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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023 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. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021

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

That the Legislative Council acknowledges the Cook Government's backflip on its *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* and the associated regulations over the weekend, and as a result notes that —

- (a) the legitimate concerns of the landholders and the community were ignored by the Government for months;
- (b) the outcome was the result of the Government arrogantly rushing flawed legislation through the Parliament in contempt of due process;
- (c) the Government arrogantly ignored Opposition requests to seek further examination and consultation and to delay the implementation of the Act and the regulations when it became obvious they were unworkable;
- (d) the Government's disastrous process has caused enormous damage to future heritage discussions and the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Western Australians; and
- (e) the Government's incompetence on this issue has undermined their own public support for the Voice referendum.

Debate ensued. *Motion lapsed.*

3. Cybercrime, Scams and Identity Theft

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Kate Doust moved, without notice— That the Legislative Council acknowledges the complexity in dealing with cybercrime, scams and identity theft and—

- (a) that as scams become more sophisticated, more Western Australians are falling victim to them, resulting in larger losses;
- (b) the importance of fostering awareness and resilience in the fight against cybercrimes, scams and identity theft; and

(c) that combating cybercrime, scams and identity theft requires cross-party support at all levels of Government.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

4. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 3, Shire of Wyalkatchem Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2022 — Disallowance, 4, Shire of Wyalkatchem Cats Local Law 2022 — Disallowance, 5, Shire of Wyalkatchem Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2022 — Disallowance, 7, Shire of Augusta Margaret River Cat Local Law 2023 — Disallowance, and 8, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2023 — Disallowance, be taken after Order of the Day No. 15, School Education Amendment Bill 2023. (Leader of the House).

5. Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 1, *Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

6. Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 2, *Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

7. City of Subiaco Waste Local Law 2022 — Disallowance — Discharge from Notice Paper

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Lorna Harper moved, without notice —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Order of the Day No. 6, *City of Subiaco Waste Local Law 2022 — Disallowance*, be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Question — put and passed.

8. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023 and Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of these Bills, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Deputy President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Martin Aldridge in the Chair)

Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023

Clause 2.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5.

Debate ensued.

The Chair of Committees left the Chair at 12.40pm. The Chair of Committees resumed the Chair at 12.57pm.

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11.

Debate ensued.

9. Ouestions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

10. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023 and Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023

Resumption of consideration of these Bills in Committee of the Whole House (see item 8 above). The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023

Clause 11.

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industrial Relations tabled an *Indicative Structure of Workers Compensation and Injury Management Regulations*. (Tabled Paper 2424).

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the Bill, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Ordered — That the Committee of the Whole House sit again.

11. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

12. Joint Standing Committees — Appointment of Members

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Honourable President

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the following resolution –

- (1) That, following the resignation of the Member for Churchlands, the Member for Rockingham be appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
- (2) That the Legislative Council be acquainted accordingly.

Ms. M. Quirk. MLA

Acting Speaker

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13. Nickel (Agnew) Agreement Amendment Bill 2023

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported —

Honourable President

Message No. 117

Message No. 116

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the *Nickel (Agnew) Agreement Amendment Bill 2023* without amendment.

Mr. S. J. Price

Acting Speaker

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14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.48pm until Tuesday, 15 August 2023 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Sandra Carr, Hon Colin de Grussa, Hon Steve Martin and Hon Rosetta Sahanna.

SAM HASTINGS

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

Clerk of the Legislative Council

President of the Legislative Council