



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023

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. Ministerial Statement — *Ex Gratia* payment to Scott Austic

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the *ex gratia* payment made for the wrongful conviction of Mr Scott Austic for the murder of Ms Stacey Thorne.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled the *Report to Attorney General on Aspects Arising out of the Trial of Mr Scott Austic by the Corruption and Crime Commission*. (Tabled Paper 2223).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled a statement of reasons for an *ex gratia* payment made to Mr Scott Austic. (Tabled Paper 2224).

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Reports —

Department of Health — Chief Health Officer's Inquiry into Aeromedical Services in Western Australia (June 2022).....2221

Documents —

Government Response to recommendations of the Chief Health Officer's Inquiry into Aeromedical Services in Western Australia (June 2022).....2222

4. Select Committee into Child Development Services — Inquiry into Child Development Services — Extension of time

Hon Dr Sally Talbot presented an Interim Report of the Select Committee into Child Development Services, *Inquiry into Child Development Services — Extension of time*. (Tabled Paper 2225).

Hon Dr Sally Talbot moved, without notice —

That the reporting date for the Select Committee into Child Development Services inquiry into Child Development Services be extended from 31 August 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Hon Dr Sally Talbot sought leave to continue her remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.
 Leave granted.
 Debate stands adjourned.

5. Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 — Disallowance

Hon Lorna Harper: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022* published in the *Gazette* on 8 March 2023 and tabled in the Council on 14 March 2023 under the *Cat Act 2011* and the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 2066).

6. Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022 — Disallowance

Hon Lorna Harper: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022* published in the *Gazette* on 8 March 2023 and tabled in the Council on 14 March 2023 under the *Dog Act 1976* and the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 2067).

7. Government Accountability

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dr Steve Thomas moved, without notice —

That this House notes the McGowan Government's inability to —

- (a) accept proper oversight of its activities;
- (b) deliver gold standard transparency; and
- (c) deliver its project on time and on budget, and

calls on the Government to provide accurate and timely information instead of trying to avoid proper scrutiny.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

8. Management of National Parks — Aboriginal People's Commitment

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Rosetta Sahanna moved, without notice —

That the Legislative Council —

- (a) acknowledges the importance of supporting Aboriginal people's commitment to the long-term management of Western Australia's national parks; and
- (b) notes the McGowan Government's strong commitment to the Aboriginal Ranger Program and initiatives such as Plan for Our Parks to provide on-country employment opportunities and investment into the joint management of conservation reserves.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

9. Order of Business

Ordered — That Bills for Introduction be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

10. Sports and Entertainment Trust Bill 2023

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation, pursuant to notice, moved —

That a Bill for “An Act —

- to establish the Sports and Entertainment Trust; and
- to repeal the *Western Australian Sports Centre Trust Act 1986* and the *Western Australian Sports Centre Trust (Traffic) Regulations 2017*; and
- to make consequential amendments to various Acts.”

be introduced and read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 2226).

Debate stands adjourned.

11. Order of Business

Ordered — That the Order of the Day in relation to the Select Committee into Child Development Services, *Inquiry into Child Development Services — Extension of time*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

12. Select Committee into Child Development Services — Inquiry into Child Development Services — Extension of Time

The Order of the Day having been called for the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon Dr Sally Talbot as follows —

That the reporting date for the Select Committee into Child Development Services, *Inquiry into Child Development Services* be extended from 31 August 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

13. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2023–2024

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

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 2203A-E (2023–2024 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on 11 May 2023.

Debate ensued.

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

14. Government Trading Enterprises Bill 2022

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

Clause 14.

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 17.

Debate ensued.

15. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas. (Tabled Paper 2227).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Steve Martin.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas. (Tabled Paper 2228).

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Colin de Grussa. (Tabled Paper 2229).

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

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brian Walker.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to question on notice 1274 asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt will be provided on 13 June 2023.

16. 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 —

18 May 2023 — Message No. 15

Local Government Amendment Bill 2023

Act No.

11 of 2023

17. Statement by President — Legislative Assembly Estimates Hearings

The President made the following Statement —

When the House rises this evening I ask that you take a moment to clear your desks of personal and work material prior to leaving Parliament, as this Chamber will be occupied by the Legislative Assembly next week for their budget estimates hearings.

Any items remaining on desks tonight will be cleared by staff and retained until the next sitting week.

18. Statement by President — Liz Kerr — Acting Deputy Clerk

The President made the following Statement —

I would like to acknowledge that today is the last sitting day that we will have the services of Liz Kerr, in what has been her second stint as Acting Deputy Clerk in this Chamber.

After performing the role between August and October last year, Liz joined us again in February whilst the Clerk has been on leave.

Liz, once again, I thank you for the important work that you have done for us in the Legislative Council and your approachable work style, which I know Members have appreciated specifically.

You have ably supported our Acting Clerk, Paul Grant. Paul thank you for stepping into the role, allowing us all to continue with confidence and clarity. We thank you both sincerely and wish you all the very best.

19. Government Trading Enterprises Bill 2022

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 14 above*).

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

Clause 17.

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy 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.

20. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt, by leave, tabled complaint letters on behalf of the children at Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18, Casuarina, (Tabled Paper 2230).

21. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.41pm until Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Neil Thomson.

PAUL GRANT

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council