



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023**

**10.00am**

### 1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

### 2. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

#### **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training**

*Reports —*

AQWEST — Statement of Corporate Intent (2023-24).....2322

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### 3. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 89 — Consideration of the 2021-22 Annual Reports

Hon Peter Collier presented Report 89 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Consideration of the 2021-22 Annual Reports*. (Tabled Paper 2324).

### 4. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 88 — Funding of homelessness services in Western Australia

Hon Peter Collier presented Report 88 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Funding of homelessness services in Western Australia*. (Tabled Paper 2325).

### 5. Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Report 62 — Petition No. 029 – Request for an independent review of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions prescribed burning practices

Hon Peter Foster presented Report 62 of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, *Petition No. 029 – Request for an independent review of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions prescribed burning practices*. (Tabled Paper 2326).

### 6. Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Report 63 — Overview of Petitions 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

Hon Peter Foster presented Report 63 of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, *Overview of Petitions 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022*. (Tabled Paper 2327).

**7. Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People — Report 6 — Hungry for Change: Addressing food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty**

Hon Neil Thomson presented Report 6 of the Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, *Hungry for Change: Addressing food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty*. (Tabled Paper 2328)

**8. Shire of Augusta Margaret River Cat Local Law 2023 — Disallowance**

Hon Lorna Harper: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *Shire of Augusta Margaret River Cat Local Law 2023* published in the *Gazette* on 24 March 2023 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 28 March 2023 under the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 2115).

**9. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2023 — Disallowance**

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2023* published in the *Gazette* on 19 May 2023 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 13 June 2023 under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021*, be and are hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 2236).

**10. End Homelessness**

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt: To move on the next day of sitting —

This House acknowledges that it is Homelessness Week and that the theme for 2023 is "It's time to end homelessness" and calls on the Cook Government to —

- (a) fund housing and homeless services in a manner that will end functional homelessness in Western Australia, and;
- (b) to adopt all of the recommendations of the Inquiry by the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations into Funding of Homelessness Services in Western Australia.

**11. Community Services Sector — Government Funding**

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

That this House —

- (a) recognises the invaluable contribution made by the community services sector in providing critical support and care to Western Australians every day;
- (b) acknowledges that with ever-increasing cost-of-living and other pressures impacting individuals and families, the sector is facing unprecedented demand for both emergency relief and other essential services; and
- (c) calls on the Cook Labor Government to provide an immediate significant uplift in funding to support the sector.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 12. Deaths in Workplaces

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

That this House —

- (a) notes the recent tragic and avoidable deaths in workplaces within Western Australia;
- (b) recognises that all workers should be able to go to work and return home safely; and
- (c) expresses its condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have died.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 13. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, 2, *Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, 3, *Shire of Wyalkatchem Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, 4, *Shire of Wyalkatchem Cats Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, 5, *Shire of Wyalkatchem Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, and 6, *City of Subiaco Waste Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 9, *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023*.

(Leader of the House).

## 14. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2023–2024

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer as follows —

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 2203A-E (2023–2024 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on 11 May 2023.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Hon Peter Foster the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

## 15. Order of Business

Ordered — That Bills for introduction No. 2 be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

## 16. School Education Amendment Bill 2023

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education, pursuant to notice, moved —

That a Bill for "An Act to amend the *School Education Act 1999*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 2329).

Debate stands adjourned.

**17. Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel National Law Application) Bill 2023**

The Acting President reported the receipt of Message No. 114 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Minister for Emergency Services on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister assisting the Minister for Transport tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 2330).

Debate stands adjourned and Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review [SO 126].

**18. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023 and Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023**

The Orders of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of these Bills cognately.

Debate resumed.

**19. Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

**20. Statement by President — Legislative Council Estimates Hearings**

The President made the following Statement —

When the House rises this evening I ask that you take a moment to clear your desks of personal and work material prior to leaving Parliament as this Chamber will be occupied next week for the Legislative Council budget estimates hearings.

Any items remaining on desks tonight will be cleared by staff and retained until the next sitting week.

**21. Statement by President — Tina O'Connor — Retirement**

The President made the following Statement —

Members, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Executive Officer to the Office of the President, Ms Tina O'Connor. As Members will be aware, Tina is leaving Parliament on 30 June this year. Tina has served as the Executive Officer for two Presidents over the last six years and has undertaken the diversity of the role with gusto. Tina is well regarded by Members and the broader parliamentary community. We thank Tina for her contribution to this place and wish her all the best for her future endeavours

## **22. Statement by President — Peter Gale — Retirement**

The President made the following Statement —

In recent months, some of you may have noted the absence of a key member of the Legislative Council's staff during the evening sittings. I advise that Peter Gale, one of the longest serving Chamber support staff, is transitioning to retirement, with this day likely to be his last sitting day, after 28 years of service to the Parliament.

Peter, who is affectionately referred to by his colleagues as "mild-mannered Peter Gale" or "the World's loudest whisperer", commenced his parliamentary career in March 1995 as a Security Officer in the Parliamentary Services Department.

In November 2000, Peter was seconded to the Legislative Council as a Parliamentary Officer for an initial period of 12 months. That secondment quickly became a permanent appointment, and Peter became a trusted and reliable member of staff.

In August 2012 Peter was promoted to Deputy Usher of the Black Rod and has served the Legislative Council in that capacity until very recently when he commenced the transitional arrangements.

Outside of this place, Peter is well known as a frequent user of the parliamentary gym, and I am reliably informed that he has lifted every weight in the room at least twice.

Peter has also been a regular fixture with the Parliamentary Sports Club. He has been an integral member of the club and has assisted the Western Australian Parliamentary Bowls team to three consecutive victories at the Interstate Parliamentary Bowling Carnivals between 2012 and 2014.

For a time, Peter was also the secretary of the Parliamentary Sport Club, and as some Members will know, organised many of the sporting events members of this House have participated in, including the cricket matches against the press and bowling matches against the Western Australian Police.

Peter is well regarded by his colleagues and Members alike, and I hope you join me in wishing Peter well as he continues his journey into a well-deserved retirement.

## **23. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023 and Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023**

Cognate debate resumed on the second reading of these Bills (*see item 18 above*).

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

## **24. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

## **25. Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Bill 2023**

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 115 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 2331).

Debate stands adjourned.

**26. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 5.39pm until Tuesday, 8 August 2023 at 2.00pm.

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

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Martin Aldridge, Hon Sandra Carr, Hon Kate Doust and Hon Sophia Moermond.

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC**

President of the Legislative Council