

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 225

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2020

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. Ministerial Statement — Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health made a Ministerial Statement with respect to Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Annual Reports —

Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board (2019-20) (Date received 14/10/2020)..... 4476

Prisoners Review Board (2019-20) (Date received 14/10/2020) 4477

State Administrative Tribunal (2019-20) (Date received 14/10/2020) 4478

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Law Reform Commission — Section 40 Estimates (2020-21) 4479

Minister for Environment

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Landgate Annual Report (2019-20) 4480

Minister for Regional Development

Annual Reports —

Primary Industries and Regional Development, Department of (2020)
(Date received 14/10/2020)..... 4481

4. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 6 — Annual Report 2019–2020

Hon Dr Sally Talbot presented Report 6 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, *Annual Report 2019–2020*. (Tabled Paper 4482).

5. Recruiting agricultural and hospitality skilled workers in regional Western Australia

Hon Colin de Grussa: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House —

- (a) notes the current impact and future issues with recruiting agricultural and hospitality skilled workers in regional Western Australia;
- (b) calls on the State Government to provide transparency on its plans to ensure skilled workers in these sectors are available as soon as possible; and
- (c) discusses strategies to improve the availability and reliability of such workers to strengthen the resilience and populations of regional Western Australia.

6. Game and Feral Animal Control Bill 2018

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 2, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 3, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 6, *Shire of Narembeen Cemeteries Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 7, *Shire of Narembeen Fencing Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 8, *Curtin University Statute No. 12 — Admission and Enrolment — Disallowance*, 9, *Curtin University Statute No. 5 — Election of Council Members — Disallowance*, and 11, *Mines and Petroleum Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 39, *Criminal Law (Unlawful Consorting) Bill 2020*. (Minister for Regional Development).

8. Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations (No. 2) 2020 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 4, *Transport Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations (No. 2) 2020 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

9. Energy Operators (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) (Charges) Amendment By-laws 2020 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 5, *Energy Operators (Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation) (Charges) Amendment By-laws 2020 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

10. Vocational Education and Training (Colleges) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 10, *Vocational Education and Training (Colleges) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

11. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2020–2021

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

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 4389A-D (2020–2021 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday, 8 October 2020.

Debate resumed.

12. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to heritage or cultural sites within Hanson Quarry, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robin Chapple.

The Minister for Education and Training tabled documents in relation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training's visit to the Agricultural region on 30 July 2020, in response to question on notice 3193 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 4483).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy tabled documents in relation to successful applicants to the Horizon Power Community Partnerships program, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 4484).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled documents in relation to the total volume of water supplied by the West Pilbara Water Supply Scheme since 2009, in response to question on notice 3036 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4485).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled documents in relation to the Millstream water reserve water supply, in response to question on notice 3037 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4486).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled the *Bungaroo Coastal Water Supply Bore Field Annual Aquifer Review 2019*, in response to question on notice 3038 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4487).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled documents in relation to hydrological connectivity along the Uralla Creek and Blina Creek floodplain, in response to question on notice 3047 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4488).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to question on notice 3150 asked by Hon Robin Chapple will be provided on 22 October 2020.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to question on notice 3167 asked by Hon Robin Chapple will be provided on 5 November 2020.

13. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Annual Reports —

Communities, Department of (2019-20) (Date received 15/10/2020) 4489

Annual Reports — Extension of Time —

Housing Authority Annual Report (2019-20) 4490

Point of Order

Hon Nick Goiran raised the following Point of Order —

I rise under Standing Order 4(2), which reads —

In all cases that are not provided for in these Standing Orders or by Temporary or other Orders, the President shall determine a matter with reference to the custom and practice of the Council, and may refer to parliamentary practice in other relevant jurisdictions.

The Leader of the House has just tabled the annual report for the Department of Communities. I received a memo earlier today advising that the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations requires Members to lodge any questions that they have with regard to annual reports by 5.00 pm tomorrow. Under Standing Order 4 it is unfair and unreasonable for Members of Parliament to be expected to digest what I suspect will be a very significant annual report from this megadepartment and expect Members to then put questions on notice via the electric lodgement system within less than 24 hours. I seek your ruling.

President's Ruling

The President ruled as follows —

Although you might think there is a constraint on putting questions on notice for that particular report, it does not prevent the Member from raising questions at the appropriate time during the session of estimates that deals with that report, whenever that occurs. Therefore, it does not prevent a Member from asking questions in due course.

14. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2020–2021

Debate resumed on the motion of the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer (*see item 11 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

15. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

16. Pay-roll Tax Relief (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2020

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 225 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

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

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 4491).

Debate stands adjourned.

17. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.40pm until Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Colin Holt, Hon Kyle McGinn and Hon Robin Scott.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON KATE DOUST MLC
President of the Legislative Council