

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 165

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019

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. Petitions

Port Gregory Lagoon – Mr R.S. Love presented a petition from 61 people asking the Legislative Assembly to prevent an aquaculture licence from being granted within Port Gregory Lagoon (P. 156).

Permanent Doctor in Denham – Mr V.A. Catania presented a petition from 168 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the Minister for Health to support regional families and instate a permanent doctor in Denham (Shark Bay) (P. 157).

Airfares for Regional WA – Mr V.A. Catania presented a petition from 151 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the State Government to provide affordable airfares for regional Western Australia (P. 158).

3. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Opinions on Ministerial Notifications, Report No. 11, October 2019 (2980).

Construction Contracts Act 2004 – Report of the Building Commissioner Report under section 52 of the Act for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (2981).

Western Australian Treasury Corporation – Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ending 30 September 2019 (2982).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Youth on the 2019 WA Youth Awards.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on his ministerial visit to Europe and the United States.

Paper

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By the Minister for Mines and Petroleum –

Mines and Petroleum, Minister for – Report on the Ministerial Visit to Europe and the United States, September 2019 (2983).

The Minister for Police on the success of a WA Police operation into the criminal activities of the Rebels Outlaw Motorcycle Gang.

The Minister for Local Government on the Governor declaring four elected member positions vacant at the Town of Port Hedland.

5. Health Services Amendment Bill 2019

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend —

- the *Health Services Act 2016*; and
- the *Mental Health Act 2014*; and
- the *Motor Vehicle (Catastrophic Injuries) Act 2016*; and
- the *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Act 1966*; and
- the *University Medical School, Teaching Hospitals, Act 1955*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mrs A.K. Hayden moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. Western Australian Future Fund Amendment (Future Health Research and Innovation Fund) Bill 2019

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

Debate resumed.

Speaker's Statement – Absolute Majority Requirement

The Speaker advised members that the second reading of the bill required an absolute majority and that he would be required to divide the House if there was a dissenting voice.

Question put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the Assembly.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7.

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

7. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 5706 to 5714 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 5511 and 5575 were answered.

8. Matter of Public Interest – Working With Children Checks

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he was in receipt of a notice from Mr A. Krsticevic that he intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Mr A. Krsticevic moved,

That this House calls on the McGowan Government to do more to protect vulnerable children, including an immediate referral to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee to investigate the dangerous shortcomings of the Working With Children Check.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (19)

Mr I.C. Blayney
Mr V.A. Catania
Ms M.J. Davies
Mrs L.M. Harvey
Dr D.J. Honey
Mr P.A. Katsambanis
Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup

Mr A. Krsticevic
Mr S.K. L'Estrange
Mr R.S. Love
Mr W.R. Marmion
Mr J.E. McGrath
Ms L. Mettam
Dr M.D. Nahan

Mr D.C. Nalder
Mr K.M. O'Donnell
Mr D.T. Redman
Mr P.J. Rundle
Mrs A.K. Hayden (*Teller*)

Noes (34)

Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms J. Farrer
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms J.M. Freeman
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr D.J. Kelly
Mr F.M. Logan

Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Mr M.P. Murray
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price
Mr D.T. Punch
Mrs M.H. Roberts
Ms C.M. Rowe

Ms A. Sanderson
Ms J.J. Shaw
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr D.R. Michael (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

9. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 9 and 11 be next considered.

10. Southern Rangelands – Drought Response

Mr V.A. Catania, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House calls on the Premier to implement an immediate response to the drought crisis affecting the Southern Rangelands in order to mitigate the enormous toll inaction is having on animal welfare, pastoralists and regional communities.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Water speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

11. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 31 October 2019 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr M. Hughes, Ms M.M. Quirk and Ms R. Saffioti.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly