

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2013

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### 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. Petitions

Hon Adele Farina presented a petition from 973 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to call on the Minister for Water to direct Busselton Water to immediately cease the chlorination of Busselton's water supply. (Tabled Paper 279).

Hon Darren West presented a petition from 4023 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to recommend that year seven students in country schools remain at primary schools. (Tabled Paper 280).

### 3. Minister for Education — Social Media Use

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

That this Council expresses its concern at the inappropriate use of social media by the Minister for Education and condemns the Government for applying one disciplinary standard to the staff of the Department of Education and no disciplinary standard to the Minister.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*

Hon Sally Talbot raised the following Point of Order —

I take strong exception to the reference to my remarks about children being placed on the sex offender register because of what is popularly known as sexting as being silly. I think that is wholly unreasonable and I ask the honourable Member to withdraw that comment.

*President's Ruling*

The President ruled as follows —

I can understand a Member taking offence at any comment that has been made. I do not think I have heard anything mentioned that has been unparliamentary in that sense. The Attorney General has been invited to withdraw. I will not insist that he does because it is not unparliamentary in my judgement but if he wishes to, he may.

Debate resumed.

Hon Sue Ellery sought leave to table a pixelated photograph relating to the debate.

Leave denied.

*Motion lapsed.*

#### **4. Children's Vaccinations — Government Strategies**

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Liz Behjat moved, without notice —  
That this Council —

- (a) commends the Minister for Health, Hon Kim Hames MLA for initiating the Government's strategy concerning immunisation; and
- (b) encourages all parents to ensure that their children's vaccinations are administered and kept up to date in an endeavour to increase vaccination rates across all sections of our community.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

#### **5. Address-In-Reply**

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

Debate resumed.

Hon Alyssa Hayden sought leave of the House to continue her remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Leave granted.

#### **6. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

*Point of Order*

Hon Sue Ellery raised the following Point of Order —

Standing Order 102 provides for statements by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. We just heard from the Minister that she got the phone call yesterday. She could have prepared a ministerial statement and done it today if she wanted to give this information to the chamber. This is wasting question time when she is giving a ministerial statement.

*President's Ruling*

The President ruled as follows —

Let me make a comment. It is not a point of order, but the relevance applies to the Standing Orders that I pointed out yesterday. Standing Order 105 states that an answer shall be concise and relevant. This answer has already taken about five minutes. This chamber does not want to, and should not, become a mirror image of another place. In that other place there are dorothy dixers, for want of a better term. That has not been the practice in this House; question time has been used to obtain information. That is not to say that every Member does not have the same right as everybody else to ask a question, but I do not want to see it develop into a practice whereby lengthy statements are made in question time by Ministers. I am sure the Minister on this occasion is going to bring her answer to a rapid conclusion.

The Minister for Mental Health tabled documents in relation to early psychosis youth centres for Western Australia, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Phil Edman. (Tabled Paper 281).

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to the proposed football stadium, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ken Travers. (Tabled Paper 282).

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to funding of the Nation Building 2 Program, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ken Travers. (Tabled Paper 283).

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to the contract between the Department of Premier and Cabinet and Luna Ventures Pty Ltd, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 284).

## 7. Address-In-Reply

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (*see item 5 above*).

Hon Alyssa Hayden sought leave of the House to continue her remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Leave granted.

On the motion of the Leader of the House the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

## 8. Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation — Establishment

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Mr President

Message No. 9

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the following resolution —

That —

- (1) the terms contained in Legislative Council Message No. 1 for the establishment of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation be agreed to; and
- (2) the Members for Albany, Bunbury, Fremantle and Southern River be appointed as Members of the Committee.

Ms J.M. Freeman

Acting Speaker

Legislative Assembly Chamber

Perth, 23 May 2013

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That the following Members be appointed as Members to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation —

- Hon Peter Katsambanis;
- Hon Mark Lewis;
- Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich; and
- Hon Robin Chapple;

and that the Legislative Assembly be advised of these appointments.

Question — put and passed.

## 9. Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Amendment Bill 2013

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 10 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 285).

Debate stands adjourned.

**10. Hospitals and Health Services Amendment Bill 2013**

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 11 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 286).

Debate stands adjourned.

**11. Personal Explanation**

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer, by leave, made a personal explanation in relation to the *Supply Bill 2013* second reading speech.

**12. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

**13. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 5.34pm until Tuesday, 11 June 2013 at 3.00pm.

**Members present during the day's proceedings**

Attendance: Present all Members.

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**  
Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON BARRY HOUSE**  
President of the Legislative Council