WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2017

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. Statement by President — Conventions, Courtesies and Etiquette in the House

The President made the following Statement —

Members, as this is the beginning of the fortieth Parliament, I thought it timely to remind Members of some of the conventions of this place, and the courtesies and standards of etiquette for this House. I draw Members' attention to Procedural Note No. 2 relating to the conventions and courtesies of the House. It would be beneficial to all Members if they reacquainted themselves with this advice, particularly regarding the use of laptops and mobile phones in the House. These types of devices are permitted in the Chamber and the Committee of the Whole House and can be used to make and receive email and text messages. They cannot, however, be used to make or receive voice calls or as cameras to record proceedings and should not be used as an aide-mémoire in debate. I also remind Members that the use of these devices should be discreet and should not disrupt the proceedings of the House, and Members should ensure that these devices are switched to silent, or they may risk having them temporarily confiscated for the balance of the sitting.

The rules of etiquette in this House also differ slightly from those in another place and I would ask that Members forward this advice to their staff and guests. For example, speaking and the passing of notes across the Bar of the House or from either side of the President's gallery should not occur in the Council. This is a practice that is tolerated in another place, but not this one. Discreet note taking in the public gallery has been allowed since September 2006 so long as that undertaking is conducted in such a manner that it does not disrupt the proceedings of the House. Past Presidents have also allowed the taking of notes in the President's gallery, although this practice is restricted to ministerial advisers to Ministers during the consideration of a Bill in the Committee of the Whole House. If Members' staff wish to pass advice to Members in the Chamber, staff may use a call button located on the southern door to seek the attention of Chamber staff.

I have asked for an updated outline of the usual etiquettes to be observed in the Council to be distributed to Members for inclusion in their Standing Orders. This document will be available to Members from the next sitting.

3. Petition

Hon Kyle McGinn presented a petition from 455 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to instigate an urgent inquiry into the conduct of the Shire of Exmouth. (Tabled Paper 237).

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The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

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5. Parliamentary Superannuation Board — Appointment of Members

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That Hon Laurie Graham and Hon Michael Mischin be appointed as Members of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board.

Question — put and passed.

6. National Palliative Care Week

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Nick Goiran moved, without notice — That this Council —

- (a) recognises that this is National Palliative Care Week;
- (b) acknowledges the ongoing efforts of Palliative Care Australia and Palliative Care WA;
- (c) notes this year's theme is *You matter*, *your care matters*. *Palliative Care can make a difference*; and
- (d) calls on the State Labor Government to build on the momentum created by the former Liberal-National Government with particular emphasis on
 - (i) raising awareness and understanding about palliative care throughout the community, including amongst health professionals; and
 - (ii) increasing accessibility to palliative care, especially in regional Western Australia.

Debate ensued. *Motion lapsed.*

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7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, Firearms Amendment Regulations 2017 — Disallowance, and 2, Road Traffic (Vehicles) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2017 — Disallowance, be taken after Order of the Day No. 3, Address-in-Reply. (Leader of the House).

8. Address-In-Reply

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

Hon Adele Farina sought leave to continue her remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting. Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

Hon Darren West sought leave to continue his remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting. Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Ken Baston the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

9. Death of Winifred Piesse — Motion of Condolence

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That this Council expresses its deep regret at the death of Hon Winifred Piesse, a former Member of the Legislative Council for the Lower Central Province, and places on record its appreciation for her long public service and tenders its profound sympathy to her family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported by several Members including the President and was carried in silence, Members standing in their places.

10. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 3, *Address-in-Reply*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

11. Address-In-Reply

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (see item 8 above).

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

13. Address-In-Reply

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (see item 11 above).

Statement by President

The President made the following Statement —

When we are in this Chamber, in accordance with Standing Order 45, all imputations of improper motives and all personal reflections on Members shall be considered highly disorderly. We also do not make comments about Members in the other place.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled until the end of this day's sitting, graphs in relation to mining royalties, the GST and iron ore prices. (Tabled Paper 238).

On the motion of Hon Ken Baston the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

14. Order of Business

Ordered — That Members' Statements be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

15. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

16. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.37pm until Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Alannah MacTiernan.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council President of the Legislative Council