

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

WEDNESDAY, 26 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. Ministerial Statement — Peel Region Scheme Amendment No. 030/41 — South Western Highway — Waroona Deviation

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Peel Region Scheme Amendment No. 030/41 — South Western Highway — Waroona Deviation.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning tabled plans relating to the Peel Region Scheme Amendment No. 030/41 — South Western Highway — Waroona Deviation. (Tabled Paper 1248).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning tabled an amendment report relating to the Peel Region Scheme Amendment No. 030/41 — South Western Highway — Waroona Deviation. (Tabled Paper 1249).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning tabled a report on submissions relating to the Peel Region Scheme Amendment No. 030/41 — South Western Highway — Waroona Deviation. (Tabled Paper 1250).

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Minister for Mental Health

Annual Reports —

National Environment Protection Council (2012–2013) (Date received 25/02/2014)..... 1247

4. Goods and Services Tax — Distribution

Motion No. 1 having been called, debate resumed on the motion of Hon Peter Katsambanis as follows —

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.

Question — put and passed.

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

Motion No. 2 having been called, Hon Sally Talbot, pursuant to notice, moved —

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.

Interruption pursuant to order.

6. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2013 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 11, *Sentencing Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*. (Leader of the House).

7. 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.

8. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Disability Services tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, a list of State Government and Local Government Agencies who have not lodged a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan with the Disability Services Commission, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Alanna Clohesy. (Tabled Paper 1251).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health tabled a document in relation to positions filled at the Fiona Stanley Hospital, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled Paper 1252).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Finance tabled a document in relation to the implementation of recommendations made by the Small Business Commissioner's Report on the Construction Subcontractor Investigation, in response to question on notice No. 665 asked by Hon Kate Doust. (Tabled Paper 1253).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy tabled a document in relation to Western Australian power stations accredited under the Renewable Energy Target Scheme, in response to question on notice No. 684 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 1254).

9. Local Government Amendment Bill 2013

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 7 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

10. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

Hon Robin Chapple, by leave, tabled a parliamentary internship report into the effectiveness of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. (Tabled Paper 1255).

11. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 9.51pm until Thursday, 27 February 2014 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Kate Doust.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council