



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021

10.00am

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Report 61 — Progress Report: Supreme Court Proceedings and Matters of Privilege Arising in the 40th Parliament

The President presented Report 61 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Progress Report: Supreme Court Proceedings and Matters of Privilege Arising in the 40th Parliament*. (Tabled Paper 191).

3. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges

Hon Simon O'Brien moved, without notice —

That Recommendation 1 contained in Report No. 61 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Progress Report: Supreme Court Proceedings and Matters of Privilege Arising in the 40th Parliament*, be adopted and agreed to.

Stands adjourned to the next sitting.

4. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges

Hon Simon O'Brien moved, without notice —

That Recommendation 2 contained in Report No. 61 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Progress Report: Supreme Court Proceedings and Matters of Privilege Arising in the 40th Parliament*, be adopted and agreed to.

Stands adjourned to the next sitting.

5. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges

Hon Simon O'Brien moved, without notice —

That Recommendation 3 contained in Report No. 61 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Progress Report: Supreme Court Proceedings and Matters of Privilege Arising in the 40th Parliament*, be adopted and agreed to.

Stands adjourned to the next sitting.

6. Petitions

Hon Alison Xamon presented a petition from 9,526 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to make recommendations to the Government to ban greyhound racing, allow two years for a phase out of the industry, assist industry participants in reskilling, rehome every dog and approve a few breeders to continue as registered breeders for greyhounds as pets only. (Tabled Paper 192).

Hon Alison Xamon presented a petition from 1,153 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to recommend that the Government bans greyhound racing, prohibits dog transfers overseas and interstate and supports adoption programs for current racing dogs. (Tabled Paper 193).

7. Electoral Reform

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Martin Aldridge moved, without notice —

That the Legislative Council —

- (a) notes the commitment of the Premier of Western Australia who repeatedly stated that electoral reform was 'not on the agenda' just days prior to the State election;
- (b) notes that immediately following the last election and with total control of the Parliament, the Minister for Electoral Affairs has commenced a flawed inquiry to provide for 'electoral equality' for all citizens entitled to vote for the Legislative Council;
- (c) recognises the further disenfranchisement of regional communities that will occur by eroding their representation in the Parliament of Western Australia; and
- (d) calls on all parliamentary parties represented in the Parliament of Western Australia to allow their Members to vote in accordance with their conscience and their constituents and not along party lines when considering any legislative proposal for reform.

Debate ensued.

Hon Martin Aldridge, by leave, tabled documents in relation to electoral reform in Western Australia. (Tabled Paper 194).

Debate resumed.

Hon Martin Aldridge, by leave, tabled a letter from himself to Professor John Phillipmore in relation to electoral reform in Western Australia. (Tabled Paper 195).

Debate resumed.

Motion lapsed.

8. 1946 Pilbara Strike

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Laurie Graham moved, without notice —

That this House recognises and celebrates the courage and determination of the Pilbara Aboriginal station workers, who, 75 years ago, took a stand for justice and commenced Australia's longest strike. We acknowledge their actions became an inspiration for a generation of Australians and an important milestone in the march to equality.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

9. Address-In-Reply

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Colin de Grussa the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

10. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 2 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer moved, That the Bill be read a first time.
Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 196).

Debate stands adjourned.

11. Parliamentary Services Committee — Membership

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Madam President

Message No. 3

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that for the present Session the Parliamentary Services Committee shall consist of the Speaker, and the members for Churchlands, Kalgoorlie, Roe, Victoria Park and Warren-Blackwood.

Hon M.H. Roberts

Speaker

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12. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Appointment

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Madam President

Message No. 4

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the following resolution –

“That for the present Parliament, in accordance with Legislative Assembly Standing Orders 288 to 292, a Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council.”,

and requests the Legislative Council to agree to a similar resolution.

Hon M.H. Roberts

Speaker

Legislative Assembly Chamber

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Ordered — That consideration of Message No. 4 be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Appointment

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Madam President

Message No. 5

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the following resolution –

“That for the present Parliament –

- (a) pursuant to section 51 of the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006*, a Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council.
- (b) The Joint Standing Committee shall comprise 2 members appointed by the Legislative Assembly and 2 members appointed by the Legislative Council.
- (c) It is the function of the Joint Standing Committee to —
 - (i) monitor, review and report to Parliament on the exercise of the functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People;
 - (ii) to examine Annual and other Reports of the Commissioner; and
 - (iii) to consult regularly with the Commissioner.
- (d) A report of the Joint Standing Committee will be presented to the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council by members of the Joint Standing Committee nominated by it for that purpose.
- (e) The Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly relating to Standing and Select Committees will be followed as far as they can be applied”,

and requests the Legislative Council to agree to a similar resolution.

Hon M.H. Roberts

Speaker

Legislative Assembly Chamber

Perth, 12 May 2021

Ordered — That consideration of Message No. 5 be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Address-in-Reply*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

15. Address-In-Reply

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

16. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to Alcoa of Australia Ltd.’s export of raw bauxite from the State, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers.

The Minister for Regional Development, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to Alcoa’s recent application (EPA)(Assessment No. 2253) to directly export 2.5 million tonnes of bauxite each year, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers.

The Minister for Regional Development, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to Alcoa's Huntly mine in the Darling Range, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers.

17. Address-In-Reply

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (*see item 15 above*).

Hon Martin Aldridge sought leave to continue his remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Leave granted.

On the motion of Hon Colin de Grussa the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

18. Order of Business

Ordered — That Members' Statements be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

19. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

20. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.55pm until Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Charles Smith.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council