



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.
The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.
Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. METRONET

Motion No. 11 having been called, Hon Tjorn Sibma, pursuant to notice, moved —
That this House —

- (a) recognise that at a staggering capital cost of \$13 billion, the enormous 400 per cent blow out in METRONET, has impeded, and continues to thwart the planning and delivery of other important infrastructure projects across the entirety of Western Australia;
- (b) note that METRONET's expected recurrent costs, including future Public Transport Authority operating subsidies, will constrain expenditure on the delivery of other key government services across and beyond the future estimates period, and weaken Western Australia's future capacity to respond to deepening problems and changing circumstances; and
- (c) acknowledge that the Minister for Transport's seven years of grossly mismanaging the METRONET project are indicative of the Cook Labor Government's incompetence and fixation on wrong priorities.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing Minister for Transport moved, without notice —
To delete paragraphs (a) to (c) and insert:

- (a) notes that public transport is key to the continued growth and prosperity of Western Australia;
- (b) commends the Cook Labor Government's investment in METRONET, which is creating employment and educational opportunities for people living in Perth's suburbs;
- (c) condemns the Liberals and Nationals' record of attacks on rail, which includes:
 - (i) closing the Fremantle Line;
 - (ii) decimating regional rail services;
 - (iii) closing the Midland Railway Workshops;
 - (iv) selling the Westrail Freight business;

- (v) privatising our freight rail network;
- (vi) failing to deliver the twice-promised Ellenbrook Rail Line;
- (vii) failing to deliver MAX Light Rail;
- (viii) closing the Tier 3 rail network; and
- (ix) trying to kill off the AvonLink;
- (d) notes that any moves to significantly reduce public transport subsidisation will:
 - (i) increase the cost of living for families;
 - (ii) lead to more congestion; and
 - (iii) isolate some of the most vulnerable members of our community;
- (e) calls on the Liberal Party to outline its plan to increase public transport fares and privatise services before the next State Election.

Debate ensued.

Amendment — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (18)

Hon Klara Andric
 Hon Dan Caddy
 Hon Sandra Carr
 Hon Stephen Dawson
 Hon Kate Doust
 Hon Sue Ellery
 Hon Lorna Harper
 Hon Jackie Jarvis
 Hon Ayor Makur Chuot

Hon Kyle McGinn
 Hon Shelley Payne
 Hon Stephen Pratt
 Hon Martin Pritchard
 Hon Samantha Rowe
 Hon Matthew Swinbourn
 Hon Darren West
 Hon Pierre Yang
 Hon Peter Foster (*Teller*)

Noes (9)

Hon Martin Aldridge
 Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Louise Kingston
 Hon Steve Martin
 Hon Tjorn Sibma

Hon Dr Steve Thomas
 Hon Neil Thomson
 Hon Dr Brian Walker
 Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Amendment thus passed.

Debate resumed on the motion, as amended.

Motion, as amended — put and passed.

3. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

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

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Peter Collier, That the Report be noted.

Debate interrupted and postponed pursuant to SO 110(2A).

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Report 62 — Petition No. 29 — Request for an independent review of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions prescribed burning practices

Hon Peter Foster moved, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —

- (1) Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 88 — *Funding of homelessness services in Western Australia*, made progress and postponed further consideration to the next sitting.
- (2) Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Report 62 — *Petition No. 29 — Request for an independent review of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions prescribed burning practices*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

4. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Shire of Williams Cats Local Law 2024 — Disallowance* and No. 2, *Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Cat Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 7, *State Superannuation Amendment Bill 2023*. (Minister for Emergency Services).

5. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2024–2025

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 3131A-E (2024–2025 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday, 9 May 2024.

Debate resumed.

6. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled an answer in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge (Tabled Paper 3186).

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* an answer in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

7. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2024–2025

Debate resumed on the motion of the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer (*see item 5 above*).

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

8. Firearms Bill 2024

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

Interruption pursuant to order.

9. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

10. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.29pm until Thursday, 30 May 2024 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Ben Dawkins, Hon Dr Brad Pettitt, Hon Rosetta Sahanna and Hon Dr Sally Talbot.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council