



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2021

2.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 2.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Ministerial Statement — Reconciliation Week 2021

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs made a Ministerial Statement with respect to National Reconciliation Week 2021.

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

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4. Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2021

Hon Dr Brian Walker: To move on the next day of sitting —

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981*." be introduced and read a first time.

5. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Review of the Standing Orders

The Leader of the House: To move on the next day of sitting —

- (1) That the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges be required to undertake a review of the Standing Orders with a view to —
 - (a) modernising the procedures of the House; and
 - (b) reviewing and adopting best practice from other Upper House Chambers in Australian Parliaments, including the Australian Senate.
- (2) The Committee make recommendations for new and amended Standing Orders.
- (3) The Committee is to report to the House no later than 10 August 2021.
- (4) The Committee is to provide an Interim Report on recommendations in respect to speaking time limits by 22 June 2021.

6. Contribution of Agricultural Industries and their Workers

Hon Shelley Payne: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House acknowledges the contribution to the State of Western Australia by our agricultural industries and their workers, acknowledge the contributions of those who have built these industries and commend the McGowan Government for its investment in their future.

7. Reform of Western Australia's Fines Enforcement Regime

Hon Pierre Yang: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House notes the historic reform of Western Australia's fines enforcement regime during the last term of Government and commends the McGowan Government on the meaningful difference this reform has provided to those in our community who experience genuine hardship as a result of their inability to pay a fine. In particular, this House notes in relation to the reform —

- (a) the impact of the commencement of the Work and Development Permit Scheme;
- (b) the reduction of individuals imprisoned as a result of fine default;
- (c) the introduction of garnishee orders and their impact in recovering payment for outstanding fines; and
- (d) the prohibition of issuing licence suspension orders for individuals whose last known address is in a remote area, addressing the disproportionate impact of suspended licences on individuals living in remote areas without public transport infrastructure.

8. Quarterly Financial Results Report

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House notes the latest Quarterly Financial Results Report shows the Government is on track to receive a record \$10.7 billion in royalty income this financial year, and asks the State Government how this windfall is being used to address —

- (a) the housing crisis in this State;
- (b) the homelessness crisis in this State;

- (c) the health crisis in this State, and
- (d) the mental health crisis in this State.

9. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *City of Bunbury Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 2, *Boxing Contest Rules 2020 — Disallowance*, 3, *Kickboxing Contest Rules 2020 — Disallowance*, 4, *MMA Contest Rules 2019 — Disallowance*, and 5, *Muay Thai Contest Rules 2020 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 7, *Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021*. (Leader of the House).

10. Address-In-Reply

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

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Colin de Grussa the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

11. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021

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

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the composition of the Western Australian public sector since 2017, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the conversion of public sector fixed term and casual staff to permanency since 2018, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Minister for Education and Training, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to 2021 school year current enrolments for each community kindergarten, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Emergency Services tabled grant agreements for volunteer associations supported by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, in response to question on notice 7 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 235).

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled documents in relation to the use of the ministerial charter aircraft between 1 December 2020 to date, in response to question on notice 9 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 236).

13. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 11 above*).

Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled a document in relation to the funding of election commitments under the Treasurer's advance. (Tabled Paper 237).

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer tabled a document in relation to the funding of Government departments under the Treasurer's advance. (Tabled Paper 238).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer tabled a summary breakdown of the total funding commitments under the Treasurer's advance. (Tabled Paper 239).

Debate resumed.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Deputy President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Martin Aldridge in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer moved, That the Chair report progress and seek to sit again at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Question — put and passed.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again at a later stage of this day's sitting.

14. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 7, *Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

15. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 13 above*).

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Peter Foster in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Deputy President resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

The Deputy 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.

16. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 6, *Address-in-Reply*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

17. Address-In-Reply

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

Hon Peter Collier, by leave, tabled an email from Barry Court AM detailing the Margaret Court Community Outreach submission for a Lotterywest grant. (Tabled Paper 240).

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

18. Order of Business

Ordered — That Members' Statements be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

19. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

20. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 9.17pm until Wednesday, 2 June 2021 at 1.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members.

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council