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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 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 —

31 August 2023 — Message No. 23	Act No.
Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023	18 of 2023
Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Rill 2023	19 of 2023

3. Petitions

Hon Peter Foster presented a petition from 70 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to investigate the lack of accessible dental services in Hedland. (Tabled Paper 2484).

Hon Neil Thomson presented an E-Petition from 2,405 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to inquire into electoral reform in Western Australia. (Tabled Paper 2485).

4. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

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Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

Regulations —

5. Leave of Absence — Hon Donna Faragher

Hon Dr Steve Thomas moved, without notice —

That leave be granted to Hon Donna Faragher for three sitting days due to urgent personal business.

Question — put and passed.

6. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Regulations (No.2) 2023 — Disallowance, and 2, City of Kalamunda Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2023 — Disallowance, be taken after Order of the Day No. 7, School Education Amendment Bill 2023. (Leader of the House).

7. Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Stephen Pratt in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health tabled the abortion procedure for foetuses up to nine weeks and after nine weeks. (Tabled Paper 2486).

Debate resumed.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health tabled the *Induced Abortions in Western Australia Report* by the Department of Health. (Tabled Paper 2487).

Debate resumed.

Hon Martin Pritchard, by leave, tabled information about abortion in South Australia from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Pregnancy Advisory Centre. (Tabled Paper 2488).

Debate resumed.

8. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 2489).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Heritage tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ben Dawkins. (Tabled Paper 2490).

9. Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (see item 7 above). The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8.

Debate ensued.

Hon Ben Dawkins moved —

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Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again.

10. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

11. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 8.58pm until Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 1.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Jackie Jarvis.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council