

Minutes of Proceedings



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021

10.00am

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Ministerial Statement — Cyclone Seroja Recovery

The Minister for Regional Development made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the recovery efforts in Kalbarri as a result of the destruction caused by Cyclone Seroja.

3. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's Papers —

Opinion on Ministerial Notification — Hospital Facilities Services (Report No. 22)
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Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health

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4. Cyclone Seroja and Wooroloo Bushfires

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dr Steve Thomas moved, without notice —

That this House —

- (a) acknowledges the impacts of Cyclone Seroja on the communities of the Mid West, Gascoyne and surrounding areas, and the Wooroloo Bushfires north of Perth, and thanks our emergency services professionals and volunteers for their services to those communities; and
- (b) calls on the State and Federal Governments to make all reasonable efforts to assist those communities to rebuild.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

5. Personal Explanation

Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, made a personal explanation in relation to the National–Liberal Alliance and leadership positions.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas, by leave, tabled the National–Liberal Alliance shadow ministry as at 19 April 2021. (Tabled Paper 163).

6. Carbon Farming

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dr Sally Talbot moved, without notice —

That this House commends the work of the McGowan Labor Government to provide opportunities for farmers and pastoralists to benefit from carbon farming, and to equip Western Australia's agriculture sector to be a major contributor to the reduction of our carbon footprint.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as to enable Order of the Day No. 2, *Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2021*, to be taken forthwith.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The Acting President having counted the Council, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

8. Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 164).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General moved, without notice —

That the *Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2021* be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

9. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Address-in-Reply*, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

10. Address-In-Reply

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the Address-in-Reply.

Debate resumed.

Hon Martin Pritchard sought leave to continue his remarks at a later stage of this day's sitting.

Leave granted.

Debate resumed.

11. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Leader of the House representing the Premier tabled correspondence from Lotterywest to Margaret Court Community Outreach regarding an application for a grant (7 October 2020), in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 165).

12. Address-In-Reply

Debate resumed on the Address-in-Reply (*see item 10 above*).

On the motion of Hon Colin de Grussa the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

13. Order of Business

Ordered — That Members' Statements be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

14. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

15. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.15pm until Tuesday, 11 May 2021 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Stephen Dawson, Hon Tjorn Sibma, Hon Charles Smith and Hon Aaron Stonehouse.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council