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Minutes of Proceedings



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2021

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Death of Hon Clive Griffiths AO — Motion of Condolence

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Hon Clive Griffiths, a former Member of the Legislative Council for the South Metropolitan Region and a former President of the Legislative Council; and places on record its appreciation for his long public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to members of his family in their bereavement.

The motion was supported by Members, including the President, and carried in silence; Members standing in their places.

3. Petitions

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 1,038 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to oppose the Alcoa Huntly Mine expansion and the proposed increase in production at the Pinjarra Refinery and bauxite export. (Tabled Paper 153).

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 548 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to investigate legislation and planning guidelines for the location, design and management of solid waste disposal sites and develop an exit plan for the Banksia Road Dardanup Waste Precinct and Landfill. (Tabled Paper 154).

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 829 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to recommend to Main Roads WA that the speed limit on Bussell Highway be reduced along the Capel boundaries. (Tabled Paper 155).

Hon Colin Holt presented a petition from 280 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to initiate an inquiry into community consultation and recommend that the State Government withdraw the current bio-security levy from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes. (Tabled Paper 156).

Hon Aaron Stonehouse presented a petition from 70 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to oppose the allocation of a primary school site on Morfontaine Parade, Port Kennedy. (Tabled Paper 157).

4. Ministerial Statement — Western Australia Hydrogen Industry

The Minister for Hydrogen Industry made a Ministerial Statement with respect to a funding commitment by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency towards two commercial-scaled Western Australian hydrogen projects.

5. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Addendums —

Corruption and Crime Commission — Annual Report (2019-20) 151

Minister for Mental Health

Addendums —

Western Australian Police Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 —
Assumed Identities Annual Reports (2013-2019) 152

6. Select Committee into the Transparency and Accountability of Government — Establishment

Motion No. 1 having been called, Hon Nick Goiran, pursuant to notice, moved —

- (1) A Select Committee into the Transparency and Accountability of Government is established.
- (2) The Select Committee is to —
 - (a) inquire into the partial non-compliance by Hon Sue Ellery with an order of the Council made on 4 November 2020;
 - (b) identify and inquire into other instances of non-compliance during the 40th Parliament by Ministers with laws and conventions pertaining to transparency and accountability, including but not limited to compliance with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*;
 - (c) monitor compliance with such laws and conventions for the duration of the 41st Parliament and inquire into any instances of non-compliance;
 - (d) identify new proposals, initiatives and reforms that may enhance transparency and accountability of Ministers and the departments and agencies for which they are responsible; and
 - (e) consider any other relevant matter.
- (3) The Select Committee shall consist of 5 members and comprise a majority of non-government members which is to include at least three members of the official opposition;
- (4) The Chair of the Select Committee shall be a member of the official opposition;
- (5) The Select Committee shall report from time to time on its progress and table its final report by no later than 28 November 2024.

Debate ensued.

7. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled the Office of Public Prosecutions proposed contract for the provision of a support dog, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 158).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled documents in relation to the rezoning of Lot 5780 Down Road South, Drome, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers. (Tabled Paper 159).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to regional locations where state-run COVID-19 vaccinations can be accessed, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

8. Select Committee into the Transparency and Accountability of Government — Establishment

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Nick Goiran (*see item 6 above*).

Point of Order

Hon Dr Steve Thomas raised the following Point of Order —

The seating plan I have has Hon Alanna Clohesy sitting in the seat over there. Maybe the seating plan is wrong. I am checking to see whether she should be in that seat or the other seat.

Acting President's Ruling

The Acting President ruled as follows —

I have had the opportunity to review the seating plan dated 4 May 2021 and, indeed, Hon Alanna Clohesy's allocated seat is immediately next to the Government Whip, not in the seat in which she is currently sitting. To the point of order, all interjections are unruly and, if a Member is seeking the call of the Chair, that can be done only from the Member's place in the Chamber unless raising a point of order whilst a division is in process. I remind Members of that and draw the seating plan to the attention of Hon Alanna Clohesy.

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

9. Address-In-Reply

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

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

10. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

Hon Diane Evers, by leave, tabled the report *Urban Stormwater in Perth: Strengths, Weaknesses and Recommendations for Future Management*. (Tabled Paper 160).

11. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.37pm until Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Charles Smith.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council