



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2022

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.
The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.
Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Statement by President — 2022-23 Budget Estimates

The President made the following Statement —

I have received the following correspondence —

Dear President

2022-23 Budget Estimates

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations (Committee) seeks your permission to hold the 2022-23 Budget estimates hearings in the Legislative Council Chamber in the week commencing Monday 20 June 2022. I advise that the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council has agreed to concede that sitting week for the hearings.

In the meantime, I ask that you advise the Council of the following arrangements for the Committee's consideration of the 2022-23 Budget Estimates:

- (1) The Committee will hold hearings in the week commencing 20 June 2022.
- (2) Members are encouraged to participate in the evidence gathering process by asking questions prior to, during, and after hearings, and by nominating agencies to appear for a hearing.
- (3) The Electronic Lodgement System will open for questions prior to hearing on Thursday 12 May 2022, with the release of the Budget, and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022.
- (4) Members may nominate agencies to appear, for the Committee to consider, by 5pm on Tuesday 17 May 2022.
- (5) The Committee will email Members the Procedure Policy, which will set out the key processes and deadlines, and timetable for hearings once finalised.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Andrew Hawkes, Advisory Officer, on 9222 7274 or lcefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC

Chair

3. Petition

Hon Neil Thomson presented a petition from 558 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to investigate crime and anti-social behaviour across the Kimberley. (Tabled Paper 1207).

4. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

**Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Disability Services on behalf of the
Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General**

Directions —

Ministerial Direction by the Minister for Energy under the Electricity Corporations Act 2005 to the Electricity Networks Corporation.....	1205
Ministerial Direction by the Minister for Energy under the Electricity Corporations Act 2005 to the Regional Power Corporation.....	1206

5. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

- (1) That the House at its rising on Thursday, 16 June 2022, adjourn until 2.00pm on Tuesday, 9 August 2022, so as to facilitate the annual Budget estimates hearings.
- (2) That the Annual Sitting Schedule tabled by the Leader of the House on 26 October 2021 be varied so that the Council will meet on:
 - (a) Tuesday, 30 August 2022;
 - (b) Wednesday, 31 August 2022; and
 - (c) Thursday, 1 September 2022.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The President having counted the Council, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

6. Leave of Absence — Hon Rosetta Sahanna

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That leave of absence be granted to Hon Rosetta Sahanna for two sitting days due to urgent personal business.

Question — put and passed.

7. Investment in Early Years

Motion No. 10 having been called, Hon Donna Faragher, pursuant to notice, moved —

That this House —

- (a) recognises that the early years are identified as a critical period in a child's life marked by rapid and significant changes in their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development; and
- (b) calls on the McGowan Government to significantly increase its investment in this critical area.

Debate ensued.

The Leader of the House moved to amend the motion as follows —

In paragraph (b) — To delete "calls on the McGowan Government to significantly increase its" and insert:

recognises the importance of

Debate ensued.

Amendment — put and passed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

8. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Sally Talbot in the Chair)

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 85 — Consideration of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Peter Collier, That the Report be noted.

Debate postponed pursuant to SO 110(2A) and (2B).

Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 1 — Annual Report 2020-2021

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Neil Thomson, That the Report be noted.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —

- (1) Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 85 — *Consideration of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 1 — *Annual Report 2020-2021*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

9. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *City of Vincent Local Government Property Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 7, *Sentencing Legislation Amendment (Persons Linked to Terrorism) Bill 2021*. (Minister for Emergency Services).

10. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill. Debate ensued.

11. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to public housing, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Steve Martin.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to GROH properties, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Steve Martin.

The Minister for Emergency Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the disaster recovery funding package for Cyclone Seroja impacted communities, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

12. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 10 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

13. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.52pm until Thursday, 7 April 2022 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon James Hayward, Hon Sophia Moermond (suspended), Hon Rosetta Sahanna (leave), Hon Matthew Swinbourn and Hon Darren West.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council