

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2013

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. Restraining Orders Amendment Bill 2013

The Attorney General: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for “An Act to amend the *Restraining Orders Act 1997* and to make consequential amendments to the *Children’s Court of Western Australia Act 1988*.” be introduced and read a first time.

3. Fox and Wild Dog Bounty

Hon Rick Mazza: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Council supports an investigation into the establishment of a fox and wild dog bounty in Western Australia, similar to the Victorian model.

4. Review of the RSPCA

Hon Rick Mazza: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Council supports an investigation into the operations of the RSPCA, including an examination of its government funding, objectives and use of its powers.

5. Protection of the Identity of Journalists’ Informants

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That Motion No. 14, *Protection of the Identity of Journalists’ Informants*, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the Council.

Question — put and passed.

6. High Schools — Year Seven Plan

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

That this Council calls on the Government to, as a matter of urgency, develop, adequately fund and implement a transparent and comprehensive plan addressing all issues affecting the year seven transition to high schools, and in particular making allowance for the needs and concerns of small rural and regional communities.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. Vision for Agriculture

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

That this Council notes the importance of the Western Australian agricultural industry to our regional communities and our State economy and calls on the State Government to implement the policy measures outlined in The Nationals' *'Vision for Agriculture'* to support this industry by investing in —

- research and development;
- land and water;
- getting produce to market;
- investment and trade; and
- skills.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

8. Joint Standing Committee on Audit

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Mr President

Message No. 12

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

That the House, noting that the form of Legislative Council Standing Orders are a matter for the Legislative Council, agrees to the proposals referred to in Legislative Council Message No. 2 subject to the following amendments, to which the Legislative Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

No. 1

Delete the words in paragraph 9.2 and insert —

“ The Committee consists of the Members of the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations and the Members of the Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee. ”.

No. 2

Delete paragraph 9.3.

Mr I.M. Britza
Acting Speaker
Legislative Assembly Chamber
Perth, 13 June 2013

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That the Council agrees to the amendments contained in Legislative Assembly Message No. 12.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

9. Address-In-Reply

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

Debate resumed.

Hon Sally Talbot sought leave of the House to extend her speaking time.

Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Leader of the House the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

10. Supply Bill 2013

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

Debate resumed.

11. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food tabled documents in relation to the position of Place Manager for the Withers Urban Renewal Strategy, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Adele Farina. (Tabled Paper 310).

The Minister for Education tabled documents in relation to flights taken by executive staff of the Department of Education from 25 October 2012 to 13 June 2013, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Alanna Clohesy. (Tabled Paper 311).

12. Statement by President — Standard of Debate

The President made the following Statement —

Near the end of the first full week of sitting of the Legislative Council in the thirty-ninth Parliament, I would just like to remind Members that the Legislative Council has always prided itself on standards that reflect orderly, civilised and courteous conduct and debate. While I certainly do not want to see debate become sterile, and I accept that at times debate will be combative, I want to uphold those high standards in this Parliament. Over the last couple of days, without pointing out individuals, there has been a remark on racism, a couple of swear words dropped in debate, a reflection on what members may be doing outside, away from the Chamber, and there has been a reflection on the debate of Members in the other place, the Legislative Assembly. All of those instances are bordering on unacceptable, in my view. There are protocols and Standing Orders relating to all of those circumstances, and I urge Members to make themselves aware of those situations and adhere to them. I want to set those standards for this Parliament at the outset and retain them over the next four years.

13. Supply Bill 2013

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 10 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.20pm until Tuesday, 18 June 2013 at 3.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sue Ellery and Hon Alyssa Hayden.

MALCOLM PEACOCK
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council