

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2013

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. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Reports —

Public Sector Commission — State of the Sector Report (2013) (Date received 20/11/2013).. 1028

Minister for Mental Health

Reports —

Carers Advisory Council — Annual Compliance Report (2013) (Date received 20/11/2013).. 1029

3. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report No. 1 — 2012–2013 Annual Report

Hon Robyn McSweeney presented Report No. 1 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, *2012–2013 Annual Report*. (Tabled Paper 1030).

4. Closure of the Quairading to York and Trayning to Merredin Rail Lines

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

That the Council —

- (a) condemns the Barnett Government for —
 - (i) closing the Quairading to York and Trayning to Merredin rail lines; and
 - (ii) failing to upgrade the roads that will now carry the grain freight, prior to the closure of these rail lines; and
- (b) expresses its grave concern that these decisions will have significant impacts on road safety across the Wheatbelt and increased congestion on metropolitan roads.

Debate ensued.

Hon Ken Travers, by leave, tabled photographs in relation to roads affected by the closure of the Quairading to York and Trayning to Merredin rail lines. (Tabled Paper 1031).

Point of Order

Hon Ken Travers raised the following Point of Order —

Could I ask the Member to identify the document he is quoting from?

Hon Simon O'Brien raised the following Point of Order —

I understand that our Standing Order that relates to documents being quoted from is when an original document is used specifically to provide a quote. Hon Brian Ellis is not quoting from a document. He is referring to notes, he is not quoting from a document, as Members opposite very well know. So I would urge you, Mr President, not to accept the point of order.

President's Ruling

The President ruled as follows —

If Members refer to Standing Order 58, they will see that a Member can ask, as Hon Ken Travers did, for identification of a document that a Member was quoting from, and that may well be a form of notes or whatever. At the conclusion of the speech, it is within the rights of any Member to ask a speaker to table the document. Of course, it is up to that member if they wish to table that document or not. I hope that clarifies it.

Hon Brian Ellis tabled his personal notes in relation to the closure of the Quairading to York and Trayning to Merredin rail lines. (Tabled Paper 1032).

Debate resumed.

Motion lapsed.

5. Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in Regional Western Australia

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

That this Council —

- (a) recognises the importance of the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in assisting regional people in accessing specialist medical care;
- (b) acknowledges the scheme requires review to ensure that it remains effective and responsive to the health care needs of regional people; and
- (c) calls for a parliamentary committee inquiry with a view to making recommendations to Government on its improvement.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

6. Partial Revocation of State Forest Nos 7, 14, 20 and 56

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the House, as follows —

That in response to Legislative Assembly Message No. 29, the proposal for the Partial Revocation of State Forest Nos 7, 14, 20 and 56, laid on the Table of the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 15 October 2013, by command of His Excellency be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

7. Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill 2013

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Deputy President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Adele Farina in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

8. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to the *At Risk Youth Strategy*, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sally Talbot. (Tabled Paper 1033).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning tabled a document in relation to the expenditure of the Metropolitan Region Improvement Trust Fund, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Lynn MacLaren. (Tabled Paper 1034).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to applicants to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme in September 2013, in response to question on notice No. 373 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1035).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to the Department for Child Protection and Family Supports' full time equivalent employee allocations, by directorate and district as at 31 August 2013, in response to question on notice No. 375 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1036).

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development, in accordance with Standing Order No. 107(2), advised that answers to questions on notice Nos 356 and 357 asked by Hon Robin Chapple will be provided on 26 November 2013.

9. Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill 2013

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 7 above*).

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Liz Behjat in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport tabled a document in relation to Taxi Dispatch Services Conditions of Registration. (Tabled Paper 1037).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport moved, That the Chair report progress and seek to sit again.

Question — put and passed.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again.

10. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

11. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.32pm until Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 3.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Michael Mischin.

NIGEL LAKE
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council