

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 165

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Speaker –

Auditor General, Office of the – Second Public Sector Performance Report 2011, Report 7 – September 2011 (3829).

By the Clerk –

Local Government Standards Panel – Annual Report 2010–2011 (3830).

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board – Annual Report 2010–2011 (3831).

3. Expiration of Notice of Motion

The Speaker advised members that Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 2, Heritage Act Amendments, notice of which was given on 15 September 2010 and renewed for a further 30 sitting days on 23 March 2011, would be removed from the next Notice Paper.

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the voting of Western Australia as the Best New Destination by China's Travel Weekly tourism publication.

The Minister for Housing on the five awards won by the Department of Housing in the 2011 Urban Development Institute of Australia Western Australia Awards for Excellence.

The Minister for Water on the independent feasibility assessment of treating saline waters in the Wheatbelt.

5. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion

The Leader of the House withdrew Business of the Assembly – Notice of Motion No. 1.

6. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos 2, 1 and 3 be next considered.

7. Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2011

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the bill having been read, the Minister for Transport moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

8. Conservation Legislation Amendment Bill 2010

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the bill.

The Minister for Environment moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

9. Community Development and Justice Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

The Speaker advised members that he had received a letter dated 7 September 2011 from the Chairman of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee advising that the Committee had determined for itself the following terms of reference:

The Committee will examine the Police Commissioner, FESA's Acting Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Environment and Conservation's Director General about the State's preparedness for this year's coming fire season, including:

- (a) the interoperability of agencies with responsibilities to combat bushfires;
- (b) the coordination of bushfire volunteers;
- (c) evacuation policies in force;
- (d) public information policies in force; and
- (e) the implementation status of previous recommendations of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee.

The Committee will report to the Assembly by 3 November 2011.

10. Education and Health Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

The Speaker advised members that he had received a letter dated 7 September 2011 from the Chairman of the Education and Health Standing Committee advising that the Committee had determined for itself the following terms of reference:

- (1) Current and future resourcing of new methods and activities to improve educational outcomes such as e-learning and school partnerships;
- (2) Factors influencing positive or negative childhood development from birth to year 12;
- (3) Facilitating greater opportunities to engage all students in year 11 and 12;
- (4) Improving access and opportunities for adult learning in regional and remote WA; and
- (5) Foetal Alcohol Syndrome: prevalence, prevention, identification, funding and treatment to improve education, social and economic outcomes.

The Committee will report by 30 November 2012.

11. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 6070 to 6083 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 5806, 5816, 5818, 5871, 5931, 5941, 5943, 5981, 6016, 6024, 6025 and 6040 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Minister for Health –

Question on Notice No. 6025 – Projected workforce needs for hospital nurses for the next five years at each metropolitan hospital (3832).

Paper tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce –

Question on Notice No. 5806 – Department of Commerce – Letter to Scout Association of Australia, WA Branch regarding amendments to the association's rules (3833).

Paper tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Finance –

Question on Notice No. 5943 – Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Culture and the Arts and the Department of Treasury and finance regarding the Percent for Art Scheme (3834).

12. Additional Information

The Minister for Water provided additional information relating to Question on Notice No. 5123 from Mr M. McGowan.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Water –

Question on Notice No. 5123 – Correction to previous answer (3835).

13. Cat Bill 2011

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr J.J.M. Bowler speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 9 and 5 be next considered.

15. School Crossings

Mr A.P. O'Gorman, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the Government for withdrawal of crossings that do not fit the warrant criteria for a type A crossing across the State and subsequently endangering the lives of many school children who use these crossings.

Debate ensued.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Police –

Police, Minister for – Vacancies Advertisement – Traffic Wardens (3836).

Mr A.P. Jacob moved,

To delete all words after “House” and substitute:

“

congratulates the Minister for Police on his decision to put on hold any removal of Type A and Type B crossings until the Government and the Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee have reviewed the current policy to ensure children’s crossings are safe.

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Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr A. Krsticevic speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

16. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 p.m. until Thursday, 8 September 2011 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mrs L.M. Harvey, Dr G.G. Jacobs, and Mr T.K. Waldron.

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. GRANT WOODHAMS

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly