

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 177

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2020

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### 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. Petition

Hon Alison Xamon presented a petition from 504 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to oppose Local Planning Scheme No. 5 in the City of Subiaco. (Tabled Paper 3603).

### 3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

#### Leader of the House

##### *Response to Reports —*

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission  
(Report No. 12) — An Unreasonable Suspicion — Parliamentary Inspector's  
Report (Attorney General) ..... 3600

##### *Reviews —*

Department of Justice — Review of Section 9AA of the Sentencing Act 1995  
(October 2019) ..... 3601

#### Minister for Environment

##### *Plans —*

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Building and Energy — Energy  
Safety Business Plan (2020–21) ..... 3602

### 4. Nationwide Fires and Natural Disasters

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Colin de Grussa moved, without notice —

That this House —

- (a) acknowledges the significant loss of life and property across the nation during recent fires and natural disasters;
- (b) extends its gratitude to volunteer and career emergency service personnel for their enormous contribution at a National and State level; and
- (c) recognises the role of those West Australian personnel who travelled interstate to support relief and response efforts.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 5. **Bushfire Devastation Across Australia**

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Pierre Yang moved, without notice —

That the Legislative Council notes the unprecedented bushfires across Australia and their devastating effects on many Australians, and expresses its appreciation to Western Australia's career and volunteer firefighters and other emergency personnel who are involved for their effort.

Debate ensued.

*Motion lapsed.*

## 6. **Order of Business**

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources (Hydraulic Fracturing) Amendment Regulations 2019 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 33, *Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Amendment Bill 2019*. (Minister for Regional Development).

## 7. **Weapons Amendment Regulations 2019 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper**

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Martin Pritchard moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 2, *Weapons Amendment Regulations 2019*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

## 8. **North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement Amendment Bill 2019**

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

Debate ensued.

## 9. **President's Ruling — Question Without Notice 40 — Standing Order 104**

The President ruled as follows —

Members, before we start question time today, you will recall that yesterday Hon Jim Chown asked a question without notice to the Minister for Regional Development, and because of the way it was explained, I thought at the time that it might have breached Standing Order 104. After question time I had the opportunity to read the question and had a discussion with the Member. I have decided that it did not breach Standing Order 104, so Hon Jim Chown will be able today to ask his question of the Minister if he so chooses.

## 10. **Questions Without Notice**

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Regional Development tabled documents in relation to an interview with Hon Jim Chown by the Northern Australia and Regional Development Research Program, Development of Royalties for Regions and Fisheries (October 2019), in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Jim Chown. (Tabled Paper 3604).

The Minister for Environment, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a table depicting waste levy revenue collected for the past five financial years, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Leader of the House representing the Attorney General, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the unauthorised use within the last three months of a credit card issued to the Attorney General's office to purchase meals, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Michael Mischin.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the adequacy of the proposed remuneration for a future Director of the Art Gallery of Western Australia, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Michael Mischin.

The Minister for Regional Development tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, documents in relation to the Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund, Approved Projects in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas. (Tabled Paper 3605).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the calling for tenders for the provision of an MRI machine for Kalgoorlie, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Robin Scott.

**11. Statement by President — Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation — Resignation of Member**

The President made the following Statement —

I have received the following letter —

Dear Madam President

Resignation — Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation

I hereby tender my resignation as a Member of the above committee.

I take this opportunity to thank the other Members of the committee and its staff for their advice and support during the almost three years I have served.

Yours sincerely

Hon Charles Smith MLC

(Tabled Paper 3606).

**12. North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement Amendment Bill 2019**

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 8 above*).

*Interruption pursuant to order.*

**13. Members' Statements**

Statements were taken.

**14. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 5.51pm until Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at 2.00pm.

**Members present during the day's proceedings**

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Colin Holt.

**NIGEL PRATT**  
Clerk of the Legislative Council

**HON KATE DOUST MLC**  
President of the Legislative Council