WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NOTICES AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 40

TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2013, 2.00 p.m.

Prayers ⋆		
Petitions		
Papers		
Giving Notice of Motion		
Brief Ministerial Statements ⋆		
Questions Without Notice	–	**approximately 2.00 p.m. each day**
Matter of Public Interest	–	**one per week on any day**
Private Members' Business	–	**4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays**
Grievances	–	**approximately 9.00 a.m. Thursdays**
Private Members' Statements	–	**12.50 p.m. Thursdays**

⋆ *Note: On days when the Assembly meets at 2.00 p.m. Brief Ministerial Statements and Questions Without Notice will follow immediately after Prayers.*

Memorandum: *An electronic version of the Assembly's Questions on Notice booklet is available on the Parliament's Internet site at www.parliament.wa.gov.au.*

BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY – NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Procedure and Privileges Committee – Referral of Inquiry (Notice given – 17/10/13)

The Leader of the House: To move –

That the Procedure and Privileges Committee consider whether, in light of the provisions of the *Evidence and Public Interest Disclosure Legislation Amendment Act 2012* –

(a) journalists are appropriately protected from being compelled to disclose their sources in the course of parliamentary proceedings; and

(b) any amendments to the Standing Orders are necessary or desirable.

The Committee will report to the House on the above matters by 15 May 2014.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS – ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Taxi Drivers Licensing Bill 2013 (Minister for Transport) (No. 31, 2r. – 19/9/13)

To be read a third time.

2. Western Australian Photo Card Bill 2013 (Minister for Transport) (No. 33, 2r. – 19/9/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms S. McGurk).

3. Unclaimed Money (Superannuation and RSA Providers) Amendment and Expiry Bill 2013 (Treasurer) (No. 22, 2r. – 12/9/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms S. McGurk).

4. Courts and Tribunals (Electronic Processes Facilitation) Bill 2013 (Deputy Premier) (LC No. 24, 2r. – 17/10/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms S. McGurk).

5. Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia Bill 2013 (Minister for Mines and Petroleum) (No. 36, 2r. – 16/10/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms R. Saffioti).

6. Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2013 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection) (LC No. 08, 2r. – 17/9/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms S. McGurk).

7. Electricity Corporations Amendment Bill 2013 (Minister for Energy) (No. 40, 2r. – 16/10/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Mr D.A. Templeman).

8. Declared Places (Mentally Impaired Accused) Bill 2013 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Disability Services) (No. 37, 2r. – 17/10/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Ms S. McGurk).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS – NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Implementation of Significant Taxation Reform (Notice given – 18/6/13)

Mr B.S. Wyatt: To move –

> That this House condemns the Barnett Government for its comprehensive failure to implement any significant taxation reform and to deliver on its taxation election commitments.

2. Basic Standards of Transparency (Notice given – 18/6/13)

Ms R. Saffioti: To move –

> That this House condemns the Barnett Government for its lack of accountability and openness, and disregard of basic standards of transparency to the Parliament, Auditor General and through the Freedom of Information Act and to the people of Western Australia.

3. Financial Management (Notice given – 20/6/13)

Mr B.S. Wyatt: To move –

> That the House condemns the Barnett Government for its woeful financial management since 2008 and for being unable to meet the standards of financial management it demanded when in Opposition.

4. Appointment of a Select Committee into the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (Notice given – 6/8/13)

Ms M.M. Quirk: To move –

(1) That this House appoints a select committee to inquire into and report on the effectiveness of the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* and, in particular to consider:

(a) the purposes and principles of freedom of information and whether the Freedom of Information Act satisfies those purposes and principles namely:

(i) the objects clauses in the Freedom of Information Act;

(ii) the ambit of the application of the Act, including the appropriateness of the definition of "document" (Glossary – Freedom of Information Act) and the operation of Schedule 2 (bodies to which the Freedom of Information Act does not apply); and

(iii) the exemption provisions in Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) the effectiveness of processes under the Freedom of Information Act (including application and review processes) and ways in which those processes can be streamlined and made more efficient and user-friendly, including the utilisation of current and future technologies;

(c) the time and costs involved in providing access to government documents, having regard to the need to achieve a balance between facilitating legitimate and timely access to government documents and ensuring proper and efficient government administration. In considering this issue, the committee is to specifically consider:

(i) the appropriateness of the existing fees regime;

(ii) the appropriateness of current time limits contained in the Act; and

(iii) dealing with voluminous and/or vexatious requests; and

(d) the effectiveness and adequacy of current reporting and data collection requirements, to inform public understanding about the operation and administration of the Freedom of Information Act.

(2) In identifying ways to improve and modernise the freedom of information regime, the committee is to consider (but not limit itself to):

(a) relevant existing and proposed Commonwealth, State and Territory laws and practices;

(b) other recent reviews of freedom of information legislation, nationally and internationally;

(c) information or data from agencies that will assist in the identification of issues relating to the administration of the Freedom of Information Act;

(d) the operation of the freedom of information regime in an evolving technological environment;

(e) specific issues relating to access by individuals to personal information, including the interaction between Western Australia's freedom of information regime and the protection of privacy interests;

(f) balancing the public interest in access to information with the need to preserve the integrity and confidentiality of deliberative processes for Ministers and other decision makers; and

(g) the interaction of the Freedom of Information Act with other mechanisms (including non-legislative mechanisms) for assessing information held by government.

5. Insurance Commission of Western Australia (Notice given – 11/9/13)

Mr B.S. Wyatt: To move –

That the House condemns the Premier for misleading the Parliament and the people of Western Australia in respect of:

(1) The Government's decision to require the Insurance Commission of Western Australia to pay a dividend; and

(2) Failing to disclose the Government's decision to require the Insurance Commission of Western Australia to pay a dividend in the 2012-13 Mid-Year Financial Projections Statement.

6. Browse and Oakajee Projects (Notice given – 7/5/13, renewed – 24/9/13)

Mr M. McGowan: To move –

That this House condemns the Premier for his loss of the Browse and Oakajee Projects.

7. Offer of Assistance to Western Australian Farmers (Notice given – 7/5/13, renewed – 24/9/13)

Mr D.A. Templeman: To move –

That this House condemns the Premier and the Liberal National Government for its totally inadequate offer of assistance to Western Australian farmers.

8. Review of the *Forest Products Act 2000* (Notice given – 7/5/13, renewed – 24/9/13)

Mr M.P. Murray: To move –

That this House urges the Government to review as a matter of priority the implications of section 67 of the *Forest Products Act 2000* which is being deployed to evade the payment of compensation to plantation owners in Nannup who in March 2012 suffered a loss as a result of a Forest Products Commission contractor igniting a fire.

9. Appointment of a Select Committee into the Increases of State Debt (Notice given – 9/5/13, renewed – 26/9/13)

Mr B.S. Wyatt: To move –

That this House appoints a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the level of increases to the State debt since 2000, particularly borrowings which are growing State debt to extraordinary levels, and the effects that these and other borrowings may have on the future financial management of Western Australia, and in particular, to –

(a) ascertain the overall of the debt of the State, its agencies and business enterprises, and the amount of its increase since 2000;

(b) estimate the level of likely borrowings over the next six years which will be needed to cover existing or foreseeable liabilities;

(c) identify any contingent liabilities which may require borrowings during the next six years;

(d) identify the contributions of individual Government departments, agencies and business enterprises to this level of debt and future or contingent liabilities;

(e) ascertain whether the debt of individual Government departments, agencies or business enterprises is fully, partially or not matched by realistically valued assets;

(f) assess the impact of the debt on the revenue and expenditure of the State over the next six years;

(g) recommend strategies for management of the debt over the next six years which will minimise the adverse effect of the debt on the revenues and expenditures of the State, and on the taxpayers of the State; and

(h) recommend a long-term policy approach to the management and reporting of Government debt.

10. Ethnic Assistants, 457 Families and Government Schools (Notice given – 15/10/13)

Ms M.M. Quirk: To move –

That this House condemns the Barnett Government for:

(a) its failure to acknowledge and meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse Western Australians by discontinuing the use of ethnic assistants from schools; and

(b) abolishing the Substantive Equality Unit at the Equal Opportunity Commission; and

(c) its implementation of the ill-considered plan to charge 457 families $4000 for a child's schooling at government schools.

11. Restoration and Preservation of the Guildford Hotel (Notice given – 15/10/13)

Ms M.M. Quirk: To move –

That this House:

(a) condemns the Barnett Government for its lengthy inaction on the heritage listed Guildford Hotel thereby prejudicing the prospects for its restoration and preservation; and

(b) requests that the Minister direct the Heritage Council to commission an independent structural report on the current condition of the hotel and table the same on its completion.

12. Additional Crew Protection for Firefighters (Notice given – 15/10/13)

Ms M.M. Quirk: To move –

That this House:

(a) notes with concern that the Barnett Government has been dilatory in providing additional crew protection for firefighters prior to this fire season; and

(b) requests that the Ministers for Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Fire and Emergency Services report to this Parliament forthwith on the extent of crew protection roll out to date and the schedule for future installation and provision of such equipment.

13. Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (Notice given – 15/10/13)

Mr R.H. Cook: To move –

That the Assembly acknowledges the 15 October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day as the loss of a child in pregnancy or in the early days of life is very difficult and this day recognises their grief and pays special tribute to lives lost too soon.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS – ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Land Supply and Land Approvals (Moved – 15/5/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr D.A. Templeman – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Ms R. Saffioti –

That this House condemns the Barnett Government on its failure to provide adequate land supply and land approvals in Western Australia to meet increasing housing demand.

2. Liquor Control Amendment Bill 2013 (Mr M.P. Murray) (No. 18, 2r. – 12/6/13)

Second reading. Adjourned debate (Minister for Emergency Services).

3. Amalgamation of Verve and Synergy (Moved – 19/6/13)

Adjourned debate (Minister for Energy – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Mr W.J. Johnston –

> That this House condemns the Premier and the Liberal State Government for deciding to amalgamate Verve and Synergy without having a plan for any of the consequences of this decision.

4. Closing the Gap COAG Agreement on Indigenous Health (Moved – 19/6/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr D.A. Templeman – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Mr R.H. Cook –

> That this House calls on the Barnett Government to re-commit to the Closing the Gap COAG agreement on indigenous health to provide certainty and continuity of the indigenous health services who will cease being funded when the current agreement expires.

5. Gonski Reform Package (Moved – 26/6/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr P. Papalia – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Dr A.D. Buti –

> That this House calls on the Government to resolve issues with the Federal Government so that public schools can benefit from the Gonski reform package.

6. Council Amalgamations in the Metropolitan Area (Moved – 7/8/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr R.H. Cook – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Mr D.A. Templeman –

> That this House condemns the Barnett Government for breaking another promise and totally misleading the people of Western Australia with regard to forced council amalgamations in the metropolitan area.

7. Public Education (Moved – 11/9/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr C.D. Hatton – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Dr A.D. Buti –

> That this House condemns the Barnett Government for its attacks on public education, in particular:
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> (a) cuts to school support program resource allocation;
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> (b) cuts to teaching and education staff;
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> (c) loss of Gonski Better Schools funding; and
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> (d) a failure to adequately fund the moving of Year 7s to high school.

8. Vocational and Career training in Western Australia (Moved – 25/9/13)

Adjourned debate (Mr W.J. Johnston – continuation of remarks) on the motion moved by Mr F.M. Logan –

> That this House condemns the Barnett Government for its unwarranted attack on vocational and career training in Western Australia through budget cuts, job losses, a massive increase in student fees and the eradication of equity based training courses for the most disadvantaged in our community.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Committee	***Date Due***
Community Development and Justice Standing Committee:	28 November 2013
Inquiry into Custodial Arrangements in Police Lock-ups	
Joint Committee on Audit:	
Inquiry into the Budget, Organisational Structure and Resourcing Needs of the Office of the Auditor General	
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission:	12 December 2013
Inquiry into the use of Part 4 powers under the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003*	
Joint Committee on Audit:	
Review of the *Auditor General Act 2006*	
Education and Health Standing Committee:	10 April 2014
Inquiry into the Organisational Response within the Department of Health to Challenges associated with Commissioning the Fiona Stanley Hospital	
Economics and Industry Standing Committee:	29 May 2014
Inquiry into the Economic Implications of Floating Liquefied Natural Gas Operations	
Public Accounts Committee:	26 June 2014
Inquiry into Amendments to the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*	

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* Denotes amendments appearing in the Notices and Amendments section of the Notice Paper.

† Denotes time allocated for Bill appears in the Notices and Amendments section of the Notice Paper.

‡ Denotes second reading debate on the Bill is being undertaken cognately with a principal Bill, and no further second reading debate will occur.

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