

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 34

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.00 am 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 Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (537).

ChemCentre – Annual Report 2020–2021 (538).

Children and Young People, Commissioner for – Annual Report 2020–2021 (539).

Coal Miners' Welfare Board of Western Australia, The – Annual Report 2020–2021 (540).

Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment – Annual Report 2020–2021 (541).

Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (542).

Disability Services Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (543).

Economic Regulation Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (544).

Equal Opportunity Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (545).

Gascoyne Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (546).

Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (547).

Government Employment Superannuation Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (548).

Health and Disability Services Complaints Office – Annual Report 2020–2021 (549).

Health Support Services – Annual Report 2020–2021 (550).

Healthway – Annual Report 2020–2021 (551).

Hedland Maritime Initiative – Annual Report 2020–2021 (552).

Infrastructure Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (553).

Insurance Commission of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (554).

Justice, Department of – Annual Report 2020–2021 (555).

Law Reform Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (556).
 Legal Aid Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (557).
 Legal Costs Committee – Annual Report 2020–2021 (558).
 Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee – Annual Report 2020–2021 (559).
 Lotterywest – Annual Report 2020–2021 (560).
 Lotterywest – Statement of Corporate Intent 2021–2022 (561).
 Main Roads Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (562).
 Mid-West Development Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (563).
 Mid-West Ports Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (564).
 Mines Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of – Annual Report 2020–2021 (565).
 Pilbara Ports Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (566).
 Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (567).
 Premier and Cabinet, Department of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (568).
 Public Sector Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (569).
 Public Trustee – Annual Report 2020–2021 (570).
 Quadriplegic Centre – Annual Report 2020–2021 (571).
 Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Trust – Annual Report 2020–2021 (572).
 Rural Business Development Corporation – Annual Report 2020–2021 (573).
 Western Australia Police Force – Annual Report 2020–2021 (574).
 Western Australian Electoral Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (575).
 Western Australian Reproductive Technology Council – Annual Report 2020–2021 (576).
 Western Australian Treasury Corporation – Annual Report 2020–2021 (577).

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Treasurer on the late tabling of 2020–21 Annual Reports.

Papers

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

By the Treasurer –

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Treasurer advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Governor’s Establishment (578).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Treasurer advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Department of Treasury (579).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Treasurer advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Fire and Emergency Services Superannuation Board (580).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Medical Research; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Science advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Department of Health, the Child and Adolescent Health Service, the South Metropolitan Health Service, the East Metropolitan Health Service, the WA Country Health Service, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA, the Animal Resources Authority and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (581).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the North Metropolitan Health Service (582).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Education and Training advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (583).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Mental Health advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Mental Health Commission (584).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (585).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Heritage advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Tourism Western Australia, Perth Theatre Trust, Art Gallery of Western Australia, State Library of Western Australia, Western Australian Museum and the Swan Bells Foundation Inc. (586).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Tourism advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Rottnest Island Authority (587).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Professional Standards Council (588).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Gold Corporation, Energy Policy WA, Western Power, Horizon Power, Synergy and the Coal Miners' Welfare Board of Western Australia (589).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Department of Transport, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Public Transport Authority (590).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Lands advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for Landgate (591).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Sport and Recreation advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for VenuesWest (592).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Sport and Recreation advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Combat Sports Commission (593).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Community Services advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Department of Communities (594).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Bunbury Water Corporation (Trading as Aqwest), Busselton Water and the Forest Products Commission (595).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Commerce advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Keep Australia Beautiful Council, and the Zoological Parks Authority (596).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Racing and Gaming advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Reports for the Gaming and Wagering Commission of WA and the Racing Penalties Appeals Tribunal (597).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Racing and Gaming advising the House of a late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association (598).

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 notice from the Minister for Housing; Local Government advising the House of the late tabling of the 2020–21 Annual Report for the Housing Authority (599).

The Minister for Health on WA Country Health Service clinicians receiving National Palliative Care Awards.

The Minister for Tourism on the 20th Ord Valley Muster.

The Minister for Tourism on the 2021 CinefestOZ film festival.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the India COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund.

The Minister for Emergency Services on the Western Australian Fire and Emergency Services Conference and Awards.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming on new regulations for alcohol harm minimisation in the Kimberley.

4. Speaker's Statement – Grievances

The Speaker advised members that grievances would not be taken for this day's sitting.

5. Procedure and Privileges Committee

Mr S.J. Price, as Deputy Speaker, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Procedure and Privileges Committee – Report on a Person Adversely Referred to in the Legislative Assembly – Hon Simon O'Brien, Report No. 1 (600).

Mr S.J. Price moved, That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

6. Economics and Industry Standing Committee

Mr P.C. Tinley, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Annual Report 2020–2021, Report No. 2 (601).

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

Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Commissioner for Children and Young People, Joint Standing Committee on the – Annual Report 2020–2021, Report No. 1 (602).

8. Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

Ms L. Mettam, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee – Annual Report 2020–21, Report No. 1 (603).

9. Education and Health Standing Committee

Mr C.J. Tallentire, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Education and Health Standing Committee – Annual Report 2020–21, Report No. 1 (604).

Ms C.M. Collins, Ms L.A. Munday and Mr K.J.J. Michel spoke on the report.

10. Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Bill 2021

The Minister for Electoral Affairs, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act –

- to amend the *Constitution Act 1889*, the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* and the *Electoral Act 1907*; and
- to make consequential amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*; and
- to repeal the *Electoral (Ballot Paper Forms) Regulations 1990*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

11. 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 J.L. Hanns speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

12. Members' Statements

The Acting Speaker called for members' statements which were then made.

13. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

14. Papers

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

By the Speaker –

Legislative Assembly, Department of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (605).

Legislative Council, Department of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (606).

Parliamentary Services Department – Annual Report 2020–2021 (607).

Information Commissioner, Office of the – Annual Report 2020–2021 (616).

By the Clerk –

Chief Psychiatrist of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (608).

Development WA – Annual Report 2020–2021 (609).

Finance, Department of – Annual Report 2020–2021 (610).

Fire and Emergency Services, Department of – Annual Report 2020–2021 (611).

Fremantle Ports – Annual Report 2020–2021 (612).

Kimberley Ports Authority – Annual Report 2020–2021 (613).

Southern Ports – Annual Report 2020–2021 (614).

Western Australian Coastal Shipping Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (615).

15. Speaker's Statement – Release of Committee Documents

The Speaker advised members that under the provisions of Standing Order 32, she had approved the release to Hon Robin Chapple of certain evidence provided to the former Legislative Assembly Select Committee into Wittenoom.

16. Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms M.J. Davies, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith –

That this House condemns the Labor Government for using the guise of group ticket voting reform to push through changes to our electoral system which will reduce regional representation.

The Leader of the House moved, To add to the motion –

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, subject to the debate being limited to 10 minutes for government members and 10 minutes for non-government members.

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Amendment put and passed.

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

Question put.

The Speaker having counted the House, and an absolute majority being present and there being no dissentient voice, declared the motion, as amended, to be carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the House.

17. Electoral Reform

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House condemns the Labor Government for using the guise of group ticket voting reform to push through changes to our electoral system which will reduce regional representation.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (5)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle (*Teller*)

Noes (40)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Ms H.M. Beazley
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Ms M.J. Hammat
Ms J.L. Hanns
Mr M. Hughes
Mr D.J. Kelly

Ms E.J. Kelsbie
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price
Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms R. Saffioti

Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms J.J. Shaw
Ms R.S. Stephens
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Dr K. Stratton
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

18. Estimates Management Committee

The Leader of the House presented the Report of the Management Committee for the Estimates Committees 2021.

Paper

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

By the Leader of the House –

Estimates Committees 2021, Management Committee for the – Report of the Management Committee for the Estimates Committees (617).

Question proposed, That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

19. Variation to the Order of Business

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

20. 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.

Question put and passed.

Appropriation (Recurrent 2021–22) Bill 2021 read a second time and the Bill and Estimates were referred to Estimates Committees A and B.

21. Appropriation (Capital 2021–22) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the bill was read.

Question put and passed.

Appropriation (Capital 2021–22 Bill 2021 read a second time and the Bill and Estimates were referred to the Estimates Committees A and B.

22. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 2.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

23. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 4.37 pm until Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 2.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr G. Baker, Ms L.L. Baker, Mr V.A. Catania, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Mr T.J. Healy, Mr W. J. Johnston and Ms A. Sanderson.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly