

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**No. 105****FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT**

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2010**1. Meeting of Assembly**

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1652/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and MK and JS Fox for the purpose of fuel reduction by grazing in State Forest No. 39 near Pemberton (2492).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1954/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and Electricity Networks Corporation trading as Western Power for a communications facility in Timber Reserve 148/25 south of Boddington (2493).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1956/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and Electricity Networks Corporation trading as Western Power for a communications facility located in State Forest No. 26 near Collie (2494).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1955/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and Electricity Networks Corporation trading as Western Power for a communications facility located in State Forest No. 15 near Harvey (2495).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1953/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and Electricity Networks Corporation trading as Western Power for a communications facility located in State Forest No. 23 near Dwellingup (2496).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 2131/97 between the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Shire of Collie for a bushfire brigade site located in a portion of State Forest No. 15 to the north of Collie (2497).

Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Trust – Annual Report 2009–2010 (2499).

Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway) – Annual Report 2009–2010 (2498).

3. Notice of Motion

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the release of the first site under the Naturebank program, the Kurrajong site situated in the Purnululu National Park.

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on the Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards and the two major prize-winners from the Kimberley region.

The Minister for Mental Health on the inaugural Graduate Certificate in Acute Mental Health at the University of Notre Dame.

5. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Order of the Day No. 14 be next considered.

6. Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Amendment Bill 2010

The Minister for Education, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Education presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Education moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr D.A. Templeman moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Police Amendment Bill 2010

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Minister’s remarks in reply to the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate interrupted by the Chair and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 3979 to 3988 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 3689, 3692, 3693 and 3974 were answered.

Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Housing –

Public Housing – Kathryn O’Connor (2500).

By the Minister for Health –

Department of Health – Ramping Hours by Month 2007–2010 (2501).

9. Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Amendment Bill 2010

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms R. Saffioti speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Order of the Day No. 22 and Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 3 be next considered.

11. Legislative Control of Handguns

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion moved by Ms M.M. Quirk,

That this House –

- (a) condemns the Barnett government for its proposed dilution of controls on handguns under the *Firearms Act 1973* with the potential that access to handguns by organized crime may be facilitated;
- (b) further condemns the Barnett government for its failure to manage and resource the implementation of the new firearms licensing regime causing delays, uncertainty, incomplete record keeping, lack of transparency and inconsistent application of law and policy; and
- (c) calls on the Barnett government to immediately implement and resource the recommendations of the Auditor General's Third Public Sector Performance Report 2009 (Regulation of Firearms; Managing Staff Attendance in the Public Sector; and Evaluation in Government) dated 21 October 2009.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (20)

Ms L.L. Baker	Mr M.P. Murray	Mr T.G. Stephens
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr P. Papalia	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Ms J.M. Freeman	Mr J.R. Quigley	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr J.N. Hyde	Ms M.M. Quirk	Mr M.P. Whitely
Mr J.C. Kobelke	Mr E.S. Ripper	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr F.M. Logan	Mrs M.H. Roberts	Mr D.A. Templeman (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr M. McGowan	Ms R. Saffioti	

Noes (24)

Mr P. Abetz	Mr J.M. Francis	Mr P.T. Miles
Mr C.J. Barnett	Mr B.J. Grylls	Ms A.R. Mitchell
Mr T.R. Buswell	Dr K.D. Hames	Dr M.D. Nahan
Mr G.M. Castrilli	Mrs L.M. Harvey	Mr C.C. Porter
Mr V.A. Catania	Dr G.G. Jacobs	Mr D.T. Redman
Dr E. Constable	Mr R.F. Johnson	Mr A.J. Simpson
Mr M.J. Cowper	Mr A. Krsticevic	Mr M.W. Sutherland
Mr J.H.D. Day	Mr W.R. Marmion	Mr J.E. McGrath (<i>Teller</i>)

Question thus negatived.

12. Appointment of a Select Committee into the Increases to State Debt Since 2000

Mr B.S. Wyatt, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the level of increases to the State debt since 2000, particularly borrowings which are growing State debt to extraordinary levels, and the effects that these and other borrowings may have on the future financial management of Western Australia, and in particular, to –

- (a) ascertain the overall level of debt of the State, its agencies and business enterprises, and the amount of its increase since 2000;
- (b) estimate the level of likely borrowings over the next six years which will be needed to cover existing or foreseeable liabilities;
- (c) identify any contingent liabilities which may require borrowings during the next six years;
- (d) identify the contributions of individual Government departments, agencies and business enterprises to this level of debt and future or contingent liabilities;
- (e) ascertain whether the debt of individual Government departments, agencies or business enterprises is fully, partially or not matched by realistically valued assets;
- (f) assess the impact of the debt on the revenue and expenditure of the State over the next six years;
- (g) recommend strategies for management of the debt over the next six years which will minimise the adverse effect of the debt on the revenues and expenditures of the State, and on the taxpayers of the State; and
- (h) recommend a long-term policy approach to the management and reporting of Government debt.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Dr M.D. Nahan speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 p.m. until Thursday, 16 September 2010 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr I.C. Blayney, Mr J.J.M. Bowler, Mr I.M. Britza, Mrs C.A. Martin, Mr T.K. Waldron, Mr P.B. Watson and Dr J.M. Woollard.

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. GRANT WOODHAMS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly