

Minutes of Proceedings



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

10.00am

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Statement by President — Joint Sitting Senate Vacancy

The President made the following Statement —

With reference to the motion this House passed yesterday in respect of the fixing of the day and place for a joint sitting of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly to fill the Senate vacancy arising from the resignation of Senator Siewert, I advise that I have conferred with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and have received agreement that the Houses will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber at 12 noon on Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

3. Ministerial Statement — R U OK? Day

The Minister for Mental Health made a Ministerial Statement with respect to R U OK? Day, a national harm prevention charity that aims to start life-changing conversations.

4. Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation — Report 1 — City of Kalamunda Dogs Local Law 2021

Hon Lorna Harper presented Report 1 of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, *City of Kalamunda Dogs Local Law 2021*. (Tabled Paper 535).

5. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 1 — Annual Report 2020-21

Hon Dr Steve Thomas presented Report 1 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission, *Annual Report 2020-21*. (Tabled Paper 536).

6. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 2 — If not the CCC...then where? An examination of the Corruption and Crime Commission's oversight of excessive use of force allegations against members of the WA Police Force

Hon Dr Steve Thomas presented Report 2 of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission, *If not the CCC...then where? An examination of the Corruption and Crime Commission's oversight of excessive use of force allegations against members of the WA Police Force*. (Tabled Paper 537).

7. Western Australia's Economy

Hon Jackie Jarvis: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Legislative Council notes the continued improvement in Western Australia's economy and financial situation under the McGowan Labor Government.

8. Insurance Commission of Western Australia — Bell Group Litigation Settlement

Hon Nick Goiran: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House —

- (1) Notes that the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (Commission) —
 - (a) received \$665.4 million on 11 September 2020 as its share of the settlement of the Bell Group litigation settlement;
 - (b) were not involved in the preparation of the Premier's media release on 4 October 2020 which said that every residential household would from 1 November 2020 receive a one-off \$600 electricity bill credit "funded from the recent Bell Group settlement";
 - (c) paid approximately \$200 million to the Government in 2020-21 by way of tax equivalent payments on the Bell settlement sum; and
 - (d) have covered approximately \$292 million in costs arising from the Bell litigation leaving it with an after tax net sum of \$173 million.
- (2) Expresses its concern that the Premier —
 - (a) misled Western Australians when he made his electricity credit announcement on 4 October 2020; and
 - (b) did not have the Bell settlement funds when the electricity bill credits were issued.
- (3) Reminds the Premier that the funding of the Bell Group litigation was derived from a WA Inc levy imposed on motorists.
- (4) Calls on the Premier to —
 - (a) acknowledge that the Commission Board owe fiduciary duties;
 - (b) undertake not to interfere with the discharge of those duties; and
 - (c) table any reports he receives from the Commission under sections 28 or 29 of the *Insurance Commission of Western Australia Act 1986*.

9. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended so as to enable the Council to sit beyond 5.20pm at this day's sitting and take Members' Statements at a time ordered by the House.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The 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.

10. Logging of Native Forests

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

That this House condemns the McGowan Government for its ill-conceived plan to ban the logging of native forests, which:

- (a) was a rushed decision announced without any consultation with the Forestry Industry;
- (b) will shut down a sustainable industry resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs in the regions; and
- (c) will decimate the regional local communities of Nannup, Greenbushes, Manjimup and more broadly those across the South West.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

11. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *City of Kalamunda Dogs Local Law 2021 — Disallowance*, and 2, *Weapons Amendment Regulations 2021 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 5, *Transfer of Land Amendment Bill 2021*. (Leader of the House).

12. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Report No. 64 — Review of Standing Orders

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon Dan Caddy, as follows —

That Recommendations 1 to 38 contained in Report No. 64 of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, *Review of Standing Orders*, be adopted and agreed to.

Recommendation 1 states —

That recommendations 2 to 8, 13 to 17 and 19 to 38 come into effect on the first sitting day of the week following their adoption.

Recommendation 2 states —

That the words "6.00pm to 7.30pm" be deleted in Standing Order 5(2) and the following words be inserted in their place —

6.00pm to 7.00pm

Recommendation 3 states —

1. That the following words be deleted in Standing Order 5(2) —

Wednesday 4.15pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 1.00pm to 2.00pm

4.15pm to 4.30pm

2. That the following words be inserted in their place —

Thursday 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Recommendation 4 states —

That Standing Order 169 be deleted and the following be inserted in its place —

169. Scheduling of Meetings

- (1) A Committee may meet during a suspension or adjournment of the Council.
- (2) A Committee may seek permission in writing from the President to meet to deliberate in private session between 4.15pm and 4.30pm on a sitting day.
- (3) If the President grants permission to a request in accordance with (2), the President must advise the Council at the earliest opportunity.
- (4) A Committee cannot conduct its meeting until the Council has been advised under (3).
- (5) Only one Committee can be authorised to meet in accordance with (2) on any sitting day.

Recommendation 5 states —

That the following words be inserted after Standing Order 125 —

125A. Urgent Bills

- (1) At any time after the moving of the Second Reading of a Bill a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary may declare that a Bill is an urgent Bill.
- (2) After a Bill has been declared an urgent Bill, a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary may move a motion specifying the maximum debate time to apply to each stage of the Bill. At the conclusion of the maximum debate time prescribed in Standing Order 23(1)(e), the Presiding Officer must interrupt debate and put to the vote all questions as are necessary to dispose of the motion.
- (3) If the motion is agreed, when the maximum debate time for a stage of the Bill has expired, the Presiding Officer must interrupt the debate and put to the vote all questions as are necessary for the Bill to complete that stage, including all amendments standing on the Supplementary Notice Paper. Except by leave, the question on each clause, schedule, preamble, title or amendment must be put as a separate question.
- (4) A Minister or Parliamentary Secretary may commence or complete a second reading reply speech notwithstanding the operation of (3).
- (5) A further motion under (2) can be moved at any time including, notwithstanding (3), immediately after the expiry of a maximum debate time.
- (6) The motion that the question be now put (closure) shall not be moved in any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted under this Standing Order.

- (7) For the purposes of this Standing Order a stage of a Bill means a vote on a reading or the completion of the Committee of the Whole stage.

Recommendation 6 states —

That Standing Order 21 be amended by inserting after the section headed "**Matter of Privilege (SO 93)**" —

Motion to allocate time for urgent Bill (SO 125A)

All Members 5 minutes

Amendments to the motion

All Members 2 minutes

Recommendation 7 states —

That Standing Order 23 be amended by inserting after item (1)(d) —

- (e) Allocation of time for urgent Bill (SO 125(A)) 30 minutes

Recommendation 8 states —

That Standing Order 65 be amended as follows —

At the relevant place in the list of items, insert —

SO 125A Motion to allocate time for urgent Bill

Recommendation 9 states —

That Standing Order 66 should be repealed and replaced with the following to have effect from 1 January 2022 —

66. Motions on Notice

Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of this Standing Order a Private Member means a member who is not —
- (a) a Minister;
 - (b) a Parliamentary Secretary; or
 - (c) the President.

Quota

- (2) Subject to (3), the number of opportunities available to members of a political group in each calendar year of sittings shall be a quota calculated as the sum of —

$$\left(\frac{\text{Number of Private Members of political group}}{\text{Total Private Members}} \times 100 \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Number of sitting weeks}}{100} \right)$$

rounded to the nearest whole number.

- (3) Where the sum of quotas exceeds sitting weeks or a political group has a quota of zero, the quota of the political group comprising the greatest number of members supporting the Government shall be reduced so that as the case requires —
- (a) the sum of quotas equals sitting weeks; and
 - (b) each other political group has a minimum quota of one.

- (4) As each item of business is disposed of, the quota of the relevant political group reduces accordingly.
- (5) No political group shall in any calendar year exceed its quota unless provided for in this Standing Order or the Council otherwise orders on motion without notice.

Annual schedule of allocation

- (6) There shall be an Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice for business taken under Standing Order 15(2) which sets out the pro rata allocation of dates between political groups in accordance with their respective quota.
- (7) The President shall table the Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice —
 - (a) following the tabling of a schedule of dates for sittings of the Council under Standing Order 6, which is to apply for the forthcoming calendar year;
 - (b) following a general election when members of the Council are declared elected, which is to apply to the calendar year from when those members take their seats; or
 - (c) otherwise as required.
- (8) The Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice tabled under (7), and any subsequent variations to the Schedule under (9), shall be published in the Weekly Bulletin.
- (9) Subject to (13), the Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice shall only be varied —
 - (a) to take into account any change to the Business Program ordered by the Council under Standing Order 17; or
 - (b) by an agreement to exchange allocated dates that is communicated in writing to the Clerk by each of the parties to the exchange by 4.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the earliest allocated date that is the subject of the exchange agreement.
- (10) If the Council resolves to sit on additional Wednesdays not provided for in the Annual Sitting Schedule, Motions on Notice on those days shall be allocated in the following order of priority —
 - (a) To any political grouping who, during that calendar year, forewent a scheduled opportunity to move a Motion on Notice due to the Council not sitting on a scheduled Wednesday; and
 - (b) By way of the Clerk drawing lots that represent the proportion of Private Members from political groups.
- (11) Subject to (12), at the time for publication of the Weekly Bulletin on the Friday preceding the sitting week, the Clerk shall publish the first mentioned notice of motion listed on the Notice Paper in the name of

the Member of the political group allotted the business under SO 15(2) in the Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice.

- (12) Where multiple notices of motion in the names of Members of the political group allotted the business under SO 15(2) are listed on the Notice Paper and the leader of that political group advises the Clerk in writing by 10.00am on the Friday preceding the sitting week of an alternative listed notice of motion, the Clerk shall publish that notice of motion in the Weekly Bulletin.
- (13) If no notice of motion in the name of a Member of the political group allotted the business under SO 15(2) is listed on the Notice Paper by 10.00am on the Friday prior to the allocated date, unless the Council otherwise orders on motion without notice —
 - (a) business to be taken under Standing Order 15(2) for the following week shall be vacated and the Council is to proceed to other business; and
 - (b) the political group listed on the Annual Schedule of Allocation of Motions on Notice for the following week shall have its total quota allocation in the Schedule reduced as if the allocated session for Motions on Notice had proceeded.
- (14) The consideration of notices taken under Standing Order 15(2) for the period from the opening day to when members elected at the general election take their seats shall be selected by lot drawn by the Clerk on the adjournment of the opening day.
- (15) Any notice of motion that has not been moved after one year will be automatically discharged from the Notice Paper.

Reply and disposal of business

- (16) When an item is not earlier disposed of, at 5 minutes before the end of the time provided for the consideration of the item, the President is to interrupt proceedings to allow the mover of the motion to speak in reply for not more than 5 minutes. If the mover elects not to make a reply the member interrupted may continue their speech.
- (17) At the close of debate or at the expiry of the maximum time limit, the President is to put every question necessary to dispose of the motion forthwith and successively without further amendment or debate, unless the motion is withdrawn as provided by the Standing Orders.
- (18) When an item is disposed of prior to the expiry of the maximum time limit the period for motions on notice concludes and the Council is to proceed to other business.

Recommendation 10 states —

That Standing Order 21 be amended, to have effect from 1 January 2022, by inserting after the section headed “**Motions**” —

Motions on Notice (SO 15(2))

All Members 20 minutes

Mover in Reply 5 minutes

Amendments to Motions on Notice

All Members 5 minutes

Recommendation 11 states —

That Standing Order 23 be amended, to have effect from 1 January 2022, by deleting clause (1)(a) and inserting in its place —

(a) Motions on Notice (SO 15(2)) 120 minutes

Recommendation 12 states —

That the Temporary Order on Motions on Notice adopted by the Council on 23 June 2021 be rescinded, to have effect from 31 December 2021.

Recommendation 13 states —

That Standing Order 110 is amended by inserting the following after (2) —

- (2A) Where the debate on an order of the day listed under (2) has reached one hour of consideration and further orders of the day are listed on the Notice Paper, the debate on the order of the day shall be postponed.
- (2B) An order of the day postponed under (2A) shall be listed for further consideration after the orders of the day for the consideration of committee reports listed on that day's Notice Paper and not disposed of.
- (2C) After an order of the day listed under (2) has been debated for the maximum period prescribed in Standing Order 23(1)(b), the question must be put that the report be noted unless, immediately before that question is put, a Member moves that the report be further considered. If such a motion is agreed by the Committee and adopted by the Council, the order of the day will remain on the Notice Paper and be postponed as if it was postponed under (2B).
- (2D) A motion to further consider a report under (2C) can be moved after the expiry of further maximum periods prescribed in Standing Order 23(1)(b).

Recommendation 14 states —

That Standing Order 21 be amended as follows —

1. Delete the following words under the heading "**Consideration of Committee Reports**"—

All Members one period of 10 minutes per report

At the discretion of the Chair of Committees and when no other Member wishes to speak, a Member may be allocated a second period of 5 minutes per report.

2. Insert the following words in their place —

All Members unlimited periods of 10 minutes per report

Recommendation 15 states —

That Standing Order 23(1)(b) be amended by deleting “60 minutes” and inserting in its place “240 minutes”.

Recommendation 16 states —

That Standing Order 53 be amended as follows —

At the relevant place in the list of items, insert —

SO 110(2C) Further consideration of a Committee Report

Recommendation 17 states —

That Standing Order 65 be amended as follows —

At the relevant place in the list of items, insert —

SO 110(2C) Further consideration of a Committee Report

Recommendation 18 states —

That the Council adopt the following temporary order to be in operation from 1 January 2022 until 31 March 2023.

E-Petitions

- (1) An e-petition is a petition —
 - (a) in the correct form prescribed by Standing Order 101;
 - (b) facilitated by a Member and lodged with the Clerk for publication on the Parliament’s website for a nominated period (“posted period”);
 - (c) by which persons must indicate their support of (“join the petition”) by electronically providing their name, address (including postcode) and email address, and signifying their intention to join the petition.
- (2) The posted period for an e-petition is to be a minimum of one week and a maximum of six months from the date of publication on the Parliament’s website.
- (3) The Member facilitating the e-petition must provide the Clerk with the details of the petition in the correct form, the posted period and a signed acknowledgment that they are prepared to facilitate the e-petition.
- (4) Once published on the Parliament’s website an e-petition cannot be altered other than by order of the President.
- (5) Only one e-petition dealing with substantially the same grievance and requesting substantially the same action by the Council shall be published on the Parliament’s website at the same time.
- (6) Only residents of Western Australia will be eligible to join an e-petition.
- (7) Once the posted period for an e-petition has elapsed, a paper copy of the petition shall be printed by the Clerk in full (including the details of the persons who joined the petition) and presented to the Council by the Member that facilitated the e-petition.

- (8) An e-petition published on the Parliament's website, but not presented to the Council prior to the prorogation of the Parliament or the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, may be presented to the subsequent Parliament and become a petition of the subsequent Parliament.
- (9) An e-petition may be facilitated during any adjournment of the Legislative Council and during any period of prorogation.
- (10) Persons must join an e-petition by filling out their correct details and personally agreeing to join the e-petition, and by no one else, except in the case of incapacity from sickness or disability.
- (11) A person cannot sign or join an e-petition more than once.
- (12) Only the name and address of the Principal Petitioner shall be made public on the Legislative Council's website.
- (13) The Clerk may decline to publish an e-petition on the website not in conformity with these Orders and shall advise the facilitating Member accordingly.
- (14) The Clerk or any Member may seek a ruling from the President of the Legislative Council relating to the conformity or otherwise of any e-petition with these Orders.
- (15) The Clerk is authorised to create and maintain an appropriate website on which to publish e-petitions and other explanatory information and do all things necessary in order to give effect to these Orders.
- (16) The Clerk must dispose of all electronic personal data relating to the posting and joining of an e-petition within six months after an e-petition is printed and presented to the Legislative Council.
- (17) The Standing Orders for petitions have application to e-petitions insofar as they can be applied.

Recommendation 19 states —

That the definition of "strangers" in Schedule 3 be deleted with the following definition inserted in its place —

"strangers" means all persons other than Members of the Legislative Council, parliamentary officers and Members' infants requiring immediate care.

Recommendation 20 states —

1. That item 1(h) in Standing Order 14 be deleted and the subsequent items renumbered accordingly.
2. That Standing Order 107 be deleted and the following be inserted in its place —

107. Questions on Notice

- (1) Members may lodge written questions on notice, signed by or on behalf of the Member, for any sitting day with the Clerk not later than midday on that day.
- (2) Questions lodged shall be published in a Supplementary Notice Paper in the order in which the questions were received by the Clerk.

Recommendation 21 states —

That Standing Order 21 is amended as follows —

1. Delete the following words under the heading “**Statement on Tabling of Committee Report (SO 189)**” —
Chair (or nominated Member) 3 minutes
2. Insert the following words in their place —
Chair (or nominated Member) 5 minutes

Recommendation 22 states —

That Standing Order 21 be amended by inserting after the section headed “**Statement on Tabling of Committee Report (SO 189)**” —

Statements by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (SO 103)

All Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries 5 minutes

Recommendation 23 states —

That Standing Order 42 is deleted.

Recommendation 24 states —

That Standing Order 44 be deleted and the following be inserted in its place —

44. Offensive Words

A Member shall not use offensive words in debate, including offensive words against the Sovereign, the Governor, either House of Parliament, any Member of either House or a judicial officer.

Recommendation 25 states —

That Standing Order 45 be deleted and the following be inserted in its place —

45. Imputations and Personal Reflections

All imputations of improper motives and all personal reflections on the Sovereign, the Governor, any Member of either House of Parliament or a judicial officer, are disorderly other than by substantive motion.

Recommendation 26 states —

That Standing Order 108(2) be amended by deleting “9 sitting days” and insert in its place “one calendar month”.

Recommendation 27 states —

That Standing Order 122 is deleted and the following inserted in its place —

122. Contents of a Bill

- (1) No clause shall be included in any Bill that does not come within its title.
- (2) Such matters as have no proper relationship to each other shall not be included in one and the same Bill.
- (3) An omnibus Bill to amend more than one Act may be introduced if —
 - (a) the amendments deal with an interrelated topic that can be regarded as a single broad policy; or
 - (b) the amendment to each Act are of a similar nature in each case; or
 - (c) the Bill is referred to a committee.
- (4) Any Bill that the President determines —
 - (a) does not conform to the Standing Orders; or
 - (b) in the case of a Council Bill, cannot be introduced in the Council in accordance with any constitutional or statutory provision

shall be withdrawn by order of the President.

Recommendation 28 states —

That Standing Order 128(2) is amended by deleting “Bill.” and inserting —

Bill and may only recommend amendments to the Bill that are consistent with the policy of the Bill.

Recommendation 29 states —

That Schedule 1, item 4.4 be deleted.

Recommendation 30 states —

That Standing Order 171 be amended by deleting the words “The Clerk” and inserting in their place “A parliamentary officer”.

Recommendation 31 states —

That Standing Order 186(3) is amended by inserting after “sign” —

, or authorise the application of their electronic signature to,

Recommendation 32 states —

1. That Standing Order 188(2)(b) is deleted and the following inserted in its place —
 - (b) except for reports —

- (i) giving notice of a committee-initiated inquiry under Standing Order 179;
- (ii) seeking an extension of time on an inquiry referred by the Council;
- (iii) on a motion for disallowance; or
- (iv) on a Bill,

listed for consideration by the Council in accordance with Standing Order 110.

2. That Standing Order 110(1) be amended by deleting, "(except reports pertaining to Bills)".

Recommendation 33 states —

1. That Standing Order 211 be amended to insert after (4) —
 - (5) For the avoidance of doubt, a vote is a ballot paper with the name of the candidate for election to that office that a Member chooses to be President.
2. That Standing Order 212 be amended to insert after (8) —
 - (9) For the avoidance of doubt, a vote is a ballot paper with the name of the candidate for election to that office that a Member chooses to be President.

Recommendation 34 states —

That Standing Order 30 be amended as follows —

1. To delete item (b).
2. To insert after item (e) —
 - (f) is otherwise disorderly,
3. To renumber the items accordingly.

Recommendation 35 states —

That in Standing Order 67(3) the words "*pro forma*" be deleted.

Recommendation 36 states —

That Standing Order 101(1)(c) is amended by deleting, "whether by insertion or deletion or inter-lineation".

Recommendation 37 states —

That Standing Order 126 is amended as follows —

1. In (5) by deleting "working" and inserting "business" in its place.
2. In (7) by inserting after "45" —

calendar

Recommendation 38 states —

That Standing Order 161(1) be deleted and replaced with the following —

- (1) Subject to (5), at any Committee meeting, a majority of Members is a quorum.

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted.

On the motion of Hon Pierre Yang the debate was adjourned to a later stage of this day's sitting.

13. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2021–2022 — Tabling of Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer

Budget Papers and Related Papers —

2021-22 — Budget Paper No. 1 — Treasurer's Speech..... 534 A

2021-22 — Budget Paper No. 2 — Budget Statements (Volume 1)..... 534 B

2021-22 — Budget Paper No. 2 — Budget Statements (Volume 2)..... 534 C

2021-22 — Budget Paper No. 3 — Economic and Fiscal Outlook..... 534 D

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer moved, without notice —

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 534A-D (2021–2022 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on Thursday, 9 September 2021.

On the motion of Hon Pierre Yang the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

14. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 16, Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Report No. 64 — Review of Standing Orders, be taken forthwith. (Leader of the House).

15. Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges — Report No. 64 — Review of Standing Orders

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Dan Caddy (*see item 12 above*).

Motion — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (18)

Hon Dan Caddy
Hon Sandra Carr
Hon Kate Doust
Hon Sue Ellery
Hon Peter Foster
Hon Lorna Harper
Hon Jackie Jarvis
Hon Alannah MacTiernan
Hon Kyle McGinn

Hon Shelley Payne
Hon Stephen Pratt
Hon Martin Pritchard
Hon Samantha Rowe
Hon Rosie Sahanna
Hon Matthew Swinbourn
Hon Dr Sally Talbot
Hon Darren West
Hon Pierre Yang (*Teller*)

Noes (11)

Hon Martin Aldridge
 Hon Peter Collier
 Hon Nick Goiran
 Hon James Hayward
 Hon Sophia Moermond
 Hon Dr Brad Pettitt

Hon Tjorn Sibma
 Hon Neil Thomson
 Hon Wilson Tucker
 Hon Dr Brian Walker
 Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Motion thus passed.

Point of Order

Hon Nick Goiran raised the following Point of Order —

If we are changing the Standing Orders, an absolute majority is required. If the vote is 18, does that constitute an absolute majority?

Acting President's Ruling

The Acting President ruled as follows —

In relation to the point of order, a motion that requires concurrence of an absolute majority is on the suspension of a Standing Order without notice. This was a motion with notice.

16. Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2021

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill. Debate resumed.

17. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment tabled a graphic snapshot on the Western Australia Native Forest Survey 2021, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 540).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Child Protection, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a list of the unknown living arrangements of 11 children, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment tabled the Hovella Falls pedestrian bridge concept plans, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled Paper 538).

The Minister for Education and Training tabled documents in relation to the median student to teacher ratio in Western Australian government schools for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in response to question on notice 235 asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled Paper 539).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to act-of-grace payments made in the financial years 2016-17 to 2020-21, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to state managed hotel quarantine, in response to a question without notice 638 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the COVID-19 vaccination status of quarantine centre workers, in response to a question without notice 648 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to the number of persons arriving in Western Australia via airlines in June, July and August 2021, in response to a question without notice 658 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to questions on notice 233 asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas will be provided by 16 September 2021.

18. Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2021

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 16 above*).

Interruption pursuant to order.

19. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

Hon James Hayward, by leave, tabled media releases from 1999 regarding revised logging plans being developed by the former Court Government. (Tabled Paper 541).

20. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.54pm until Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Klara Andric and Hon Ayor Makur Chuot.

PAUL GRANT

Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council