rosich, has decided to retire with this sitting day likely to be his last. Lance is in the gallery this afternoon, dutifully seeing to the calm and orderly proceedings from the public gallery.

Over 29 years ago, Lance commenced his parliamentary career as a Security Officer with the Joint House Committee. In this role, Lance has seen lots and he has always maintained his quick smile and cheerfulness for which he is known. And this has made him many friends across the three parliamentary departments and two Chambers.

Lance has been a long-time supporter of the Parliamentary Sports Club and was an integral ring-in bowler, assisting the Western Australian parliamentary bowls team to victories in 2013 and 2014. For a time, Lance was also the secretary of the Parliamentary Sports Club, and the regular defender of the parliamentary esky during cricket matches against the press.

Lance is well regarded by his colleagues and Members alike, and I hope you join me in wishing Lance a well-deserved retirement.

Thank you, Lance.

20. Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Application Bill 2023

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 17 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

21. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

22. Short-Term Rental Accommodation Bill 2024

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 147 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3048).

Debate stands adjourned.

23. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.06pm until Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 1.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Colin de Grussa, Hon Sue Ellery, Hon Jackie Jarvis and Hon Shelley Payne.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council