

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 29

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

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. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the success of the Experience Kalbarri at Half Price initiative.

The Minister for Transport on the final report of the Regional Roadworks Signage Review.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Transport –

Transport, Minister for – Regional Roadworks Signage Review, Recommendations Report, August 2021 (461).

The Minister for Sport and Recreation on Western Australia's Paralympic athletes.

3. Speaker's Statement – Budget Week Arrangements

The Speaker advised members that in accordance with standard practice, the government had requested that the budget be presented at 2.00 pm on Thursday. Accordingly, members' 90-second statements would occur at 12.20 pm and Questions without Notice at 12.30 pm on Thursday 9 September 2021.

4. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 46 to 54, 56, 58 to 60, 62 to 75, 77 to 79, 81 to 94, 97, 98, 100 to 113, 115 to 117, 119 to 132, 134 to 136, 138 to 151, 153 to 155, 157 to 174, 176, 177, 179 to 182, 184 to 186, 188 to 191, 193, 196 and 198 to 206 were answered.

Papers tabled by the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations –

Question on Notice No. 49 – List of staff in each department or agency under the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities and list of staff based regionally as at 13 March 2021 (454).

Question on Notice No. 186 – List of traffic infringements received by employees of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet for any taxpayer funded vehicle from 30 June 2017 (455).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Public Sector Management –

Question on Notice No. 203 – List of government employees and government employees in regional WA holding accounts on the iThink platform (456).

Paper tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health –

Question on Notice No. 206 – 2021 Mental Health Inpatient Snapshot Survey and infographic showing initiatives to assist in reducing pressures on emergency departments and in-patient beds (457).

Paper tabled by the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs –

Question on Notice No. 191 – List of traffic infringements received by employees of the Department of Justice for any taxpayer funded vehicle from 30 June 2017 (458).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services –

Question on Notice No. 193 – List of traffic infringements received by employees of Synergy for any taxpayer funded vehicle from 30 June 2017 (459).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Child Protection; Women’s Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services –

Question on Notice No. 196 – List of traffic infringements received by employees of the Department of Communities for the period 30 June 2017 to 2 August 2021 (460).

5. Petition

Regional Representation in Western Australia – Mr R.S. Love presented a petition from 55 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the Government to ensure there is no reduction in regional representation in Western Australia (P. 12).

6. Message from the Governor

Message No. 18 from His Excellency the Governor was reported assenting to the following bills –

Financial Legislation Amendment Bill 2021, Act No. 12 of 2021.

Legislation Bill 2021, Act No. 13 of 2021.

Aquatic Resources Management Amendment Bill 2021, Act No. 14 of 2021.

7. Papers

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

By the Speaker –

Inspector of Custodial Services, Office of the – 2020 Inspection of Melaleuca Women’s Prison, Report No. 136 (Received by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on 6 August 2021 and held for a period of 30 days) (434).

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Public Building Maintenance, Report No. 4, August 2021 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 24 August 2021) (433).

Cat Act 2011 – Local Laws (City of Canning Cats Local Law 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (435).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 176/100 between the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the Shire of Dandaragan for a fresh lease agreement within Reserve No. 35593 (436).

Coroners Act 1996 – Regulations (Coroners Amendment Regulations 2021 G.G. 27/08/2021) (437).

Criminal Procedure Act 2004 – Regulations (Criminal Procedure Amendment Regulations 2021 G.G. 27/08/2021) (438).

Electricity Industry Act 2004 – Rules (Pilbara Networks Rules (Pilbara Harmonised Technical Rules)) (439).

Electricity Industry Act 2004 – Rules (Pilbara Networks Rules (Version 1)) (440).

Fair Trading Act 2010 – Notices (Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Amendment Safety Standard 2021 G.G. 27/08/2021) (441).

Family Court Act 1997 – Rules (Family Court Rules 2021 G.G. 18/08/2021) (442).

Licensed Surveyors Act 1909 – Regulations (Licensed Surveyors (Transfer of Land Act 1893) Amendment Regulations 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (443).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (City of Canning Fencing Local Law 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (444).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Serpentine-Jarrahdale Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2021 G.G. 03/09/2021) (445).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Town of Victoria Park Amendment (Signs on Thoroughfares) Local Law 2021 G.G. 24/08/2021) (446).

Local Government Advisory Board – Annual Report 2020–2021 (447).

Primary Industries and Regional Development, Department of – Industry Funding Scheme regulations, A review of operation and effectiveness, May 2021 (448).

Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003 – Rules (Fixed Odds Rules 2021 G.G. 02/09/2021) (449).

Standard Survey Marks Act 1924; Strata Titles Act 1985; Transfer of Land Act 1893 – Regulations (Lands Regulations Amendment (Surveys) Regulations 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (450).

Transfer of Land Act 1893 – Regulations (Transfer of Land (Surveys) Amendment Regulations 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (451).

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 – Local Laws (City of Canning Waste Local Law 2021 G.G. 31/08/2021) (452).

Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Act 2012 – Proposed 2020–21 to 2023–24 FHRI Fund Priorities, 2021–21 Recommended Programs and Initiatives and Future Health Research and Innovation Fund Funding Principles (453).

8. Notices of Motion

9. Matter of Public Interest – Critical Skills Shortages

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that he was in receipt of a notice from Mr P.J. Rundle that he intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Mr P.J. Rundle moved,

That this House condemns the failures of the Labor Government to address chronic skills shortages in critical sectors including agriculture and health, putting lives and the economy at risk.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (5)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle (*Teller*)

Noes (47)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Ms H.M. Beazley
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Ms D.G. D'Anna
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Ms M.J. Hammat
Ms J.L. Hanns
Mr T.J. Healy

Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr H.T. Jones
Mr D.J. Kelly
Ms E.J. Kelsbie
Ms A.E. Kent
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Ms L.A. Munday
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price

Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms J.J. Shaw
Ms R.S. Stephens
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Dr K. Stratton
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

10. Veterinary Practice Bill 2021

Message No. 23 dated 2 September 2021 from the Legislative Council was reported forwarding for concurrence a bill for "An Act –

- to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine in Western Australia; and
- to facilitate the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine on a national basis; and
- to repeal the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960* and the *Veterinary Surgeons Regulations 1979*; and
- to make consequential amendments to various Acts; and
- for related purposes."

Ordered, That the first reading of the bill be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the Assembly.

11. Personal Explanation

The Minister for Commerce made a personal explanation correcting an error in the second reading speech of the Ticket Scalping Bill 2021.

12. Ticket Scalping Bill 2021

Message No. 22 dated 2 September 2021 from the Legislative Council was reported as follows – The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed to the *Ticket Scalping Bill 2021* subject to the amendment contained in the Schedule annexed; in which amendment the Legislative Council desires the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Schedule indicating the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Ticket Scalping Bill 2021

No. 1

Clause 2, page 2, line 8 — To delete “a day fixed by proclamation.” and insert:

the day after that day.

Leave granted to consider in detail Legislative Council Message No. 22 forthwith.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

The Minister for Commerce moved, That amendment No. 1 be agreed to.

Amendment agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded and the Legislative Council acquainted accordingly.

13. Administration Amendment Bill 2021

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

Question put and passed.

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

14. Criminal Appeals Amendment Bill 2021

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 14 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

The Attorney General 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.

15. Messages from the Legislative Council

Messages from the Legislative Council were reported returning the following bills without amendment –

1 September 2021

Arts and Culture Trust Bill 2021 (Message No. 20).

Family Court Amendment Bill 2021 (Message No. 21).

16. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 8.46 pm until Wednesday, 8 September 2021 at 12.00 noon.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mr V.A. Catania, Ms S.F. McGurk and Ms M.M. Quirk.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly