

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY BILL 2002

Second Reading

Resumed from 13 November.

HON DERRICK TOMLINSON (East Metropolitan) [10.17 pm]: In some respects I was anticipating that we would complete the Fire and Emergency Services Legislation (Emergency Services Levy) Amendment Bill 2002 before we got onto this legislation, because the Bill we are now debating implements what is proposed in the Fire and Emergency Services Legislation (Emergency Services Levy) Amendment Bill.

Hon Nick Griffiths interjected.

Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON: The minister has correctly pointed out that the Emergency Services Levy Bill comes into operation after the commencement of the Fire and Emergency Services Legislation (Emergency Services Levy) Amendment Bill is enacted.

The Opposition supports this Bill. The Government has a right to impose the levy. We have explained our position on the levy. We accept that, in spite of our opposition, the Government has the right to go ahead. Therefore, we do not oppose this Bill.

HON ROBIN CHAPPLE (Mining and Pastoral) [10.19 pm]: As this is subsequent legislation, the Greens (WA) will support it.

HON FRANK HOUGH (Agricultural) [10.19 pm]: Likewise, One Nation will support this Bill.

HON NICK GRIFFITHS (East Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [10.19 pm]: I thank members who have spoken in support of this Bill.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading.

Third Reading

Bill read a third time, on motion by Hon Nick Griffiths (Minister for Racing and Gaming), and passed.