

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 217

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Aqwest – Annual Report 2019–2020 (3646).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 2526/97 between the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale for the purpose of installation operation and maintenance of static water infrastructure in a portion of State Forest No. 22 in Jarrahdale (3647).

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 – Western Australia Police Force report pursuant to section 103(1) of the Act – Witness Identity Protection Certificates 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 (3648).

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 – Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2019–2020 pursuant to section 43 of the Act (3649).

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Mental Health on the official opening of Western Australia's first Recovery College.

The Minister for Asian Engagement on the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Western Australia and the Province of Ba Ria-Vung Tau in Vietnam.

The Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence on the appointment of two community service organisations to manage new refugees in Peel and Kwinana.

The Minister for Science on the State Government's investment in the Western Australia's Biodiversity Science Institute.

4. Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith –

That this House opposes the Premier’s proposal to place fellow Western Australian citizens, returning home from overseas, in detention on Christmas Island behind razor wire and with criminals being deported for appalling crimes.

The Leader of the House moved, To add to the motion –

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, subject to the debate being limited to 20 minutes for government members and 20 minutes for non-government members.

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Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put.

The Speaker having counted the House, and an absolute majority being present and there being no dissentient voice, declared the motion, as amended, to be carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the House.

5. Christmas Island Detention

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House opposes the Premier’s proposal to place fellow Western Australian citizens, returning home from overseas, in detention on Christmas Island behind razor wire and with criminals being deported for appalling crimes.

Debate ensued.

Paper

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

By the Premier –

Premier – Letter dated 16 September 2020 from Hon Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister, in relation to the Australian Government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic (3651).

The Premier moved, That the words after “House” be deleted and the following words be inserted –

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notes that the Commonwealth Government under the Constitution has responsibility for foreign affairs, quarantine and immigration, and calls on the Commonwealth Government to establish additional quarantine facilities and cooperate with the States and Territories to ensure the nation has an orderly, safe and well-resourced system of quarantine for citizens returning to Australia.

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Debate ensued.

On the question, That the words be deleted, be deleted,

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (33)

Ms L.L. Baker
 Dr A.D. Buti
 Mr J.N. Carey
 Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
 Mr R.H. Cook
 Mr M.J. Folkard
 Ms J.M. Freeman
 Ms E.L. Hamilton
 Mr T.J. Healy
 Mr M. Hughes
 Mr W.J. Johnston

Mr D.J. Kelly
 Mr M. McGowan
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 Mr Y. Mubarakai
 Mr M.P. Murray
 Mrs L.M. O'Malley
 Mr S.J. Price
 Mr D.T. Punch
 Mr J.R. Quigley

Ms M.M. Quirk
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 Ms R. Saffioti
 Ms A. Sanderson
 Ms J.J. Shaw
 Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
 Mr D.A. Templeman
 Mr P.C. Tinley
 Mr R.R. Whitby
 Ms S.E. Winton
 Mr D.R. Michael (*Teller*)

Noes (16)

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 Mr V.A. Catania
 Ms M.J. Davies
 Mrs L.M. Harvey
 Dr D.J. Honey
 Mr P.A. Katsambanis

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup
 Mr S.K. L'Estrange
 Mr R.S. Love
 Ms L. Mettam
 Dr M.D. Nahan
 Mr D.C. Nalder

Mr K.M. O'Donnell
 Mr D.T. Redman
 Mr P.J. Rundle
 Mr A. Krsticevic (*Teller*)

Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the words be inserted, be inserted,

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (33)

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Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the motion as amended, be agreed to,

Question put and passed.

Motion, as agreed to by the House –

That this House notes that the Commonwealth Government under the Constitution has responsibility for foreign affairs, quarantine and immigration, and calls on the Commonwealth

Government to establish additional quarantine facilities and cooperate with the States and Territories to ensure the nation has an orderly, safe and well-resourced system of quarantine for citizens returning to Australia.

6. Animal Welfare and Trespass Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

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 S.K. L'Estrange speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

7. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Distinguished Visitors

The Speaker noted the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of Ms Virma Symons, the Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines.

Questions on Notice Nos 6414 and 6415 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 6148, 6162, 6338 and 6345 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth –

Question on Notice No. 6148 – List detailing staffing arrangements under the minister's portfolio of responsibilities from 13 March 2017 to 13 March 2020 (3650).

8. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be resumed.

9. Animal Welfare and Trespass Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

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 (Dr A.D. Buti speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 13 be next considered.

11. Difficulties Facing Regional Western Australia

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House acknowledges difficulties faced by industry, business, and not-for-profits and community organisations in accessing workers and volunteers, and calls on the State Government to outline a plan to ensure regional Western Australia is given the support it needs to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

12. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.01 pm until Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms J. Farrer, Mrs A.K. Hayden, Mr F.M. Logan, Mr W.R. Marmion, Mr J.E. McGrath, Mr P. Papalia and Mr B.S. Wyatt.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly