

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 2002

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### 1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon John Cowdell, took the Chair and read prayers.

### 2. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by -

#### **Minister for Racing and Gaming**

*Reports -*

Interstate and Overseas Travel undertaken by Ministers, Members of Parliament and Officers on Official Business for the three months ended 30 September 2001 .... 1376

### 3. Order of Business

The Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, without notice -

That Motion No. 27 *Government's Pre-Election Claims on the Public Health System*, be taken before Motion No. 26, *Funding, Management and Provision of Primary Health Services by Aboriginal Health Services - Appointment of Select Committee*.

Question - put and passed.

### 4. Government's Pre-Election Claims on the Public Health System

Motion No. 27 having been called.

Hon Simon O'Brien continued his introductory remarks in moving the following motion -

That this House -

Recalls the Labor Party's pre-election claims that it "understood the public health system" and "would fix the health system" and calls upon the Government to explain -

- (a) why the State's health system is under more pressure now than it was in February 2001, especially in relation to staffing;
- (b) why it has cut back rural health services;
- (c) why the Minister for Health will not support an MRI scanner for the Southern Metropolitan Area;
- (d) the failure to obtain a PET scanner;

- (e) why it has halved funding for the Central Waitlist Bureau;
- (f) why it has sacked country hospital boards;
- (g) the inadequacy of emergency services to outer suburban areas; and
- (h) the inadequacy of funding for health services generally.

*Want of Quorum*

There not being a quorum present, the Deputy President gave instructions for the ringing of the Bells. A quorum being formed, Hon Simon O'Brien continued his introductory remarks.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 195].

## 5. Consideration of Committee Reports

The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of Committee reports.

The President left the Chair.

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**In Committee**

(Hon George Cash in the Chair)

### ***Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs - First Report - Overview of Petitions and Inquiries - August 2001 - December 2001***

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Christine Sharp, That the Report be noted.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 61A].

## 6. City of Armadale - Environment, Animals and Nuisance Local Laws 2002 - Disallowance

Hon Robin Chapple, by leave: To move on the next day of sitting -

That the *City of Armadale - Environment, Animals and Nuisance Local Laws 2002* published in the *Gazette* on March 1 2002 and tabled in the Legislative Council on March 12 2002 under the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and are hereby disallowed.

## 7. Labour Relations Reform Bill 2002

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

Debate resumed.

## 8. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were asked by Hon Norman Moore, Hon Barry House, Hon Murray Criddle, Hon Robin Chapple, Hon Frank Hough, Hon Simon O'Brien, Hon Dee Margetts, Hon Barbara Scott, Hon Jim Scott, Hon Paddy Embry, Hon Alan Cadby, Hon Giz Watson and Hon Adele Farina.

## 9. Labour Relations Reform Bill 2002

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (cf item 7 above).

*Extension of Time* - Leave granted to Hon Barry House to extend his speaking time.

Debate continued.

*Interruption of Debate* [SO 61b].

## 10. Special Adjournment

The Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, without notice -

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, May 7 2002.

Question - put and passed.

**11. Adjournment**

The Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The House adjourned at 6.26pm until Tuesday, May 7 2002 at 3.30pm.

**Members present during the day's proceedings**

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Kim Chance, Hon Peter Foss and Hon Tom Stephens.

**L B MARQUET**  
Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON JOHN COWDELL**  
President of the Legislative Council