

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 150

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Ministerial Statement — Renewable Hydrogen Fund

The Minister for Regional Development made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the opening of the \$10 million Renewable Hydrogen Fund to assist in positioning the State as a major producer and exporter of renewable hydrogen.

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

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4. Protection Measures at School for Victims of Sex Offences

Hon Nick Goiran: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House implores the Government to —

- (a) abandon its current policy which sees some victims of child sex offences attending school each day knowing they may be confronted by their abuser; and
- (b) inform the House of what it is and will be doing to protect these children and young people.

5. Select Committee into Red Tape

Motion No. 1 having been called, Hon Colin Tincknell, pursuant to notice, moved —

- (1) A Select Committee into the effect of “Red Tape” on the Western Australian economy be established.
- (2) The Select Committee is to inquire into the effect of legislation, regulation and red tape on the Western Australian economy, with particular reference to —
 - (a) the impact of red tape on resources, mining, oil and gas, manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, and small business sectors in Western Australia;
 - (b) the economy-wide impact of red tape in terms of compliance costs, forgone economic output, employment, government revenue and business investment;
 - (c) any specific examples of egregious red tape that are particularly burdensome, complex, redundant or duplicated across jurisdictions;
 - (d) the impact of the Streamline WA program to date, and how this program can be built upon;
 - (e) the effectiveness of previous governments (federal, state and local) and committees’ efforts to reduce red tape;
 - (f) the adequacy of current institutional structures for achieving genuine and permanent reductions to red tape;
 - (g) identify alternative institutional arrangements and settings to reduce red tape, including providing subsidies or tax concessions to businesses to achieve outcomes currently achieved through regulation;
 - (h) how different jurisdictions within Australia and internationally have attempted to reduce red tape; and
 - (i) any other relevant matter.
- (3) The Select Committee shall consist of five members.
- (4) The Select Committee is to report by no later than 12 months after the Committee has been established.

Debate ensued.

Motion — put and negatived.

6. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Adele Farina in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 11 — Parliamentary Inspector’s report on ‘a saga of persistence’

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Alison Xamon, That the Report be noted.

Pursuant to Temporary Order 4, consideration of the report was postponed.

Select Committee into Elder Abuse — Final Report — ‘I never thought it would happen to me’: When trust is broken

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Nick Goiran, That the Report be noted.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

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

- (1) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 11 — *Parliamentary Inspector’s report on ‘a saga of persistence’*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.
- (2) Select Committee into Elder Abuse — Final Report — *‘I never thought it would happen to me’: When trust is broken*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

7. Reserves (Marmion Marine Park) Bill 2019

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

Debate ensued.

8. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Environment tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to kangaroo management numbers from 2014–2018, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Rick Mazza. (Tabled Paper 3057).

The Minister for Environment tabled a report of the Point Grey Marina, Compliance Assessment Plan, Ministerial Statement No. 906 (2018), in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers. (Tabled Paper 3058).

The Minister for Ports tabled correspondence in relation to Odyssey Marina under section 75 of the *Port Authorities Act 1999*, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 3059).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police tabled the Minister’s itinerary for her trip to Broome between 1 July and 5 July 2018, in response to question on notice 2395 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3060).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General tabled the National Statement of Principals relating to persons unfit to plead guilty by reason of cognitive or mental health impairment, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Alison Xamon. (Tabled Paper 3061).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled details of the current stock of antivenin in Western Australia Country Health Service facilities as of 28 August 2019, in response to question on notice 2384 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3062).

9. Reserves (Marmion Marine Park) Bill 2019

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

Interruption pursuant to order.

10. Members’ Statements

Statements were taken.

11. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.33pm until Thursday, 19 September 2019 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sue Ellery.

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council