

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 127

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Ministerial Statement — Palliative Care Week

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health made a Ministerial Statement with respect to National Palliative Care Week, which is an annual awareness raising week organised by Palliative Care Australia and Palliative Care WA.

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Minister for Environment

Reviews —

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 — Statutory Review (May 2019) 2707

4. Joint Standing Committee on Audit — Report 1 — Second review of the Financial Management Act 2006

Hon Alanna Clohesy presented Report 1 of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit, *Second review of the Financial Management Act 2006*. (Tabled Paper 2708).

5. Better GST distribution for Western Australia

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dr Steve Thomas moved, without notice —

That this House acknowledges and congratulates the Federal Liberal-National Government —

- (a) for its determination and success in achieving a better GST distribution for Western Australia, including a guaranteed floor, which has delivered to this State a budget surplus earlier than anticipated; and
- (b) for its significant funding of and commitment to the delivery of key infrastructure projects throughout Western Australia.

Debate ensued.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled charts regarding GST funding to Western Australia. (Tabled Paper 2709).

Debate resumed.

Motion lapsed.

6. Methamphetamine Action Plan

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

That the Legislative Council notes the McGowan Government's whole-of-government, comprehensive response to the Methamphetamine Action Plan Taskforce report and supports the McGowan Government to continue the fight against ice.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Biodiversity Conservation (Exemptions) Order 2018 — Disallowance*, 2, *Tobacco Products Control Amendment Regulations 2019 — Disallowance*, 3, *City of Rockingham Bush Fire Control and Bush Fire Brigades Amendment Local Law 2018 — Disallowance*, 4, *Transport (Road Passenger Services) Regulations 2019 — Disallowance* and 6, *Shire of Augusta Margaret River Erosion and Sediment Control Local Law 2019 — Disallowance* be taken after Order of the Day No. 20, *Road Traffic Amendment (Blood Alcohol Content) Bill 2019*. (Minister for Regional Development).

8. Transport (Road Passenger Services) Regulations 2019 — 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. 5, *Transport (Road Passenger Services) Regulations 2019 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

9. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2019–2020

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer as follows —

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 2664A–D (2019–2020 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on 9 May 2019.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Pierre Yang the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

10. Pay-roll Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2019

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

Debate resumed.

Hon Diane Evers, by leave, tabled a list of apprenticeships, traineeships, mapped occupations rated as State Priority Occupation List 1, 2 and 3 that are not eligible for Construction Training Fund grants. (Tabled Paper 2710).

Debate resumed.

11. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Education and Training, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a list of education organisations that were consulted regarding the School Curriculum and Standards Authority's special examination provisions policy for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Minister for Education and Training, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* the Education Department's "Let's Take A Stand Together" action plan, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Colin Tincknell.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands tabled documents in relation to Murdoch mixed use precinct executive summary, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 2711).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy tabled a media statement made during the Barnett Government by the Minister for Energy regarding private sector collaboration in the Pilbara energy market, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 2712).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health tabled documents in relation to public funded or supported services for the sub-regions of the WA Country Health Service, in response to question on notice 2006 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 2713).

The Minister for Ports tabled a contract between Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore and the Southern Ports Authority, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 2714).

12. 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 —

15 May 2019 — Message No. 11	Act No.
Child Support (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018	7 of 2019
Suitors' Fund Amendment Bill 2017	8 of 2019
Suitors' Fund Amendment (Levy) Bill 2017	9 of 2019

13. Pay-roll Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2019

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 10 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

14. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

15. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.48pm until Tuesday, 4 June 2019 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Ken Baston, Hon Jacqui Boydell, Hon Jim Chown, Hon Adele Farina, Hon Samantha Rowe and Hon Dr Sally Talbot.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON KATE DOUST MLC
President of the Legislative Council