

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 113

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2015

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

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

2. Petition

Hon Robin Chapple presented a petition from 701 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to recommend that the Government establish an independent and timely public inquiry into the death in police custody of Ms Dhu. (Tabled Paper 2599).

3. Ministerial Statement — Child and Parent Centres

The Minister for Education made a Ministerial Statement with respect to Child and Parent Centres.

4. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Reports -

Ministerial Office Staffing Report (as at 12 February 2015) 2598

5. Vocational-based Training

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

That this House condemns the Barnett Government for continuing to undermine vocational-based training by imposing further fee increases, cutting staff and reducing funding to the sector.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

6. Bushfire Management

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

That this House discuss the strategies for bushfire management and hazard reduction in Western Australia.

Hon Paul Brown sought leave to table a document.

Ruling by Deputy President

The Deputy President made the following Ruling —

Hon Paul Brown seeks leave to table this document, and I use the word “document” loosely, because it is actually a placard, not a document. I want to remind Members that it has been the practice of the House to refuse leave to permanently table a document of this nature. There is a practical aspect to this practice, in that the Legislative Council table office must retain the tabled document permanently in the archives of the House. Unusual objects have been tabled in the past, but only for the remainder of the sitting day, for the information of Members, and only when an alternative means of providing this information is not available and not appropriate. In the past, the House has acceded to the tabling, for the remainder of the sitting day, of a stuffed quoll, and it has denied leave for a Member to table a fax machine with a document stuck in it. I suggest to the Member that there is an alternative to tabling such a large document, and that is for a photograph of the placard to be taken, printed on an A4 sheet of paper, and then tabled as a photo of the placard. The Member may find that in those circumstances, a grant of leave is more likely to be given.

Leave denied.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *City of Fremantle Alfresco Dining Local Law 2014 – Disallowance*, 2, *School Education Amendment Regulations 2014 – Disallowance*, 3, *Shire of Kellerberrin Cemeteries Local Law 2014 – Disallowance*, 4, *Shire of Kellerberrin Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2014 – Disallowance*, 5, *Shire of Kellerberrin Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2014 – Disallowance*, and 6, *Shire of Kellerberrin Fencing Local Law 2014 – Disallowance*, be taken at the next day’s sitting. (Leader of the House).

8. Demise of the Crown Statute

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That the Standing Committee on Legislation —

- (1) inquire into, and report on whether Western Australia should adopt a general Demise of the Crown Statute such as that recommended by the October 1994 report of the Western Australian Law Reform Commission on “Project No. 75 — United Kingdom Statutes in Force in Western Australia”;
- (2) should it recommend that a general Demise of the Crown Statute be adopted, the Committee include in a Schedule to its report a Draft Bill for this purpose; and
- (3) report to the House on or before 14 May 2015.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

The Deputy President left the Chair at 12.34pm

The President resumed the Chair at 2.00pm

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Housing tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the number of people in the Minister for Housing’s electorate on the public housing waiting list from the years 2011–2015 to date, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sally Talbot. (Tabled Paper 2600).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to targets for budget holders in health services for the 2014–15 financial year, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 2601).

The Minister for Education tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to 2015 Education Support full time equivalent Allocations, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 2602).

The Minister for Education tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the Chaplaincy Program and schools that received funding under the national Chaplaincy Program in 2012–14 that unsuccessfully applied for direct chaplaincy funding, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 2603).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to staffing details in relation to country services and annual or long service leave, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 2604).

10. Message from Her Excellency the Governor — Assent to Bills

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

25 February 2015 — Message No. 7	Act No.
Taxation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2014	1 of 2015
Road Traffic Amendment (Alcohol Interlocks and Other Matters) Bill 2014	2 of 2015
Alcohol and Drug Authority Amendment Bill 2014	3 of 2015

11. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would enable the Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to make her valedictory address to the House.

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.

12. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich — Valedictory Speech

Pursuant to the foregoing motion Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich gave her valedictory speech.

13. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich — Valedictory Remarks

Hon Sue Ellery, by leave, moved, without notice —

That this House expresses its appreciation to the retiring Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich for her significant contribution to the Legislative Council and the State of Western Australia over the last eighteen years as a past Member of the East Metropolitan Region and as a current Member for the North Metropolitan Region.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 4.18pm until Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Simon O'Brien.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council