



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2021

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. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

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Minister for Mental Health

Reports —

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3. Biodiversity Conservation (Exemptions) Amendment Order 2021 — Disallowance

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Biodiversity Conservation (Exemptions) Amendment Order 2021* published in the *Gazette* on 15 October 2021 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 26 October 2021 under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 814).

4. Early Childhood Sector

Motion No. 19 having been called, Hon Lorna Harper, pursuant to notice, moved —

That this House —

- (a) acknowledge that the early childhood sector provides vital education and care for children in the early years; and
- (b) recognises the sector's workforce in ensuring high quality safety, education and care of children.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

5. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Martin Aldridge in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 1 — Annual Report 2020–21

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Dr Steve Thomas, That the Report be noted.

Debate postponed pursuant to SO 110(2A) and (2B).

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 1 — *Annual Report 2020-21*, made progress, and postponed further consideration to the next sitting.

Report adopted.

6. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2021–2022

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer as follows —

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper No. 534A-D (2021–2022 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on 9 September 2021.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Colin de Grussa the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

7. Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Bill 2021

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 Mental Health on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled documents in relation to advice from the Chief Health Officer to the Premier regarding the mandatory vaccination of essential, high-risk and critical workers in Western Australia, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 828).

9. Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Bill 2021

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

Interruption pursuant to order.

10. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

11. Wittenoom Closure Bill 2021

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 42 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Lands moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Lands moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Lands tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 829).

Debate stands adjourned.

12. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.39pm until Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Pierre Yang.

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Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council