

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

*Sixtieth Report — “Metropolitan Region Scheme Major Amendment 1221/41 —
Banjup Urban Precinct” — Tabling*

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [10.08 am]: I am directed to present the sixtieth report of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in relation to the metropolitan region scheme major amendment 1221/41—Banjup urban precinct.

[See paper 5398.]

Hon SALLY TALBOT: The Banjup major amendment rezones 151 hectares from a rural water protection zone to urban and urban deferred zones in the Banjup locality. The area is being developed by the proponent for housing on what was a 30-year-old sand quarry, which has been extensively mined and degraded. The quarry was closed three years ago. The explanatory materials accompanying the Banjup major amendment reveal it to have been a controversial proposal for several reasons, including Aboriginal heritage, the change in water priority classification, environmental issues, regional road matters and airport noise pollution problems. The focus of the committee’s report is the health impacts of aircraft noise at Jandakot Airport on potential new residents. The committee was alerted to this by the Department of Environment and Conservation when it made a submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission, which had failed to critique DEC’s claims of adverse health impacts. DEC alerted the WAPC to the number of aircraft movements and their noise, and the fact that there is now significant research regarding health impacts that may be associated with increased airport noise levels, which could pose risks to vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly. The WAPC also failed to critique DEC’s claims directly with the Department of Health in the public interest. The committee asked the Minister for Health for his views on DEC’s submission. The minister said the proponent should engage appropriately qualified consultants to undertake a health risk assessment of the impact of Jandakot Airport on the proposed subdivision and that both the Department of Health and the Department of Environment and Conservation should review that health assessment prior to any approval on the rezoning. Under its terms of reference, the committee finds that future Banjup urban precinct residents have a legitimate expectation that the health impacts of Jandakot Airport noise will be investigated and evaluated in the planning process before rezoning. I commend this report to the house.

Sixty-first Report — “Annual Report 2012” — Tabling

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [10.10 am]: I am directed to present the sixty-first report of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, entitled “Annual Report 2012”.

[See paper 5399.]

Hon SALLY TALBOT: The Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation is pleased to table its annual report 2012. This report outlines the committee’s activities in 2012 and comments on significant issues arising from the committee’s scrutiny of delegated legislation in 2012. The committee continues to scrutinise a large number of instruments of delegated legislation. Between 1 January 2012 and 9 November 2012, the committee was referred 413 instruments including 238 regulations and 96 local laws.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank the ministers, departments and local governments who provide assistance to the committee. The committee appreciates the work performed by local governments, which often, with limited resources, undertake the difficult challenge of drafting local laws. The committee also appreciates the contributions made by the Department of Local Government and the Western Australian Local Government Association in drafting local laws. I commend the report to the house.