

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 228

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2020

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Minister for Environment

Annual Reports —

Energy Policy (2019-20) (Date received 21/10/2020) 4505

Landgate (2019-20) (Date received 21/10/2020) 4506

3. Order to Produce Documents — COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions

Hon Peter Collier: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Honourable Sue Ellery, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council be ordered, and is hereby so ordered, to lay on the Table of the House not later than seven days from the day on which this order is made, on behalf of the Government of Western Australia, the information and documents described below, and that such documents be tabled without excision, alteration or defacement —

Copies of all communications between 13 October 2020 and 20 October 2020 (inclusive), including but not limited to letters, emails, telephone notes, text messages and file notes between any of the following relating to advice or information on COVID-19 pandemic restrictions —

- (1) The Premier, the Honourable Mark McGowan MLA.
- (2) Any staff member of the Office of the Premier or Department of the Premier and Cabinet (including contract, temporary or seconded staff).
- (3) The Minister for Health, the Honourable Roger Cook MLA.
- (4) Any staff member of the Office of the Minister for Health or Department of Health (including contract, temporary or seconded staff).
- (5) The Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson.
- (6) Any staff member of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (including contract, temporary or seconded staff).

4. Politicisation of Government Agencies and Institutions

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

That this House expresses its grave concern at the McGowan Labor Government's permitting, facilitating and engineering of the politicisation of Government agencies and institutions, including Lotterywest.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

5. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 2, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 3, *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, 4, *Shire of Narembeen Cemeteries Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 5, *Shire of Narembeen Fencing Local Law 2020 — Disallowance*, 6, *Curtin University Statute No. 12 — Admission and Enrolment — Disallowance*, 7, *Curtin University Statute No. 5 — Election of Council Members — Disallowance*, 8, *Mines and Petroleum Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, and 9, *Animal Welfare (Transport, Saleyards and Depots) (Cattle and Sheep) Regulations 2020 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 36, *Criminal Law (Unlawful Consorting) Bill 2020*. (Minister for Environment).

6. Business of the House — Pay-roll Tax Relief (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2020 — Time Limits

The Minister for Environment advised the Council that the *Pay-roll Tax Relief (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2020* is COVID-19 related business, and pursuant to Temporary Order (6), set maximum time limits to apply to the debate.

7. Pay-roll Tax Relief (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Bill 2020

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

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance moved, That the Bill be read a third time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

8. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2020–2021

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

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 4389A-D (2020–2021 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday, 8 October 2020.

Hon Peter Collier sought leave to continue his remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to funding provided to the Department of Health's Western Australian Women's Health and Wellbeing Policy, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Jacqui Boydell on behalf of Hon Colin Holt.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to expenditure directly related to the impacts of climate change for water, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Diane Evers.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water tabled the *Annual Report of 2019 Activities of Northern Australia Pastoral Properties Pty Ltd and Liveringa Station Beef Pty Ltd*, in response to question on notice 3150 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4507).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum tabled documents in relation to direction notices issued by the Department of Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety in 2018, in response to question on notice 3230 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled Paper 4508).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to an audit of code black activations in regional hospitals, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health tabled documents in relation to WA Country Health Service nursing staff at hospitals and nursing posts, in response to question on notice 3130 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 4509).

10. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2020–2021

Debate resumed on the motion of the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer (*see item 8 above*).

On the motion of Hon Ken Baston the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

11. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

12. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.38pm until Tuesday, 3 November 2020 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Adele Farina and Hon Colin Holt.

NIGEL PRATT
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON KATE DOUST MLC
President of the Legislative Council