



2023  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
**REPORT  
OF  
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A  
FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT**

The Estimates Committee has considered and recommended the Appropriations for the following Divisions of the Estimates of Expenditure under the *Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023* and the *Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Bill 2023*:

Division Nos    1 and 2;  
                      3 (Services 1 to 3 and 6);  
                      4 to 13;  
                      14 (Services 1 to 7);  
                      16 (Services 1 to 4);  
                      17 to 20;  
                      24 and 26;  
                      27 (Services 1 to 10);  
                      28;  
                      30 to 34;  
                      35 (Services 1 to 6, 10 and 11); and  
                      42 (Service 2).

and agreed to the clauses, schedules and titles of the Bills without amendment.

**STEPHEN PRICE, MLA  
CHAIR TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**



WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**  
**TUESDAY, 23 May 2023**

<b>CHAIRS:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mr S.J. Price	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Ms L.A. Munday	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M.M. Quirk	2.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
Ms C.M. Collins	4.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr S.J. Price	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mr R.S. Love	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms J.L. Hanns	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Mr D.R. Michael	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Mr Y. Mubarakai	9.00 a.m.	12.00 p.m.
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke	12.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.
Mr R.S. Love	2.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	3.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr M. Hughes	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr D.R. Michael	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr M.J. Folkard	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	7.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Mr R.S. Love	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Ms M.J. Davies	8.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	9.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Ms E.L. Hamilton	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr H.T. Jones	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mrs L.M. O'Malley	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

**1. Meeting of the Committee.**

The Committee met at 9.00 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Mr S.J. Price took the Chair.

**2. Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023 and Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Bill 2023 – Estimates of Expenditure for Year Ending 30 June 2024.**

The Committee considered the Estimates.

**Hon M.H. Roberts**  
**The Speaker**

Division 1 – Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 2 – Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

**Hon M. McGowan**  
**Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-  
State Relations**

Division 11 – Treasury

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

*Committee suspended 12.17 p.m. to 12.21 p.m.*

Western Australian Treasury Corporation

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

Insurance Commission of Western Australia

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

Division 12 – Office of the Auditor General

Appropriation recommended.

Division 19 – Economic Regulation Authority

Appropriation recommended.

**Hon M. McGowan**  
**Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-  
State Relations**

Division 3 – Premier and Cabinet (Services 1 to 3 and 6: Premier and Cabinet; Federal-State Relations)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 4 – Public Sector Commission.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 5 – Governor's Establishment.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 7 – Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 20 – Infrastructure WA

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

*Committee suspended 4.51 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.*

Lotteries Commission

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

*Committee suspended 5.35 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.*

**Hon Don Punch, MLA**  
**Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors**  
**and Ageing**

Division 18 – Rural Business Development Corporation

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 35 – Department of Communities (Services 10 & 11: Disability Services; Seniors and Ageing)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 17 – Small Business Development Corporation

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

**Dr Jagadish Krishnan, MLA**  
**Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Finance;**  
**Commerce; Women's Interests**

Division 35 – Department of Communities (Services 1 to 6: Women's Interests)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 13 – Department of Finance

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

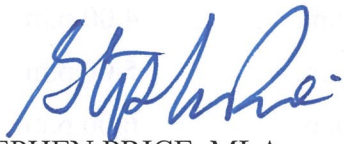
Division 16 – Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (Service 2: Commerce)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

### **3. Adjournment.**

The Committee adjourned at 10.00 p.m. until Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 9.00 a.m.



STEPHEN PRICE, MLA  
CHAIR TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A



RACHEL WELLS  
CLERK TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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WEDNESDAY, 24 May 2023

**CHAIRS:**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Ms A.E. Kent	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Ms L.A. Munday	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M.M. Quirk	2.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
Ms A.E. Kent	4.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Ms L.A. Munday	5.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr S.J. Price	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Ms L. Mettam	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms K.E. Giddens	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms C.M. Rowe	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms L.L. Baker	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Mr C.J. Tallentire	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	2.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Mr P.J. Rundle	2.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	2.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Mr R.S. Love	3.00 p.m.	4.00 pm
Ms M. Beard	3.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	3.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	4.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	5.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.



**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mr M. Hughes	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mrs L.M. O'Malley	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr C.J. Tallentire	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr R.S. Love	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	7.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	8.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr S.N. Aubrey	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr T.J. Healy	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr C.J. Tallentire	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

**1. Meeting of the Committee.**

The Committee met at 9.00 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Ms A.E. Kent took the Chair.

**2. Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023 and Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Bill 2023 – Estimates of Expenditure for Year Ending 30 June 2024.**

The Committee further considered the Estimates.

**Hon Sabina Winton****Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services**

Division 24 – Department of Education (Early Childhood Education)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

*Committee suspended 9.55 a.m. to 9.58 a.m.*

Division 35 – Department of Communities (Services 1 to 6 Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services)

Debate ensued.

*Committee suspended 11.11 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.*

Appropriation recommended.

**Hon J.R. Quigley  
Attorney General**

Division 6 – Western Australian Electoral Commission

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 27 – Department of Justice (Services 1 to 8: Attorney General)

Debate ensued.

*Committee suspended 3.58 p.m. to 4.09 p.m.*

Appropriation recommended.

Division 8 – Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 31 – Corruption and Crime Commission

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 30 – Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 34 – Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 28 – State Solicitor's Office

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 9 – Office of the Information Commissioner.

Appropriation recommended.

Legal Aid Commission of Western Australia

Authority not examined.

**Hon Paul Papalia**  
**Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues**

Division 14 – Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (Services 1 to 3:  
 Defence Industry; Veterans Issues)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

*Committee suspended 7.53 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.*

**Hon Paul Papalia**  
**Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues**

Division 26 – Western Australian Police Force (including Road Safety Commission)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

**3. Adjournment.**

The Committee adjourned at 10.00 p.m. until Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 9.00 a.m.



STEPHEN PRICE, MLA  
 CHAIR TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A



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 CLERK TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**  
**THURSDAY, 25 May 2023**

<b>CHAIRS:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Ms A.E. Kent	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Ms M.M. Quirk	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M.M. Quirk	2.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Mr D.A.E. Scaife	4.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mr S.J. Price	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mr R.S. Love	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms L. Dalton	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms E.J. Kelsbie	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Ms J.J. Shaw	9.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	2.00 p.m.	3.30 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	2.00 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	2.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	2.30 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Mr R.S. Love	3.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	3.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	3.30 p.m.	4.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	4.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mr G. Baker	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms E.L. Hamilton	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Ms J.J. Shaw	2.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Dr D.J. Honey	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	7.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Ms M.J. Davies	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Mr P.J. Rundle	8.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Ms L. Mettam	9.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Ms M. Beard	9.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr H.T. Jones	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Mr P.C. Tinley	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.
Ms C.M. Tonkin	7.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

**1. Meeting of the Committee.**

The Committee met at 9.01 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Ms A.E. Kent took the Chair.

**2. Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023 and Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Bill 2023 – Estimates of Expenditure for Year Ending 30 June 2024.**

The Committee further considered the Estimates.

**Hon Roger Cook**  
**Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade;**  
**Hydrogen Industry; Tourism; Science**

Division 14 – Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (Services 1 to 7: State Development, Jobs and Trade; Hydrogen Industry; Tourism; Science)

Debate ensued.

*Committee suspended 10.33a.m. to 10.45 a.m.*

Appropriation recommended.

Division 42 – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Service 2: Tourism)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 32 – Chemistry Centre (WA)

Appropriation recommended.

**Hon Bill Johnston**  
**Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations**

Synergy

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

Horizon Power

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

Western Power

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

Gold Corporation

Debate ensued.

Examination concluded.

**Hon Bill Johnston**  
**Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations**

*Committee suspended 4.00 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.*

Division 16 – Department of Mines, Industry  
Regulation and Safety (Services 1 to 4: Mines and Petroleum; Energy)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

**Hon Bill Johnston**  
**Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations**

Division 16 – Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (Services 1 to 4: Industrial Relations)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

*Committee suspended 8.32 p.m. to 8.40 p.m.*

Division 10 – Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

WorkCover WA Authority

Authority not examined.

Division 27 – Department of Justice (Services 9 & 10: Corrective Services)

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

Division 33 – Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services

Debate ensued.

Appropriation recommended.

**Appropriation (Recurrent 2023–24) Bill 2023**

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

**Appropriation (Capital 2023–24) Bill 2023**

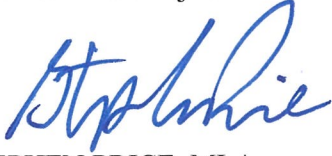
Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

**3. Adjournment.**

The Committee adjourned at 10.00 p.m.



STEPHEN PRICE, MLA  
CHAIR TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A



RACHEL WELLS  
CLERK TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A