

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**No. 186**

**THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2020**

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**1. Meeting of Council**

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

**2. Papers**

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

**President**

*Reports —*

Inspector of Custodial Services, Office of the — 2019 Inspection of Karnet Prison Farm  
(Report No. 127) (January 2020)..... 3702

**Leader of the House**

*Annual Reports —*

Curtin University (2019) (Date received 18/03/2020)..... 3703

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South Metropolitan TAFE (2019) (Date received 18/03/2020)..... 3708

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**3. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 80 — Part 2: Annual Report Hearings**

Hon Alanna Clohesy presented Report 80 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Part 2: Annual Report Hearings*. (Tabled Paper 3710).

**4. COVID-19**

Hon Alison Xamon: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House —

- (1) Notes the Government's response to COVID-19 pandemic in Western Australia.
- (2) Acknowledges that there are sectors of our society and economy that remain in significant need of further support.
- (3) Calls on the Government to address the needs of these sectors of our society and economy with targeted support and continued fiscal stimulus during this stressful period.

### 5. **Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Bill 2020**

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Tim Clifford, pursuant to notice, moved –

That a Bill for “An Act to provide for —

- targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the increase in renewable energy generation; and
- a climate change strategy and other measures that address climate change; and
- the establishment of the Climate Change Council,

and for related purposes.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Hon Tim Clifford moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Hon Tim Clifford tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3711).

Debate stands adjourned.

### 6. **Royalties for Regions Amendment Bill 2019**

Non-Government Members’ Business No. 2 having been called for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

### 7. **Restoring Faith in the Western Australian Economy**

Private Members’ Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That the Legislative Council acknowledges the hard work of the Treasurer, Hon Ben Wyatt, in restoring faith in the Western Australian economy which has enabled the McGowan Government to —

- (a) stop the spiralling growth of Government debt;
- (b) improve our credit rating;
- (c) limit the increase to household expenditure;
- (d) build new infrastructure; and
- (e) negotiate a better deal for all Western Australians from our Federal Government.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

### 8. **Western Australian Future Fund Amendment (Future Health Research and Innovation Fund) Bill 2019**

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.

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#### In Committee

(Hon Simon O’Brien in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled a document, regarding a breakdown of current Research Development Unit research programs proposed to be funded from the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund. (Tabled Paper 3712).

## 9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the potential expansion of the Bendat Basketball Centre, in response to question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Minister for Disability Services tabled a document in relation to a meeting of the COAG Disability Reform Council regarding COVID–19, in response to question without notice asked by Hon Jacqui Boydell. (Tabled Paper 3713).

The Minister for Environment tabled documents in relation to Fortescue Marsh Management Strategy: 2018–2024, in response to question on notice 2795 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 3714).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to COVID–19 testing in various State hospitals, in response to question without notice asked by Hon Jacqui Boydell.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled documents in relation to Minister for Health’s visit to the Agricultural Region on 9 January 2020, in response to question on notice 2762 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3715).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled documents in relation to leading causes of potentially preventable hospitalisations in children aged 0–14 years in the Pilbara Region (2014–2018), in response to question on notice 2794 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 3716).

## 10. Western Australian Future Fund Amendment (Future Health Research and Innovation Fund) Bill 2019

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 8 above*).

The President left the Chair.

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### In Committee

(Hon Simon O’Brien in the Chair)

Clause 1

Debate resumed.

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

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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.

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

## 11. Members’ Statements

Statements were taken.

## 12. Financial Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 165 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3717).

Debate stands adjourned.

**13. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 6.08 pm until Tuesday, 31 March 2020 at 2.00pm.

**Members present during the day's proceedings**

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Robin Chapple and Hon Alannah MacTiernan.

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON KATE DOUST MLC**

President of the Legislative Council