

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Speaker –

Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Speaker’s response to Report 1: Turning to India: Investing in our future – The findings and recommendations of Report No. 10 of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee in the 40th Parliament (499).

By the Clerk –

Agricultural Produce Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (500).

Biosecurity Council of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (501).

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (502).

Commissioner for Children and Young People – Independent Review into the Department of Communities’ policies and practices in the placement of children with harmful sexual behaviours in residential care settings (503).

Construction Industry Long Service Leave Scheme – Annual Report 2020–2021 (504).

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions – Annual Report 2020–2021 (505).

Department of Education – Annual Report 2020–2021 (506).

Department of the Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (507).

Department of Training and Workforce Development – Annual Report 2020–2021 (508).

Gender Reassignment Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (509).

Gold Corporation – Annual Report 2020–2021 (510).

Great Southern Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (511).

Kimberley Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (512).

Land Administration Act 1997 – Proposal No. 1/2021 under the Act for the cancellation of Class B Reserve 7491 to create a new Reserve in order to facilitate the change of purpose of Reserve to Hall Site Recreation and Bush Fire Brigade in the City of Armadale (513).

Landcare Trust – Annual Report 2020–2021 (514).

Local Government Standards Panel – Annual Report 2020–2021 (515).

Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (516).

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (517).

National Trust of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (518).

Office of the Public Advocate – Annual Report 2020–2021 (519).

Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (520).

Peel Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (521).

Pilbara Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (522).

Prisoners Review Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (523).

Public Education Endowment Trust – Annual Report 2020–2021 (524).

South West Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (525).

State Training Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (526).

Surveillance Devices Act 1988 – Corruption and Crime Commission Annual Report 2020–2021 (527).

Swan River Trust – Annual Report 2020–2021 (528).

Training Accreditation Council – Annual Report 2020–2021 (529).

Veterinary Surgeons' Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (530).

Water Corporation – Annual Report 2020–2021 (531).

Western Australian Meat Industry Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (532).

Western Australian Regional Development Trust – Annual Report 2020–2021 (533).

Wheatbelt Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (534).

WorkCover – Annual Report 2020–2021 (535).

3. Notice of Motion

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Health on the 25th anniversary of the inception of the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office.

The Minister for Health on the return of the midwifery teams to the Geraldton Health Campus.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs on the final report of the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Electoral Affairs –

Electoral Affairs, Minister for – Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform, Final Report, June 2021 (536).

The Minister for Child Protection on the report of the Commissioner for Children and Young People *Independent Review into the Department of Communities' policies and practices in the placement of children with harmful sexual behaviours in residential care settings*.

The Minister for Innovation and ICT on the WA Innovator of the Year program.

The Minister for Fisheries on the launch of a new wheelchair accessible vessel by Fishability at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr D.R. Michael, on behalf of the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable Private Members' Business to have priority from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 15 September 2021. Question put and passed.

6. Poseidon Nickel Agreement Amendment (Termination) Bill 2021

The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade, pursuant to notice, moved, That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Poseidon Nickel Agreement Act 1971* to provide for the ratification of an agreement for the termination of the Poseidon Nickel Agreement and for related purposes." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Dr D.J. Honey moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Appropriation (Recurrent 2021–22) Bill 2021

Appropriation (Capital 2021–22) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bills was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms L.A. Munday speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice No. 197 was answered.

9. Matter of Public Interest – Electoral Reform

The Speaker informed the Assembly that she was in receipt of a notice from Ms M.J. Davies that she intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Ms M.J. Davies moved,

That this House condemns the Premier and his arrogant government for maintaining a sneaky agenda on electoral reform, cutting regional representation, and failing to take this critical issue to the 2021 State Election.

Debate ensued.

The Attorney General moved, To delete all words after “House” and insert –

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thanks Malcolm McCusker and the independent Ministerial Expert Committee on its report on electoral reform and endorses reforms that ensure the Legislative Council is fair, democratic and equal for all Western Australians.

”.

On the question, That the words to be deleted, be deleted,
Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (43)

Mr S.N. Aubrey	Mr W.J. Johnston	Ms M.M. Quirk
Mr G. Baker	Mr D.J. Kelly	Ms A. Sanderson
Ms H.M. Beazley	Ms E.J. Kelsbie	Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Dr A.D. Buti	Dr J. Krishnan	Ms J.J. Shaw
Mr J.N. Carey	Mr P. Lilburne	Ms R.S. Stephens
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke	Mr M. McGowan	Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Ms C.M. Collins	Ms S.F. McGurk	Dr K. Stratton
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr D.R. Michael	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Ms D.G. D’Anna	Mr K.J.J. Michel	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr M.J. Folkard	Mr S.A. Millman	Ms C.M. Tonkin
Ms K.E. Giddens	Ms L.A. Munday	Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms E.L. Hamilton	Mrs L.M. O’Malley	Ms S.E. Winton
Ms M.J. Hammat	Mr S.J. Price	Ms C.M. Rowe (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr T.J. Healy	Mr D.T. Punch	
Mr M. Hughes	Mr J.R. Quigley	

Noes (5)

Ms M.J. Davies	Mr R.S. Love	Mr P.J. Rundle (<i>Teller</i>)
Dr D.J. Honey	Ms L. Mettam	

Amendment thus passed.

Business interrupted by the Chair and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members’ Business Notice of Motion No. 10 be next considered.

11. Local Communities – Health, Housing and Skills

Mr R.S. Love, on behalf of Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the Treasurer and the Labor government for delivering a budget which abandons our local communities while failing to rectify the ongoing health, housing and skills challenges plaguing our State.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

12. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of the Order of the Day for the Matter of Public Interest be resumed.

13. Matter of Public Interest – Electoral Reform

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the vote upon the amendment moved by the Attorney General, to the motion moved by Ms M.J. Davies (see paragraph 9), was read.

On the question, That the words to be inserted, be inserted,

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (36)

Mr G. Baker	Ms E.J. Kelsbie	Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms H.M. Beazley	Dr J. Krishnan	Ms M.M. Quirk
Dr A.D. Buti	Mr P. Lilburne	Ms A. Sanderson
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke	Mr M. McGowan	Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms C.M. Collins	Ms S.F. McGurk	Ms R.S. Stephens
Ms D.G. D’Anna	Mr D.R. Michael	Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mr M.J. Folkard	Mr K.J.J. Michel	Dr K. Stratton
Ms E.L. Hamilton	Mr S.A. Millman	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Ms M.J. Hammat	Ms L.A. Munday	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr T.J. Healy	Mrs L.M. O’Malley	Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr S.J. Price	Ms S.E. Winton
Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr D.T. Punch	Ms C.M. Rowe (<i>Teller</i>)

Noes (4)

Ms M.J. Davies	Ms L. Mettam
Dr D.J. Honey	Mr P.J. Rundle (<i>Teller</i>)

Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (36)

Mr G. Baker	Ms E.J. Kelsbie	Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms H.M. Beazley	Dr J. Krishnan	Ms M.M. Quirk
Dr A.D. Buti	Mr P. Lilburne	Ms A. Sanderson
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Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr S.J. Price	Ms S.E. Winton
Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr D.T. Punch	Ms C.M. Rowe (<i>Teller</i>)

Noes (4)

Ms M.J. Davies	Ms L. Mettam
Dr D.J. Honey	Mr P.J. Rundle (<i>Teller</i>)

Question thus passed.

Motion, as agreed to by the House –

That this House thanks Malcolm McCusker and the independent Ministerial Expert Committee on its report on electoral reform and endorses reforms that ensure the Legislative Council is fair, democratic and equal for all Western Australians.

14. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People

The Acting Speaker advised members that the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People had resolved to review the merits of appointing an Aboriginal Commissioner for Children and Young People in Western Australia. The Committee will report by 18 November 2021.

15. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be resumed.

16. Appropriation (Recurrent 2021–22) Bill 2021

Appropriation (Capital 2021–22) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bills was read.

Debate resumed.

Mr D.R. Michael moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

17. Adjournment

Mr D.R. Michael moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 9.15 pm until Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mr V.A. Catania, Ms L. Dalton, Ms J.L. Hanns, Ms A.E. Kent, Mr H.T. Jones, Mr P. Papalia and Mr D.A. Templeman.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly