

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 32

FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2009

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 11.00am pursuant to order.

The Governor, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, took the Chair and welcomed guests.

2. Statement by His Excellency the Governor - Swearing-in Ceremony

The Governor made the following Statement -

I extend a warm welcome to our guests today to the Swearing-in of the Members of the Legislative Council for the 38th Parliament.

The proceedings today will commence with the reading of the Writ for the first region and the names of the re-elected Members who will proceed to the Table of the House to take the Oath of Affirmation and sign the Members' Roll. I will then call on the newly elected Members of that region, who will be met at the Bar of the House by a Member from the region, to read the Oath of Affirmation. Each region will follow in the same manner.

I will conclude the proceedings once all Members present have taken either the Oath or Affirmation.

I now call on the Deputy Clerk to read out the Writs.

3. Return of Writ

The Deputy Clerk announced the return of writs for the election of Members at the general election held on 6 September 2008, showing that the following had been duly elected -

North Metropolitan Region

Peter COLLIER
Ken TRAVERS
Michael MISCHIN
Ed DERMER
Liz BEHJAT
Giz WATSON

South West Region

Robyn McSWEENEY
Sally TALBOT
Nigel HALLETT
Adele FARINA
Colin HOLT
Barry HOUSE

South Metropolitan Region

Sue ELLERY
 Simon O'BRIEN
 Kate DOUST
 Nick GOIRAN
 Phil EDMAN
 Lynn MacLAREN

East Metropolitan Region

Jock FERGUSON
 Helen MORTON
 Ljiljanna RAVLICH
 Donna FARAGHER
 Alyssa HAYDEN
 Alison XAMON

Agricultural Region

Max TRENORDEN
 Brian ELLIS
 Matt BENSON-LIDHOLM
 Philip GARDINER
 James CHOWN
 Mia DAVIES

Mining and Pastoral Region

Jon FORD
 Norman MOORE
 Wendy DUNCAN
 Helen BULLOCK
 Ken BASTON
 Robin CHAPPLE.

Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, or made and subscribed the affirmation required by law, and signed the Roll.

4. Statement by His Excellency the Governor - Swearing-in Ceremony

The Governor made the following Statement -

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the formal swearing-in of the Members of the Legislative Council for the 38th Parliament. I look forward to my association with all Members of the Council and wish you all every success in your deliberations in the interests of all Western Australians. Thank you.

His Excellency the Governor retired from the Chamber.

5. Election of the President

The Clerk announced that in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899* and Standing Order No. 19 the Office of the President was vacant; whereupon the Leader of the House, Hon Norman Moore, addressing the Clerk, moved -

That Hon Barry House do take the Chair in the Council as President.

Hon Sue Ellery seconded the motion.

No other Member being proposed, Hon Barry House was conducted to the Chair by his proposer and seconder and having made acknowledgement, received the congratulations of the Council.

The President made the following Statement -

Members, I thank you very much for your support for allowing me to do this very important role. I want to say the right things, so I have made a few notes.

I follow in the very big footsteps of the four Presidents under whom I have served: Hon Clive Griffiths; Hon George Cash; Hon John Cowdell; and Hon Nick Griffiths, to whom I extend acknowledgements and best wishes as the outgoing President. I have learnt something from each of those Presidents, which I hope to put to use to do this important and responsible job well.

When presiding over the Chamber, I give Members an undertaking that I will act without fear or favour and in a fair and impartial way. I respect the Standing Orders and customs and usage of the Legislative Council and see it as my role to maintain and improve, when necessary, the standards and effectiveness of this Parliament and the way in which it is perceived.

In terms of the other aspects of the role, I strongly support there being better symbolic and physical connections between the Parliament, the city and the people. I hope to see some progress in this area in the next few years to include consideration of this goal, alongside the Northbridge Link and waterfront developments. I am very much looking forward to working with all Members and the parliamentary community in having the Legislative Council play its part in making Western Australia an even greater state and better place in which to live and work. I wish Members all the best for the next four years. Thank you.

6. Presentation of President

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to receive the President at the suspension of the sitting today in Mr President's suite, together with such Members as desire to accompany him.

Question - put and passed.

*The President left the Chair at 11.46am
The President resumed the Chair at 11.59am*

7. Statement by President - Presentation to His Excellency the Governor

The President made the following Statement -

I advise the House that I have presented myself to His Excellency the Governor, and His Excellency has been pleased to express satisfaction with the choice of the Council in the following terms -

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
PERTH

22 May 2009

Hon Barry House, MLC
President of the Legislative Council
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

Mr President

It is with much pleasure that I learn you have been elected by the Members of the Legislative Council to the high and honourable office of President of the House.
I congratulate you upon your election, and I recognise and I shall respect your undoubted rights and privileges, and I have every confidence you will fill the office in a worthy and dignified manner.

Dr Ken Michael AC
GOVERNOR

8. Chairman of Committees - Election

The President announced that the Office of Chairman of Committees was vacant.

Hon Sue Ellery moved, without notice -

That Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm be elected Chairman of Committees.

The Leader of the House seconded the motion.

No other Member being proposed, Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm was duly elected and having made acknowledgement, received the congratulations of the Council.

9. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 2 June 2009 at 3.30pm.

Question - put and passed.

10. Adjournment

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

Question - put and passed.

The House adjourned at 12.02pm until Tuesday, 2 June 2009 at 3.30pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members.

MALCOLM PEACOCK
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council