

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2014

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 Amber-Jade Sanderson presented a petition from 672 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to support the erection of traffic crash barriers along Hester Avenue, on the verge and median strip between Baltimore Parade and Connolly Drive, Merriwa. (Tabled Paper 1257).

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Report —

Ministerial Resourcing Report — (as at 27 February 2014) 1256

4. 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 presented Report No. 18 of the Standing Committee on Public Administration, *Clarification of Auditor General's advice on statutory secrecy provisions and the Auditor General Act 2006 (WA)*. (Tabled Paper 1258).

5. Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report No. 19 — Resolution of the Committee to commence an inquiry into the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme

Hon Liz Behjat presented Report No. 19 of the Standing Committee on Public Administration, giving notice to the Council, pursuant to Standing Order No. 179(2), of a resolution of the Committee to commence an inquiry into the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme. (Tabled Paper 1259).

6. 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 presented Report No. 9 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission, *The CCC's interaction with the State's Integrity Coordinating Group*. (Tabled Paper 1260).

7. Suspension of Standing Orders — Notice Paper — Reordering of Motions

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would provide that the motions listed on the Notice Paper be re-ordered, to provide for the five notices of motion listed in the name of Hon Rick Mazza to be re-numbered as follows —

- Marine Parks in Western Australia No. 7;
- Review of the RSPCA No. 11;
- Review of the *Firearms Act 1973* No. 21;
- Fox and Wild Dog Bounty No. 27; and
- Fishing Rules in Western Australia No. 35,

and that the notices of motion listed in other Members' names be re-numbered as a consequence of these changes, whilst retaining the order of these remaining notices of motion as they currently appear on the Notice Paper.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The President having counted the Council, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

8. Serco — State Government — Commercial Relationship

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson moved, without notice —

That this House expresses its concern at the Barnett Government's handling of its commercial relationship with Serco.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

9. Investment in Western Australia

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

That this House supports the State Government's leadership in developing a strong policy platform and trade relations that facilitates investment in the breadth and depth of our State's resources and industries especially in mining, agriculture and tourism.

Debate ensued.

Hon Liz Behjat, by leave, tabled a parliamentary internship report entitled "An inquiry into the growing importance of Indian-West Australian relations". (Tabled Paper 1261).

Debate resumed.

Motion lapsed.

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*, and 3, *Public Transport Authority Amendment Regulations 2013 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 13, *Sentencing Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*. (Leader of the House).

11. 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.

Want of Quorum

There not being a quorum present, the Deputy President gave instructions for the ringing of the Bells. A quorum being formed, the debate continued.

Hon Sue Ellery moved, without notice —

That —

- (1) Order of the Day No. 15, the *Local Government Amendment Bill 2013*, be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration and report no later than Tuesday, 6 May 2014.
- (2) The Committee has the power to inquire into and report on the policy of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to front line staff at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1262).

The Leader of the House representing the Premier, by leave incorporated into Hansard, information in relation to the status of the recruitment process of chief executive officer's for public sector agencies, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ken Travers.

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to applications to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme in October 2013, in response to question on notice No. 662 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1263).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to applications to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme in November 2013, in response to question on notice No. 664 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1264).

The Minister for Child Protection tabled a document in relation to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support funded full time equivalent employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 30 November 2013, in response to question on notice No. 674 asked by Hon Stephen Dawson. (Tabled Paper 1265).

13. Local Government Amendment Bill 2013

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Sue Ellery as follows (*see item 11 above*) —

That —

- (1) Order of the Day No. 15, the *Local Government Amendment Bill 2013*, be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration and report no later than Tuesday, 6 May 2014.
- (2) The Committee has the power to inquire into and report on the policy of the Bill.

Interruption pursuant to order.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.20pm until Tuesday, 11 March 2014 at 3.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Ken Baston, Hon Kate Doust and Hon Darren West.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council