

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 183

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2016

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to notice.

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

2. Parliament Summoned to Meet

The following notice given by the President of the Legislative Council, dated 26 April 2016, was read by the Clerk of the Parliaments —

Whereas the Government has represented to me, Hon Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative Council, that the public interest requires the Legislative Council to meet at an earlier time than 10 May 2016 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to power provided in section 1 of the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1891* (earlier meeting of the Legislative Council) that the Legislative Council shall meet on Thursday, 28 April 2016 at 10.00am.

Given under my hand on 26 April 2016.

Hon Barry House MLC
President

3. Message from Her Excellency the Governor — Senate vacancy

The President read the following message —

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch which she has received from the Honourable the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the said Senate.

4. Statement by President — Vacancy in the Representation of Western Australia

The President read the following despatch —

Your Excellency

Pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, I notify Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia through the resignation of Senator Joe Bullock on 13 April 2016.

Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate

5. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Documents —

Memorandum to the Members of the Legislative Council — President recalling the
Legislative Council to meet on Thursday, 28 April 2016 4022

Reports —

Corruption and Crime Commission — Report on the Response of WA Police to a
Particular Incident of Domestic Violence on 19-20 March 2013
(21 April 2016) (Deemed tabled 21/04/2016) 4023

6. Shire of Chittering Cats Local Law 2015 — Disallowance

Hon Robin Chapple: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *Shire of Chittering Cats Local Law 2015* published in the *Gazette* on 8 December 2015 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 17 February 2016 under the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled paper No. 3787).

7. Suspension of Standing and Temporary Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of the Standing and Temporary Orders be suspended to enable the House at this sitting to deal solely with the arrangement of a Joint Sitting.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The President having counted the Council, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

8. Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That with reference to the message reported to the Council by the President from Her Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Mr President be requested to confer with the Honourable Mr Speaker in order to fix a day and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of the senator whose place has become vacant.

Question — put and passed.

The President left the Chair at 10.08am

The President resumed the Chair at 10.14am

9. Statement by President — Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The President made the following Statement —

Members, I have conferred with Mr Speaker pursuant to the resolution of this House to fix a date, day and place for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place of a Senator for Western Australia whose place has become vacant. I advise that the joint sitting for this purpose will take place today, Thursday, 28 April 2016 at 11.00 am. Members and guests, the bells will ring at 10.55 am and the joint sitting will occur at 11.00 am

10. Order of Business

Ordered — That Members' Statements be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

11. Adjournment

There being no Members' Statements the Council adjourned at 10.16am until Tuesday, 10 May 2016 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Martin Aldridge, Hon Paul Brown, Hon Jim Chown, Hon Nick Goiran, Hon Nigel Hallett, Hon Mark Lewis, Hon Lynn MacLaren, Hon Michael Mischin and Hon Darren West.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE

President of the Legislative Council