

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 232

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 2.00 pm pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Death of Andrea Ruth Mitchell – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly

The Premier, without notice, moved,

That the House records its sincere regret at the death of Andrea Ruth Mitchell and tenders its deep sympathy to her family.

The motion was supported by Mrs L.M. Harvey, Ms M.J. Davies, Mr W.R. Marmion, Mr J.E. McGrath, Mrs A.K. Hayden, Mr P.A. Katsambanis, Mr S.K. L'Estrange, Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup, Mr D.C. Nalder, Ms L. Mettam, Dr M.D. Nahan, Mr A. Krsticevic, Mr P.J. Rundle, Mr I.C. Blayney, Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski, Dr A.D. Buti, Ms S. McGurk and Mr D.A. Templeman.

Question put and passed unanimously with members and officers of the Assembly standing in their places as a mark of respect.

3. Brief Ministerial Statement

A Brief Ministerial Statement was made by the Minister for Road Safety on National Road Safety Week 2020 and the launch of the new Road Safety Strategy.

4. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Paper

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

By the Premier –

Premier – Correspondence from the Chief Health Officer, Department of Health to the Commissioner of Police regarding the South Australia Outbreak Response Directions (3987).

Questions on Notice Nos 6470, 6473, 6475, 6476, 6494, 6501, 6503, 6505, 6506, 6508, 6510 and 6511 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Minister for Tourism –

Question on Notice No. 6505 – List of Businesses which received funding under the Tourism Survival Grant Program (3996).

5. Procedure and Privileges Committee

The Speaker, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Procedure and Privileges Committee – The Legislative Assembly’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Report No. 8 (3997).

6. Petitions

Replacement of Speedbumps with Chicanes – Mr T.J. Healy presented a petition from 13 people asking the Legislative Assembly to request the Gosnells Council to build chicanes instead of speed bumps (P. 195).

Review of Secondary Education Options – Mr M.J. Folkard presented a petition from 296 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the Minister for Education and Training to undertake a review of secondary education options in Kinross, Mindarie and Clarkson (P. 196).

Dongara to Geraldton Route Corridor Alignment – Mr I.C. Blayney presented a petition from 1,809 people asking the Legislative Assembly to endorse the use of the existing Brand Highway as far as Rudd’s Gully (P. 197).

7. Valedictory Speeches

Pursuant to a motion of the House, Mr F.M. Logan, Dr M.D. Nahan and Mr M.P. Murray made their valedictory speeches.

8. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House, 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, in relation to a criminal investigation being conducted into a former ministerial staffer - Police Information Report 150720 0630 14016 - authorises the Speaker to confer with the WA Police and agree on a protocol which the Speaker considers —

- (a) enables the WA Police to conduct their investigation; and
 - (b) does not breach parliamentary privilege,
- with respect to material held on a number of electronic devices of the former ministerial staffer which the WA Police must access.

Question put.

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

9. Police Protocol Authorisation

The Leader of the House, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee – Government Response to Committee Report No. 8 – Opening Doors to Justice: Supporting victims by improving the management of family and domestic violence matters in the Magistrates Court of Western Australia (3985).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 2988/100 between the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and Little Gumnuts Pty Ltd for education purposes for children – Yanchep National Park (3986).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (City of Greater Geraldton Waste Local Law 2020 G.G 13/11/2020) (3988).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Shire of Coolgardie Meeting Procedures Amendment Local Law 2020 G.G. 13/11/2020) (3989).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Shire of Coolgardie Parking Amendment Local Law 2020 G.G. 13/11/2020) (3990).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Shire of Coolgardie Public Places and Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2020 G.G. 13/11/2020) (3991).

Official Travel – Report of Overseas Air Travel undertaken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and Government Officers on Official Business for the Three Months Ended 30 June 2020 (3992).

Settlement Agents Act 1981 – Rules (Settlement Agents Code of Conduct Amendment Rules 2020 G.G. 10/11/2020) (3993).

Synergy – Statement of Corporate Intent 2020–2021 (3994).

Western Power – Statement of Corporate Intent 2020–2021 (3995).

11. Notices of Motion

12. Removal of Orders of the Day

The Speaker advised that Private Members' Business Orders of the Day, *South West Tourism – Job Opportunities*, *Glyphosate – Western Australia's Agricultural Sector* and *Mid-West Communities – Standard of Health Services* had not been debated for more than 12 calendar months and had been removed from the Notice Paper.

13. Conservation and Land Management 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.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 19 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

14. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 8.45 pm until Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 12.00 noon.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr D.J. Kelly, Mr K.J.J. Michel and Mr D.T. Redman.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly