

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 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. Ministerial Statement — Mental Health Inter-Hospital Patient Transfer Service

The Minister for Mental Health made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Mental Health Inter-Hospital Patient Transfer Service.

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's papers -

Charging Card Administration Fees (Report No. 2) (March 2014)
(Date received 12/03/2014)..... 1283

4. Biodiversity Legislation (Priority Reforms) Bill 2014

Hon Lynn MacLaren: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for “An Act to amend the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.” be introduced and read a first time.

5. Department for Child Protection and Family Support – Front-line Services

Motion No. 1 having been called, Hon Sally Talbot continued her introductory remarks in moving the motion as follows —

That this House condemns the Barnett Government for failing to quarantine essential front-line services from budget cuts, in particular the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

6. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Adele Farina in the Chair)

Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report No. 18 — Clarification of Auditor General's advice on statutory secrecy provisions and the *Auditor General Act 2006* (WA)

Hon Liz Behjat moved, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

7. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Education tabled documents in relation to discontinued courses at various Western Australian Senior High Schools, as of 2014, in response to question on notice No. 687 asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 1284).

8. Consideration of Committee ReportsPursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports (*see item 6 above*).**In Committee**

(Hon Adele Farina in the Chair)

Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report No. 18 — Clarification of Auditor General's advice on statutory secrecy provisions and the *Auditor General Act 2006* (WA)

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Liz Behjat, That the Report be noted.

Question — put and passed.

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 9 — The CCC's interaction with the State's Integrity Coordinating Group

Hon Nick Goiran moved, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

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

- (1) Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report No. 18 — Clarification of Auditor General's advice on statutory secrecy provisions and the *Auditor General Act 2006* (WA) and had noted same.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report No. 9 — The CCC's interaction with the State's Integrity Coordinating Group, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

9. Pilbara Energy Project Agreement (Termination) Bill 2013

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 47 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 1285).

Debate stands adjourned.

10. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013 – Disallowance*, 2, *Government Railways (Parking Stations) Amendment By-law 2013 – Disallowance*, 3, *Public Transport Authority Amendment Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, 4, *Children’s Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, 5, *Civil Judgments Enforcement Amendment Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, 6, *Coroners Amendment Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, 7, *District Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013 – Disallowance*, 8, *Evidence (Video and Audio Links Fees and Expenses) Amendment Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, 9, *Magistrates Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013 – Disallowance*, 10, *State Administrative Tribunal Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2013 – Disallowance*, 11, *Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013 – Disallowance*, 12, *Water Services (Water Corporations Charges) Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, and 13, *Water Services Regulations 2013 – Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 15, *Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill 2013*. (Leader of the House).

11. Workforce Reform Bill 2013

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

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

12. Members’ Statements

Statements were taken.

Hon Ken Travers, by leave, tabled a document in relation to an electronic petition regarding the *Local Government Amendment Bill 2013*. (Tabled Paper 1286).

13. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 9.52pm until Thursday, 13 March 2014 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day’s proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Nigel Hallett and Hon Robyn McSweeney.

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE

President of the Legislative Council