

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2014

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 2.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Barry House, took the Chair and read prayers.

2. Petition

Hon Paul Brown presented a petition from 177 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support the improvement of the Great Eastern Highway to eliminate dangerous parts of the road between the Lakes Roadhouse, Beechina and the Northam Bypass. (Tabled Paper 1195).

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's Papers –

Water Corporation: Management of Water Pipes (Report No. 1) (February 2014)..... 1189

Leader of the House

Reports -

Verve Energy – Statement of Corporate Intent (2012-2014) 1190

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Plans -

Department of Commerce – Energy Safety Division Business Plan (2014-2015)..... 1191

Explanatory Memorandums -

Department of Commerce – Energy Safety Division Business Plan (2014-2015)..... 1192

Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Notices -

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 82 – Notice from the Minister for Tourism
in response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice No. 1657 1193

Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

Proposals -

Land Administration Act 1997 – Proposal No. 1/2014 – Excision and addition of land
from Class A Reserve 46875 under the Land Administration Act 1997 1194

4. Goods and Services Tax — Distribution

Motion No. 1 having been called, Hon Peter Katsambanis, pursuant to notice, moved —

That the Council —

- (a) notes the fundamental inequality in the current method of Goods and Services Tax (GST) distribution between the states, which sees Western Australia receive less than half of what it would receive on a per capita basis;
- (b) supports the introduction of a set per capita basis of distributing GST revenue amongst the states; and
- (c) calls for the balance of GST revenue, beyond the set per capita distribution, to be distributed in an agreed and target-based manner creating a competitive environment which would drive productivity reforms, driving future growth across the Federation.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

5. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 7 — The timeliness of misconduct investigations undertaken or overseen by the CCC: Additional information

Hon Nick Goiran moved, That the Report be noted.

Question — put and passed.

Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation — Report No. 70 — Annual Report 2013

The Order of the Day having been called.

Consideration of the Report - lapsed.

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 8 — Report into emails between staff of the Department of Corrective Services and the Corruption and Crime Commission

Hon Nick Goiran moved, That the Report be noted.

6. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Fisheries tabled copies of extracts from the Register of Authorisations and Exemptions in relation to shark baiting, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Lynn MacLaren. (Tabled Paper 1196).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled relevant sections of the policy and practice guidelines of the Department of Child Protection Case Practice Manual, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1197).

The Minister for Agriculture and Food tabled Table No. 161 Australian oilseeds area, yield and production by state and type (2013), in response to question on notice No. 686 asked by Hon Lynn MacLaren. (Tabled Paper 1198).

7. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports (*see item 5 above*).

In Committee

(Hon Adele Farina in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 8 — Report into emails between staff of the Department of Corrective Services and the Corruption and Crime Commission

Hon Nick Goiran continued his introductory remarks in moving, That the report be noted.

Question — put and passed.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —

- (1) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 7 — *The timeliness of misconduct investigations undertaken or overseen by the CCC: Additional information* and had noted same.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 8 — *Report into emails between staff of the Department of Corrective Services and the Corruption and Crime Commission* and had noted same.

Report adopted.

8. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1225/41 – Upper Swan Urban Precinct - Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 12, *Sentencing Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*. (Minister for Mental Health).

9. Western Australian Photo Card Bill 2013

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

Debate resumed.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

10. Local Government Amendment Bill 2013

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

Debate resumed.

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, by leave, tabled and incorporated into Hansard, a list of shire councils within the Wheatbelt of Western Australia (Tabled Paper 1199).

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

11. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

12. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 10.03pm until Thursday, 20 February 2014 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Jim Chown.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council