



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.
The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.
Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Message from His Excellency the Governor — Assent to Bills

The President reported the receipt of a Message from His Excellency the Governor assenting to the following Bills —

14 March 2024 — Message No. 7

Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2023

Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Amendment Bill 2023

Act No.

04 of 2024

05 of 2024

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Minister for Agriculture and Food

Directions —

Ministerial Direction from Minister for Planning to the State Administrative Tribunal — to refer Application DR 33 of 2024 between RUAH Community Services Ltd (Applicant) and the City of Perth (Respondent) to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 246(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 20053016

Plans —

Western Australian Planning Commission — Improvement Plan 60: Yanchep City Centre (January 2024).....3017

Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

Schemes —

Professional Standards Act 1997 (The Bar Association of Queensland Professional Standards Scheme (2024) G.G. 15/03/2024, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Professional Standards Scheme (Extension) G.G. 15/03/2024 and The CPA Australia Ltd Professional Standards (Accountants) Scheme (Extension) G.G. 15/03/2024)3018

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

Addendums —

WA Country Health Service — Annual Report (2022-23) (Date received 15/03/2024)3019

4. Legalise Cannabis (Referendum) Bill 2024

Hon Sophia Moermond: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for “An Act to provide for a referendum on the question of legalising cannabis in specific circumstances” be introduced and read a first time.

5. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Shire of Kondinin Amendment Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 9, *Land Tax Assessment Amendment (Residential Construction Exemptions) Bill 2023*. (Minister for Emergency Services).

6. Sentence Administration Amendment (Monitoring Equipment) Bill 2023

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

7. School Education Amendment Bill 2023

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Education moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting President announced that the Deputy Chair of Committees had certified that this was a true copy of the Bill as agreed to in Committee of the Whole House and reported.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

8. Rail Safety National Law Application Bill 2023

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

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Wilson Tucker.

Statement by President

The President made the following Statement —

I'd like to say Kia Orana to Mr Unuia Unuia, Technical Operations Coordinator and Ms Grace Tera loane, Senior Finance Officer, from the Cook Islands Parliament.

Unuia and Grace are spending the week at our Parliament as part of a professional development attachment supported by the Pacific Parliamentary Partnership Fund and will be viewing Question Time from the President's Gallery.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Colin de Grussa.

10. Rail Safety National Law Application Bill 2023

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 8 above*).

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

11. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2024

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 145 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3020).

Debate stands adjourned.

12. Electricity Industry Amendment (Alternative Electricity Services) Bill 2023

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Sally Talbot in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

13. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 9.04pm until Wednesday, 20 March at 1.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sue Ellery and Hon Shelley Payne.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council