

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**No. 55**  
**THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2018**

**1. Meeting of Council**

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair and read prayers.

**2. Petition**

Hon Tim Clifford presented a petition from 114 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support the engagement of independent transport experts to develop a new plan in relation to the Murdoch Drive Connection. (Tabled Paper 1281).

**3. Papers**

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

**President**

*Reports* —

Inspector of Custodial Services, Office of the — 2017 Inspection of Bunbury Regional  
Prison (Report No. 115) (February 2018) ..... 1278

**Leader of the House**

*Addendums* —

Perth Theatre Trust — Annual Report (2016–17)..... 1279

*Annual Reports* —

Public Education Endowment Trust (2016–17) (Date received 11/04/2018) ..... 1280

**4. Government Financial Planning**

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Peter Collier moved, without notice —

That this House expresses its concern that after more than twelve months in office the Labor Government has not established a credible financial plan, as promised prior to the 2017 election, which has forced it to make rushed decisions which have impacted negatively upon numerous areas of the Western Australian community.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 5. Perth Children's Hospital — Report Findings

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

That this House notes the findings of both the Langoulant Report and the report from the Legislative Assembly's Public Accounts Committee in relation to the new Perth Children's Hospital and —

- (a) recognises the poor project management by the former Liberal-National Government; and
- (b) commends the current Minister for Health for taking charge of the project to ensure the problems with the new construction are promptly dealt with.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 6. Liquor Control Amendment Bill 2018

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 53 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 1282).

Debate stands adjourned.

## 7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Cemeteries Amendment Local Law 2017 — Disallowance*, 3, *City of Karratha Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2017 — Disallowance*, 4, *Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup Meeting Procedures Local Law 2017 — Disallowance*, 5, *Shire of Broome Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law (2) 2017 — Disallowance*, 6, *Shire of Capel Dogs Local Law 2017 — Disallowance*, 7, *Shire of Collie Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law 2017 — Disallowance*, and 8, *Western Australian Meat Industry Authority Amendment Regulations 2017 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 17, *Appropriation (Capital 2010–11 to 2015–16) Supplementary Bill 2017*. (Minister for Environment).

## 8. Transfer of Land Amendment Regulations 2017 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Rick Mazza moved, without notice —

That, Order of the Day No. 2, *Transfer of Land Amendment Regulations 2017 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

## 9. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Report No. 46 — Acknowledgement of Country

The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole, on the motion of Hon Simon O'Brien that Recommendations 1 and 2 contained in Report No. 46 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Acknowledgement of Country*, be adopted.

The President left the Chair.

---

**In Committee**

(The President in the Chair)

Hon Simon O'Brien moved, without notice —

- (1) That the Legislative Council adopts the following form of words for a Legislative Council Acknowledgement of Country —

This House acknowledges and honours the traditional owners of the ancestral lands upon which we meet today — the Whadjuk Noongar people — and pays its respects to their Elders both past and present.

- (2) That Standing Order 14(1) be amended as follows —  
To delete paragraph (a) and insert —

(a) acknowledgement of country and prayers;

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Environment moved, without notice to amend paragraph 2 as follows —

- (1) To delete all of the words after “To” and insert —

insert after paragraph (a) —

(b) acknowledgement of country;

and to renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Amendment — put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

---

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The President reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Motion.

Report adopted.

**10. Land Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2017**

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 Environment representing the Minister for Finance moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

**11. Business of the House — Standing Order 17(3)**

The Minister for Environment moved, pursuant to Standing Order 17(3), without notice —

That Order of the Day No. 28 on the Notice Paper, *Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Report No. 112 — Committee's Treaty Function*, be added to today's Business Program.

Question — put and passed.

**12. Order of Business**

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 28, *Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Report No. 112 — Committee's Treaty Function*, be taken forthwith. (Minister for Environment).

**13. Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Report No. 112 — Committee's Treaty Function**

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon Michael Mischin, as follows —

That Recommendation 1 of Report No. 112 of the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review, *Committee's Treaty Function*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

**14. Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2017**

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

Debate resumed.

**15. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport tabled documents in relation to the Project Alliance Agreement for the Swan River pedestrian bridge, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 1283).

The Minister for Regional Development tabled documents in relation to the value of projects in the Local Projects Local Jobs Program, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Jacqui Boydell. (Tabled Paper 1284).

The Minister for Environment tabled documents in relation to water bombing cost-effectiveness and Aerial Fire Suppression Operating Procedures, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Rick Mazza. (Tabled Paper 1285).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport tabled correspondence from Peter Woronzow to the Minister for Transport regarding the Swan River pedestrian bridge, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 1286).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services tabled a contamination assessment of the former Geraldton Fire Station site, in response to question on notice No. 759 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1287).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Youth tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 904 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1288).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Veterans Issues tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 905 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1289).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 906 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1290).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 930 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1291).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 931 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1292).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety, in accordance with Standing Order No. 108(2), advised that an answer to questions on notice Nos 654, 735, 932 and 933 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge will be provided on 8 May 2018.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry tabled documents in relation to sawmills operating since the signing of the Western Australian Regional Forest Agreement in May 1999, in response to question on notice No. 1050 asked by Hon Diane Evers. (Tabled Paper 1293).

The Minister for Regional Development tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 943 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1294).

The Minister for Regional Development, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to an agricultural research project that will investigate cropping systems in the Ord Valley, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robin Chapple.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 900 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1295).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General tabled documents in relation to gifts, benefits, hospitality, accommodation and travel received since 11 March 2017, in response to question on notice No. 926 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1296).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training tabled documents in relation to letters from the Department of Education to various schools detailing budget cut measures, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled Paper 1297).

## **16. Statement by President — 2018–2019 Budget Estimates Hearings**

The President made the following Statement —

I have received a letter from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, which states —

Dear Madam President

2018–19 Budget Estimates

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2018 granting use of the Legislative Council Chamber for the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee's hearings into the 2018–19 Budget Estimates. The Committee requests you advise the House the following information as part of the Committee's consideration of this year's estimates.

- (1) The hearings will be held in the Chamber from Tuesday 19 June to Friday 22 June 2018.
- (2) The Electronic Lodgement System (ELS) will open on Thursday 10 May 2018 for Members to submit a reasonable number of questions prior to hearings. It will close at 5pm on Thursday 17 May 2018.
- (3) The ELS will re-open the week of hearings for additional questions and close at 5pm on Wednesday 27 June 2018.

- (4) A Procedure Policy and the timetable of hearings will be emailed to Members in due course.

The Committee appreciates the accommodations made by you and the Leader that enable the 2018–19 Budget Estimates hearings to be held in the Chamber over this period.

Yours sincerely

Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC

Chair

**17. Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2017**

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 14 above*).

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

**18. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

**19. Pay-roll Tax Assessment Amendment (Exemption for Trainees) Bill 2018**

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 55 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 1298).

Debate stands adjourned.

**20. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 6.01pm until Tuesday, 8 May 2018 at 2.00pm.

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

Attendance: Present all Members.

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON KATE DOUST MLC**

President of the Legislative Council