



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023

1.00pm

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Statement by President — Standing Committee on Legislation — Resignation of Member

The President made the following Statement —

I have received the following letter —

Dear President

I want to inform you that I wish to resign from the Legislation Committee effective immediately.

Regards

Hon Steve Martin MLC

Member for Agricultural Region

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

President

Auditor General's Papers —

Financial Audit — Electricity Generation and Retails Corporation (Synergy)
(November 2023)2780

4. State Government COVID-19 policies

Hon Ben Dawkins: To move on the next day of sitting —

That the Legislative Council acknowledges that some Western Australians were adversely affected by some State Government COVID-19 policies.

5. Standing Committee on Legislation — Appointment of Member

The Minister for Emergency Services moved, without notice —

That Hon Louise Kingston be appointed as a Member of the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Question — put and passed.

6. Native Timber Industry Closure Impact Assessment Committee

Motion No. 14 having been called, Hon Louise Kingston, pursuant to notice, moved —

- (1) A Select Committee to be known as the Native Timber Industry Closure Impact Assessment Committee is established.
- (2) The Select Committee is to inquire into and report on —
 - (a) the direct economic and social impact of the closure of the native timber commercial logging industry;
 - (b) the indirect economic and social impact of the closure of the native timber commercial logging industry;
 - (c) the Forest Products Commission's ability to meet remaining contractual obligations for the delivery of native timber sawlog supplies;
 - (d) the Western Australian Government's softwood plantation investment plan and its ability to fill short-term demand following the closure of the native timber commercial logging industry; and
 - (e) the effectiveness of the State Government's Native Forest Transition plan, including but not limited to business, workforce, industry, and community.
- (3) The Select Committee is to report no later than 12 months after the motion is agreed to.
- (4) The Select Committee shall consist of no fewer than four members.

Debate ensued.

Hon Louise Kingston, by leave, tabled the *Native Forest Transition Helpline and Support Services* brochure from the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. (Tabled Paper 2781).

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Forestry tabled a graph charting native plantation industry establishment figures (Tabled Paper 2782).

Motion — put.

The Council divided.

Ayes (10)

Hon Martin Aldridge
Hon Peter Collier
Hon Ben Dawkins
Hon Nick Goiran
Hon Louise Kingston

Hon Tjorn Sibma
Hon Dr Steve Thomas
Hon Neil Thomson
Hon Wilson Tucker
Hon Colin de Grussa (*Teller*)

Noes (18)

Hon Klara Andric
Hon Dan Caddy
Hon Sandra Carr
Hon Stephen Dawson
Hon Kate Doust
Hon Sue Ellery
Hon Lorna Harper
Hon Jackie Jarvis
Hon Ayor Makur Chuot

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

Motion thus negated.

7. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Sandra Carr in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 8 — Unlawful detention in public hospitals: Parliamentary Inspector's report

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Dr Steve Thomas, That the Report be noted.

Debate interrupted and postponed pursuant to SO 110(2A).

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 9 — A Need for Clarity — Parliamentary Inspector's report: Can the Corruption and Crime Commission decline to form an opinion that serious misconduct has occurred despite the definition being met?

Hon Dr Steve Thomas moved, That the Report be noted.

Debate ensued.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Deputy Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —

- (1) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 8 — *Unlawful detention in public hospitals: Parliamentary Inspector's report*, made progress, and postponed further consideration until the next sitting.
- (2) Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 9 — *A Need for Clarity — Parliamentary Inspector's report: Can the Corruption and Crime Commission decline to form an opinion that serious misconduct has occurred despite the definition being met?*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

8. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, 2, *Shire of Westonia Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, 3, *Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, 4, *City of Gosnells Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, and 5, *Shire of Esperance Cemeteries Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 8, *School Education Amendment Bill 2023*. (Leader of the House).

9. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the Whole House, having been read.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

10. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas. (Tabled Paper 2783).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 2784).

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge.

The Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

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The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma.

11. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 9 above*).

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Sally Talbot in the Chair)

Clause 1.

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.

12. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

13. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.46pm until Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Donna Faragher (*leave*) and Hon Kyle McGinn.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council