

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 155

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 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 Robyn McSweeney presented a petition from 41 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to oppose the sale of the Western Australian TAB. (Tabled Paper 3514).

3. Ministerial Statement — Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Premier made a Ministerial Statement with respect to Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

4. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Minister for Mental Health

Reports —

Government Employees Superannuation Board — Statement of Corporate Intent
(2015–2016) 3513

5. Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) — Interim Report — Extension of Time

Hon Rick Mazza presented an Interim Report of the Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc), *Extension of Time*. (Tabled Paper 3515).

Hon Rick Mazza moved, without notice —

That the reporting date for the Select Committee's inquiry into the *Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc)* be extended from 3 December 2015 to 6 April 2016.

Debate stands adjourned pursuant to order.

6. Recognition of the Contribution of Volunteers in Western Australia

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

That this House recognises the considerable cultural, social and economic contribution made by the thousands of volunteers across Western Australia.

In particular, with the onset of the bushfire season the crucial support provided to the State by members of the 580 volunteer bushfire brigades.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. Agricultural Research

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

That this House recognises the valuable role of research in progressing advances in agriculture.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

8. Order of Business

Ordered — That the Order of the Day in relation to the *Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) — Interim Report — Extension of Time*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

9. Select Committee into the Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) — Interim Report — Extension of Time

The Order of the Day having been called for the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon Rick Mazza as follows —

That the reporting date for the Select Committee's inquiry into the *Operations of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc)* be extended from 3 December 2015 to 6 April 2016.

Question — put and passed.

10. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 2, *Shire of Ravensthorpe Fencing Local Law 2015 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 14, *Alumina Refinery (Mitchell Plateau) Agreement (Termination) Bill 2015*. (Leader of the House).

11. Regulation 6(1) of the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Regulations 2015 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Robin Chapple moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 1, *Regulation 6(1) of the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Regulations 2015*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

12. Liquor Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

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 Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Brian Ellis in the Chair)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 19 agreed to.

Clause 20.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 25 agreed to.

Clause 26.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 27 and 28 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting President announced that the Deputy Chair of Committees had certified that this was a true copy of the Bill as agreed to in Committee of the Whole House and reported.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

13. Misuse of Drugs Amendment (Psychoactive Substances) Bill 2015

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 of the Bill.

The Minister for Mental Health moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

14. Associations Incorporation Bill 2014

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 Education tabled documents in relation to the average class size for each year level in Western Australian public schools for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 3516).

The Minister for Education, by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the projected student enrolments at North Perth, Highgate, Kyilla and Mt Hawthorn Primary Schools for the years 2020, 2025 and 2030, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ken Travers.

The Minister for Education, by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the number of full time enrolment projections for 2016 for all Western Australia public schools, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery.

The Minister for Education, by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the maintenance and operation of fire hydrants at Dampier School, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Stephen Dawson.

The Minister for Child Protection tabled documents in relation to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme and the number of applications received and approved for various suburbs in August 2015, in response to question on notice No. 3397 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 3517).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled documents in relation to the number of full time equivalent staff at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support as at 1 September 2015, in response to question on notice No. 3399 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 3518).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled documents in relation to the number of relative and non-relative foster carers in various districts as at 31 August 2015, in response to question on notice No. 3400 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 3519).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled documents in relation to the number of children under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during August 2015, in response to question on notice No. 3401 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 3520).

The Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Lands tabled documents in relation to the Western Australian Land Asset Sales Program for the period 2005 to 2015, in response to question on notice No. 3278 asked by Hon Lynn MacLaren. (Tabled Paper 3521).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Premier on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport tabled documents in relation to bus identification numbers used to display alcohol advertisements, in response to question on notice No. 3392 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 3522).

16. Associations Incorporation Bill 2014

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

Interruption pursuant to order.

17. Statement by President — Perth Heritage Days 2015

The President made the following Statement —

This Sunday, 18 October Parliament House will be open to the public as part of Perth Heritage Days 2015, themed ‘People who Shaped Perth’. The Parliament has had many of its Members who have shaped this city and the State and these will be part of the displays put together by our hard working staff. As a key focus for this year the Presiding Officers have chosen to celebrate the achievements of Edith Cowan, who, when elected to the Legislative Assembly seat of West Perth in 1921, became the first ever female Member of an Australian Parliament.

On Sunday, members of the public will be able to tour our Parliament. On display will be colourful didactic boards, memorabilia and historical artefacts as well as dramatic performances and presentations highlighting Edith Cowan’s life, the women’s suffrage movement and the contribution of female parliamentarians who followed in Edith Cowan’s footsteps. Members would have received an email today providing details of the event including the program and some practical housekeeping matters.

The floor of the chamber will form part of the public tour route so I ask Members to take a moment to clear their desks of personal and work material prior to leaving Parliament this evening. Any items remaining on desks tonight will be cleared by staff and retained until next week.

The Parliament’s participation in Heritage Days is part of our renewed focus on community engagement. I encourage all Members to attend Sunday’s event which I am sure will be a great success.

18. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.22pm until Tuesday, 20 October 2015 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day’s proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Samantha Rowe and Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson (*leave of absence*).

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council