

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 143

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 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 Robin Chapple presented a petition from 145 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to amend the *Criminal Law Amendment (Home Burglary and Other Offences) Bill 2014*. (Tabled Paper 3188).

3. Ministerial Statement — Alcohol. Think Again Campaign

The Minister for Mental Health made a Ministerial Statement with respect to an evaluation of the latest Parents, Young People and Alcohol campaign entitled, *Alcohol. Think Again*.

4. Ministerial Statement — Aluminium Composite Panelling — Fire Risk

The Minister for Commerce made a Ministerial Statement with respect to aluminium composite panels, and builders obligations for compliance with requirements for fire safety.

5. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's Paper's —

Support and Preparedness of Fire and Emergency Services Volunteers
(Report No. 17) (August 2015) 3185

Letters —

Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People —
Extension of time of Inquiry into the Review of the Functions Exercised by
the Commissioner for Children and Young People to Thursday 7 April 2016
(Date received 19/08/2015) 3186

Reports —

Corruption and Crime Commission — Report on the Investigation of an Incident at
the East Perth Watch House on 7 April 2013 (20 August 2015)
(Date received 20/08/2015) 3187

6. Women Members of the Western Australian Parliament

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

That this House notes that the number of women MPs in the Western Australian Parliament does not reflect community expectations and expresses its concern that the Premier's comment that "some women have been elected as Labor Members of Parliament, who would not have got there on merit" will do nothing to encourage women to consider a parliamentary career.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. On-Demand Transport Discussion Paper

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

That the Legislative Council congratulate this Government on the release of the On-demand Transport discussion paper for future innovation in the on-demand transport industry.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

8. Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2015

The Deputy President reported the receipt of Message No. 114 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

Hon Stephen Dawson moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Hon Stephen Dawson moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Hon Stephen Dawson tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3189).

Debate stands adjourned.

9. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day Nos. 1, *City of Fremantle Plastic Bag Reduction Local Law 2015 — Disallowance*, 2, *Regulation 6(1) of the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Regulations 2015 — Disallowance*, 3, *Shire of Mount Marshall Health Local Law 2014 — Disallowance*, and 4, *Shire of Mukinbudin Health Local Law 2014 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 13, *Criminal Law Amendment (Home Burglary and Other Offences) Bill 2014*. (Leader of the House).

10. Rail Safety National Law (WA) Bill 2014

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

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

The Deputy President announced that the 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.

11. Land Tax Amendment Bill 2015

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate resumed.

Point of Order

The Leader of the House raised the following Point of Order —

This bill is specifically related to land tax. I have been listening to Hon Sue Ellery for almost 25 minutes, and very little of her remarks have dealt with land tax. A lot of it has been about the Perth Freight Link, but not much about the actual bill. If we are going to have this debate, can I get some clarity about what topics are acceptable?

The Deputy President ruled as follows —

This is different from the appropriations bills and the budget speeches, in that it is a bill dealing with amendments to the Land Tax Act, and therefore the debate needs to be narrowed to relate specifically to the content of the bill.

Debate resumed.

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health tabled documents in relation to the functions of the State-wide Protection of Children Coordination (SPOCC) Unit, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sally Talbot. (Tabled Paper 3190).

13. Land Tax Amendment Bill 2015

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 11 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

14. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

15. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.39pm until Tuesday, 8 September 2015 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Colin Holt.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council