

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2010

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 2.00pm pursuant to Temporary Orders.

The President, Hon Barry House, took the Chair and read prayers.

2. Petition

Hon Alison Xamon presented a petition from 35 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council urge the Attorney General to adopt recommendations 22 to 25 of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia Final Report *Court Intervention Programs: Project No. 96 (June 2009)* in relation to the establishment of Mental Impairment Court Intervention Programs. (Tabled paper 2716).

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by -

President

Auditor General's Papers -

ICT Procurement in Health and Training (Report 9) (October 2010)..... 2710

Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Transport

Annual Reports -

Geraldton Port Authority (2009-2010) (Date received 12/10/2010) 2711

Minister for Energy

Annual Reports -

Local Government Standards Panel (2009-2010) (Date received 12/10/2010)..... 2712

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Prisoners Review Board (2009-2010) (Date received 12/10/2010) 2714

Supervised Release Review Board (2009-2010) (Date received 12/10/2010) 2715

4. Government Training Policy

Motion No. 1 having been called, debate resumed on the motion of Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich as follows -

That this House condemns the Minister for Training for his failure to produce a training policy and calls on the Minister to outline what he will do to assist industry and Western Australian workers who have been adversely impacted by the global financial crisis, and calls on the Minister to outline -

- (a) his Government's policies to deal with the impact of the global financial crisis on workers who lose their jobs and need retraining;
- (b) how many training places will be delivered to apprentices and trainees over four years;
- (c) how many training places will be delivered in green skills areas;
- (d) how much funding will be allocated by the State Government to retraining retrenched workers across the state;
- (e) how much funding will be allocated to VET in schools; and
- (f) what is the Government's plan for training infrastructure in Western Australia.

Question - put.

The House divided.

Ayes (7)

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm
Hon Kate Doust
Hon Adele Farina
Hon Jon Ford

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich
Hon Sally Talbot
Hon Ed Dermer (*Teller*)

Noes (17)

Hon Liz Behjat
Hon Jim Chown
Hon Peter Collier
Hon Mia Davies
Hon Wendy Duncan
Hon Brian Ellis
Hon Donna Faragher
Hon Philip Gardiner
Hon Nick Goiran

Hon Nigel Hallett
Hon Alyssa Hayden
Hon Col Holt
Hon Robyn McSweeney
Hon Michael Mischin
Hon Norman Moore
Hon Helen Morton
Hon Ken Baston (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

5. Government Small Business Policy

Motion No. 2 having been called, Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, pursuant to notice, moved -

- (1) That this House condemns the Minister for Commerce for his failure to produce a small business policy and calls on the Minister to outline what he will do to assist small businesses and Western Australian workers who have been adversely impacted by the global financial crisis.
- (2) That this House calls on the Minister to explain -
 - (a) his Government's policies to deal with the impact of the global financial crisis on small business and the thousands of workers who lose their jobs and require retraining;
 - (b) what strategies he has put in place to protect small business and their workers;

- (c) what practical assistance is available to small businesses that go bust and the thousands of workers who lose their jobs; and
- (d) why he has been asleep at the wheel whilst small business in Western Australia go under.

Interruption pursuant to Temporary Orders.

6. Consideration of Committee Reports and Ministerial Statements

Pursuant to Temporary Orders for the consideration of Committee Reports and Ministerial Statements.

In Committee

(Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm in the Chair)

Cost of Living Rebate Scheme - Ministerial Statement and Tabled Paper

The Leader of the House moved, That consideration of the Ministerial Statement and Tabled Paper be postponed to the next sitting of the House.

Question - put and passed.

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Seventh Report - Hearing with Robert Cock QC

Hon Nick Goiran moved, That the Report be noted.

7. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Environment tabled a map in relation to low, intermediate and high rainfall zones as defined in the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013), in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Giz Watson. (Tabled paper 2717).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, a scheduled list of refurbished properties and sold properties in relation to the New Living Program in Port Hedland, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled paper 2718).

The Minister for Energy tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, a document in relation to the proposed 330 kilovolt transmission line from Perth to Geraldton, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Kate Doust. (Tabled paper 2720).

The Minister for Energy tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, a document in relation to electricity tariff increases (2009-2010), in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Kate Doust. (Tabled paper 2721).

The Minister for Training and Workforce Development tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to the number of apprentices employed under the Priority Start Building Policy, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Ljiljana Ravlich. (Tabled paper 2719).

The Minister for Energy tabled an answer in relation to average residential electricity bills issued by Horizon for specific suburbs for the period April to August 2010, in response to question on notice No. 2769 asked by Hon Kate Doust. (Tabled paper 2722).

The Minister for Environment, in accordance with Standing Order No. 138(d), advised that an answer to question on notice No. 2722 asked by Hon Giz Watson will be provided on Tuesday, 19 October 2010.

The Minister for Environment tabled a Code of Conduct for Manta Ray interaction in Ningaloo Marine Park, in response to question on notice No. 2734 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled paper 2723).

8. Consideration of Committee Reports and Ministerial Statements

Pursuant to Temporary Orders for the consideration of Committee Reports and Ministerial Statements.

In Committee

(Hon Jon Ford in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Seventh Report - Hearing with Robert Cock QC

Hon Nick Goiran continued his introductory remarks in moving, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

Minerals and Petroleum - Exploration Incentive Scheme - Ministerial Statement

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Ministerial Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to Temporary Orders.

The Deputy President resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the -

- (1) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission - Seventh Report - Hearing with Robert Cock QC and had noted same.
- (2) Minerals and Petroleum - Exploration Incentive Scheme - Ministerial Statement, made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Report adopted.

9. Approvals and Related Reforms (No. 1) (Environment) Bill 2009

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported -

Mr President

Message No. 137

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the *Approvals and Related Reforms (No. 1) (Environment) Bill 2009* without amendment.

Ms L.L. Baker

Acting Speaker

Legislative Assembly Chamber

Perth, 13 October 2010

10. Cement Works (Cockburn Cement Limited) Agreement Amendment Bill 2010

The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Deputy President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as agreed to in Committee, and reported.

Debate ensued.

Question - put.

The House divided.

Ayes (26)

Hon Liz Behjat
 Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm
 Hon Helen Bullock
 Hon Jim Chown
 Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Mia Davies
 Hon Ed Dermer
 Hon Kate Doust
 Hon Brian Ellis
 Hon Donna Faragher
 Hon Adele Farina
 Hon Jon Ford
 Hon Philip Gardiner

Hon Nick Goiran
 Hon Nigel Hallett
 Hon Alyssa Hayden
 Hon Col Holt
 Hon Robyn McSweeney
 Hon Michael Mischin
 Hon Norman Moore
 Hon Helen Morton
 Hon Simon O'Brien
 Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich
 Hon Sally Talbot
 Hon Ken Travers
 Hon Ken Baston (*Teller*)

Noes (4)

Hon Lynn MacLaren
 Hon Giz Watson

Hon Alison Xamon
 Hon Robin Chapple (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

11. Railway (Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Bill 2010

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

Debate resumed.

Question - put.

The House divided.

Ayes (26)

Hon Liz Behjat
 Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm
 Hon Helen Bullock
 Hon Jim Chown
 Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Mia Davies
 Hon Ed Dermer
 Hon Kate Doust
 Hon Brian Ellis
 Hon Donna Faragher
 Hon Adele Farina
 Hon Jon Ford
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 Hon Michael Mischin
 Hon Norman Moore
 Hon Helen Morton
 Hon Simon O'Brien
 Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich
 Hon Sally Talbot
 Hon Ken Travers
 Hon Ken Baston (*Teller*)

Noes (4)

Hon Robin Chapple
 Hon Lynn MacLaren

Hon Alison Xamon
 Hon Giz Watson (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Deputy President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Helen Morton in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to Temporary Orders.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had considered the Bill, made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered - That the Committee have leave to sit again.

12. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

13. Adjournment

The House adjourned at 10.11pm until Thursday, 14 October 2010 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Phil Edman, Hon Sue Ellery, Hon Linda Savage and Hon Max Trenorden.

NIGEL LAKE

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE

President of the Legislative Council