

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

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**1. Meeting of Council**

The Council assembled at 11.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Nick Griffiths, took the Chair and read prayers.

**2. Statement by President - Clerk of the Legislative Council and Clerk of the Parliaments - Afternoon Tea**

The President made the following Statement -

I advise Members that our Clerk, Mia Betjeman, will retire from the position tomorrow and this is therefore the last sitting day that Mia will be Clerk of the Legislative Council and Clerk of the Parliaments. It is intended that the House will suspend sitting at 3.40pm today so that Members will have the opportunity of joining Mia for afternoon tea.

**3. Papers**

The following Papers were laid on the Table by -

**Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier**

*Financial Statements -*

Legal Contribution Trust (2006) (for the six months ending 31 December 2006)

(Date received 05/09/2007) ..... 3109

**4. Select Committee of Privilege on a Matter Arising in the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations**

Hon Murray Criddle moved, without notice -

That the Select Committee of Privilege on a Matter Arising in the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations have power to meet during today's sitting for the purpose of its inquiries.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

## 5. Building Industry Sustainability Index

Motion No. 47 having been called, debate resumed on the amendment of Hon Paul Llewellyn as follows -

To delete -

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- (5) Explains why it wishes to add to the financial burden already being experienced by first-home buyers.

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to the motion of Hon Ray Halligan as follows -

That this House insists that, before the Five Star Plus scheme is introduced as a regulatory regime in Western Australia, the Government -

- (1) Listens to the housing industry in Western Australia.
- (2) Provides an audited cost-benefit analysis of the proposed regime.
- (3) Includes in that analysis the additional costs to taxpayers to administer the scheme.
- (4) Identifies other regimes that have been examined and why Five Star Plus is preferred.
- (5) Explains why it wishes to add to the financial burden already being experienced by first-home buyers.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 195].

## 6. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to Standing Orders for the consideration of Committee Reports.

### In Committee

(Hon Ken Travers in the Chair)

#### **Standing Committee on Public Administration - Report No. 2 - Compliance of the Department of Health with Recommendations of the Auditor General's 2001 Report on Life Matters - Management of Deliberate Self-Harm in Young People - Committee Report**

The Order of the Day having been read, debate resumed on the motion of Hon Barry House, That the Report be noted.

Question - put and passed.

#### **Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Report No. 14 - Public Hearing with the Corruption and Crime Commission on 30 August 2006 - Committee Report**

The Order of the Day having been read, Hon Ray Halligan continued his introductory remarks in moving, That the Report be noted.

Question - put and passed.

#### **Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Report No. 15 - Public Hearing with the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission on 16 August 2006 - Committee Report**

The Order of the Day having been read, Hon Ray Halligan moved, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 61A].

The Deputy President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the -

- (1) Standing Committee on Public Administration - Report No. 2 - Compliance of the Department of Health with Recommendations of the Auditor General's 2001 Report on Life Matters - Management of Deliberate Self-Harm in Young People - Committee Report and had noted same.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Report No. 14 - Public Hearing with the Corruption and Crime Commission on 30 August 2006 - Committee Report and had noted same.
- (3) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Report No. 15 - Public Hearing with the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission on 16 August 2006 - Committee Report and had noted same.

Report adopted.

## **7. Order of Business**

Ordered - That Orders of the Day Nos 456, *Road Traffic (Charges and Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2007 - Disallowance* and 457, *Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2007 - Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 371, *Police Amendment Bill 2006*. (Minister for Local Government).

## **8. Taxi Amendment Bill 2007**

The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill.

The Minister for Local Government moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Deputy President having reported that the Deputy Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as agreed to in Committee, and reported.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

## **9. State Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007**

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.

The Deputy President left the Chair.

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### **In Committee**

(Hon Ken Travers in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16.

Debate ensued.

#### **10. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, an answer in relation to recent changes to the formula for TAFE entry points for work experience for Year 11 and Year 12 students, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled paper 3110).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure tabled documents in relation to the Geraldton Port Authority - Environmental Management System and Incident Action Plan and the Esperance Port Authority Environmental Management Plan, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Anthony Fels. (Tabled paper 3111).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts tabled documents in relation to the ministerial approval of funding and briefing from ScreenWest Inc. regarding a television documentary concerning Andrew Mallard, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Norman Moore. (Tabled paper 3112).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, a corrected answer in relation to an amended list of sentences imposed for serious criminal offences, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled paper 3113).

The Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, an answer in relation to the reintroduction of regular training for nursing staff in the clinical management of child abuse which was discontinued in 1993, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robyn McSweeney. (Tabled paper 3114).

#### **11. State Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007**

The President left the Chair.

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#### **In Committee**

(Hon Ray Halligan in the Chair)

Clause 16.

Debate resumed.

Hon George Cash moved -

Page 17, line 9 - to insert after the word "to" the following -

“ as soon as practicable ”.

Amendment - put and passed.

Debate resumed.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 61(c)].

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The Deputy President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had considered the Bill, made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered - That the Committee have leave to sit again.

**12. Special Adjournment**

The Minister for Local Government moved, without notice -

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 18 September 2007.

Question - put and passed.

**13. Adjournment**

The Minister for Local Government moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The House adjourned at 5.16pm until Tuesday, 18 September 2007 at 3.30pm.

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

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Kim Chance, Hon Graham Giffard, Hon Sheila Mills and Hon Barbara Scott.

**MIA BETJEMAN**

Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON NICK GRIFFITHS**

President of the Legislative Council