



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024

10.00am

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am 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 Bill

The President reported the receipt of a Message from His Excellency the Governor assenting to the following Bill —

15 May 2024 — Message No. 15

Land Tax Assessment Amendment (Build-to-Rent) Bill 2023

Act No.

22 of 2024

3. Live Sheep Export

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Steve Martin moved, without notice —
That this House —

- (1) Condemns the Federal Labor Government for their cynical and reckless decision to ban the live export of sheep from Australia and in particular Agriculture Minister the Honourable Murray Watt for delivering the news via an online forum.
- (2) Condemns the Federal Labor Government for the totally inadequate and insulting transition support package and timeline for phase out being offered to the WA livestock sector.
- (3) Supports the Western Australian agriculture sector and calls on the Federal Government to reverse their decision to ban the live sheep trade.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

International Day of Living Together in Peace

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Kate Doust moved, without notice —
That this House —

- (a) acknowledges that today is International Day of Living Together in Peace, a significant occasion that encourages dialogue and action towards promoting peace, tolerance and understanding;
- (b) recognises the importance of living together in peace and that embracing cultural diversity is essential for achieving sustainable peace and harmony in a globalised world; and

- (c) notes that fostering empathy and compassion is the key to achieving lasting peace and harmony in our global community.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

4. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, Shire of Williams Cats Local Law 2024 — Disallowance, and 2, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Cat Local Law 2023 — Disallowance, be taken after Order of the Day No. 8, *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment (Sex or Gender Changes) Bill 2024*. (Minister for Emergency Services).

5. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2024–2025

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

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 3131A-E (2024–2025 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday, 9 May 2024.

Debate resumed.

The Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled a document in relation to the General government total revenue expenditure for 1997–2027. (Tabled Paper 3154).

The Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled a document detailing the Asset Investment Program graph (2004–2027). (Tabled Paper 3155).

The Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled a document detailing a Sustainable — Unsustainable wealth creating chart (1970–2023). (Tabled Paper 3156).

The Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled A document detailing the General government revenue and public sector wages graph (2021–2017). (Tabled Paper 3157).

On the motion of Hon Peter Foster the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

6. Firearms Bill 2024

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill, debate resumed on the motion of the Hon Peter Collier, as follows —

That the *Firearms Bill 2024* be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration and report by no later than 13 August 2024.

7. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mental Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industrial Relations tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 3158).

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Premier, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Neil Thomson.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Minister for Finance tabled a response to question on notice asked by Hon Steve Martin. (Tabled Paper 3159).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water tabled a response to question on notice asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt. (Tabled Paper 3160).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brian Walker.

8. Firearms Bill 2024

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill, on the motion of the Hon Peter Collier, as follows (*see item 6 above*) —

That the *Firearms Bill 2024* be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration and report by no later than 13 August 2024.

Interruption pursuant to order.

9. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

10. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.45pm until Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at 1.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sue Ellery and Hon Samantha Rowe.

SAM HASTINGS
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC
President of the Legislative Council