WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2022

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. Petition

Esperance Senior High School Campus – Mr P.J. Rundle presented a petition from 296 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the McGowan government to prioritise a comprehensive upgrade to the Esperance Senior High School campus. (P. 34).

3. Papers

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

Auditor General, Office of the – Limited Assurance – Compliance Frameworks for Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Obligations, Report No. 6, 19 October 2022 (1583).

Mental Health Advocacy Service – Annual Report 2021–2022 (1584).

Mid West Development Commission – Annual Report 2021–2022 (1585).

4. Expiration of Notices of Motion

The Speaker advised that Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 1 to 4, given on 8 September 2021 and renewed for a further 30 sitting days on 16 March 2022, would not appear on the next Notice Paper.

5. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Attorney General on the appointment of Robert Owen to the position of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The Minister for Industrial Relations on the Government's response to the risk of psychosocial hazards in Western Australian workplaces.

The Minister for Corrective Services on the COVID-19 response within Western Australia's custodial estate.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on the Western Australian Government's first Annual Report on Closing the Gap.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House – By the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs –

Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for – Annual Report on Closing the Gap – September 2022 (1586).

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the 2022 Western Australian African Community Awards.

The Minister for Water on National Water Week and the 2022–23 Waterwise Towns Program.

The Minister for Environment on the restoration of Dirk Hartog Island National Park and the release of dozens of endangered dibblers onto the island.

The Minister for Environment on the Roads to Reuse program.

6. Auditor General Amendment Bill 2022

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Auditor General Act 2006*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Attorney General presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Swan and Canning Rivers Management Amendment Bill 2022

The Minister for Environment, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Environment presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Environment moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Government Railways 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.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms M.J. Hammat speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

9. Questions

Ouestions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 576 to 588 were asked.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

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

11. Government Railways 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.

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

The Minister for Transport 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.

12. Fair Trading 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.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr D.A.E. Scaife speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 10 be next considered.

14. Western Australia's Energy Network

Dr D.J. Honey, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the McGowan Labor Government and its Minister for Energy for five and a half years of ongoing mismanagement of our State's energy network that is leaving households and business vulnerable to blackouts.

Debate ensued.

Papers

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

By the Minister for Energy –

Energy, Minister for – AEMO Media Release – AEMO's response to the closure of Western Australia's State-owned coal-fired power stations (1587).

Energy, Minister for – Emails between Paul Murray and AEMO regarding coal supply problems (1588).

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms J.J. Shaw speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

15. Notice of Motion after the Time Prescribed

The Minister for Finance was granted leave to give a late notice of motion.

16. Adjournment

The Minister for Finance moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.01 pm until Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 9.00 am. *Members present during any part of the day's proceedings* – All the members except Mr R.H. Cook, Mr M. Hughes, Mr P. Lilburne and Mr D.A. Templeman.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTSSpeaker of the Legislative Assembly