

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**NO. 3**

**TUESDAY, MAY 22 2001, 11.00am**

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Petitions, Papers for Tabling, Notices of Motions for Disallowance, Notices of Motions to Introduce Bills, Notices of Motions, Questions on Notice, Questions without Notice, Urgency Motions, Motions Without Notice, Motions and Orders of the Day.

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**MOTIONS**

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**3. Impact of Greenhouse Gas Emissions** (*Notice given May 1 2001*)

Hon Jim Scott: To move -

That the House notes the implications of the rapid rise of Greenhouse gas emissions on the West Australian ecosystems, human population and economy and supports any measures intended to reduce these emissions and their impacts.

**4. Waste Management Impact on Health** (*Notice given May 1 2001*)

Hon Giz Watson: To move -

That this House notes the significant problems arising in the area of waste management including the impacts on health, remediation of sites contaminated by inappropriate disposal of waste and the siting of waste facilities.

**5. Impact of the GST on the State's Finances and Economy** (**Notice given May 2 2001**)

Hon Ken Travers: To move -

That the House notes the impact of the GST on the State's finances and economy.

**6. Repudiation of Nuclear Missile Reduction Treaties by the United States of America**  
(Notice given May 3 2001)

Hon Giz Watson: To move -

That this House, noting -

- (a) President Bush's repudiation of longstanding nuclear missile reduction treaties to which the United States is a signatory;
- (b) the likely consequences of the President's decision will trigger a new nuclear arms race and increase Australia's being attacked because of the strategic importance of the joint facilities located in various parts of the country,

calls upon the Commonwealth Government to bar port visits by United States warships and discontinue the use of US-Australian joint facilities for the deployment of nuclear missiles.

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**BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION**

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**1. Metropolitan Region Scheme (Fremantle Controlled Access Highways) Bill 2001** (Notice given May 2 2001)

Hon Jim Scott: To move -

That a Bill for "An Act to repeal the *Metropolitan Region Scheme (Fremantle) Act 1994*" be introduced and read a first time.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**1. Address-in-Reply**

Resumption of debate (Thursday, May 3 2001, Hon Bob Thomas) on motion of Hon Ken Travers

**2. Schedule 1 to Standing Orders - Repeal and Substitution**

Consideration in Committee

Leader of the House to move -

That Schedule 1 to Standing Orders is repealed and the following substituted -  
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**SCHEDULE 1**

**1. Legislation Committee**

1.1 *A Legislation Committee* is established.

1.2 The Committee consists of 7 members.

1.3 The functions of the Committee are -

- (a) to consider and report on any bill referred by the House;
- (b) to review the form and content of the statute book;

- (c) to inquire into and report on any proposal to reform an existing law;
  - (d) to consider and report on a bill referred under SO 230 (c).
- 1.4 Unless otherwise ordered, the policy of a bill referred under subclause 1.3(a) is excluded from the Committee's consideration.
- 2. Public Administration and Finance Committee**
- 2.1 *A Public Administration and Finance Committee* is established.
- 2.2 The Committee consists of 7 members.
- 2.3 The functions of the Committee are -
- (a) to inquire into and report on the structure, efficiency, effectiveness, and economic management of the system of public administration;
  - (b) to consider and report on any bill or other matter referred by the House;
  - (c) to inquire into and report on practice or procedure applicable or relating to administrative acts or decisions (either generally or in a particular case without inquiring into or reporting on the merits of the case);
  - (d) to inquire into and report on the existence, adequacy, or availability, of merit and judicial review of administrative acts or decisions;
  - (e) to consult regularly with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, the Auditor General, the Public Sector Standards Commissioner, the Information Commissioner, and any person holding an office of a like character.
- 2.4 Subject to subclause 2.3 (b), the following are excluded from inquiry by the Committee -
- (a) the Governor's establishment;
  - (b) the constitution and administration of Parliament;
  - (c) the operations of the Executive Council;
  - (d) a decision made by a person acting judicially;
  - (e) a decision made by a person to exercise, or not exercise, a power of arrest or detention.
- 3. Environment and Public Affairs Committee**
- 3.1 *An Environment and Public Affairs Committee* is established.
- 3.2 The Committee consists of 7 members.
- 3.3 The functions of the Committee are to inquire into and report on -
- (a) any public or private policy, practice, scheme, arrangement, or project whose implementation, or intended implementation, within the limits of the State is affecting, or may affect, the environment;
  - (b) bills that stand referred under SO 230 (ca), and any bill referred by the House;
  - (c) petitions.
- 3.4 The Committee, where relevant and appropriate, is to assess the merit of matters or issues arising from an inquiry in accordance with the principles of ecological sustainable development and the minimisation of harm to the environment.
- 3.5 The Committee may refer a petition to another committee where the subject matter of the petition is within the competence of that committee.

- 3.6 In this order “**environment**” has the meaning assigned to it under section 3(1), (2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

**4. Parliamentary Services Committee**

- 4.1 A *Parliamentary Services Committee* is established.
- 4.2 The Committee consists of 5 members.
- 4.3 It is the function of the Committee to advise the President on any matter under the joint control of the President and the Speaker and on any other matter referred to the Committee for its consideration by the President.
- 4.4 The Committee has power to confer with a committee of the Legislative Assembly having similar functions.
- 4.5 The Committee is not to exercise a power under section 4 or section 5 of the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1891* without prior order of the House on each occasion.

**5. Procedure and Privileges Committee**

- 5.1 A *Procedure and Privileges Committee* is established.
- 5.2 The Committee consists of the President and the Chairman of Committees (both *ex officio*), the Deputy Chairmen of Committees, and any members coopted by the Committee whether generally or in relation to a particular matter.
- 5.3 With any necessary modifications, SO 326A applies to a coopted member.
- 5.4 The Committee is to keep under review the law and custom of Parliament, the rules of procedure of the House and its committees, and recommend to the House such alterations in that law, custom, or rules that, in its opinion, will assist or improve the proper and orderly transaction of the business of the House or its committees.
- 5.5 Any rule or order under which a matter of privilege stands referred, or is referred, to a committee (however described) for inquiry and report is a reference to the Committee.

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**3. Building Societies Amendment Bill 2001 [LC 5-1] Leader of the House**

Second reading adjourned Hon Muriel Patterson (Thursday, May 3 2001).

**4. Standing Orders 53, 54, 55, 159, 165, 285 and 138 - Amendment and Repeal**  
(Notice given May 1 2001)

Resumption of debate (Wednesday, May 2 2001, Hon Muriel Patterson) on motion of Hon John Cowdell as follows -

- (1) Chapter VI of Standing Orders is amended -
- (2) by repealing Standing Orders 53 and 55;
- (3) in Standing Order 54 by deleting the word “new”.
- (4) Standing Orders 159, 165 and 285 are repealed and, in so doing, this House records that the repeals do not affect those proceedings of a ceremonial nature where it is customary that a motion be seconded.

(5) Standing Order 138 is amended by adding the following paragraph -

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- (d) If a question on the Notice Paper remains unanswered after 9 sitting days, the Minister or Member to whom the question is directed is to state at the conclusion of the period of oral questions on the next sitting day whether an answer will be provided and when that will occur.

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**5. Standing Order 230 - Amendment** (*Notice given May 1 2001*)

Consideration in Committee

Leader of the House: To move -

That Standing Order 230 is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the words “shall be adjourned” and substituting “stands adjourned without question put”;
- (b) by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraph;

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- (ca) A bill that has a schedule containing the text of an agreement to which the State is a party that, upon its enactment, would ratify and give statutory effect to that agreement stands referred to the *Environment and Public Affairs Committee* when debate is adjourned under paragraph (a);

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- (c) in paragraph (d) by deleting the words “*Constitutional Affairs Committee*” and substituting the words “*Legislation Committee*”.

\* For amendments see Supplementary Notice Paper #

For full text see Supplementary Notice Paper for other business before the House.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council