WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 2.00 pm pursuant to adjournment.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Deputy Speaker's Statement – Absence of the Speaker and Remote Participation Trial

The Deputy Speaker advised that the Speaker would be absent from sittings this week and that further remote participation trials would continue this week.

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the decision not to execute the contract extension between Tourism Western Australia and IMG, for the Western Australian Gourmet Escape in 2022.

The Minister for International Education on the return of international students to Western Australia and the Safe Transition Industry Support Package.

The Minister for Fisheries on a stock assessment undertaken by the Department of demersal scalefish in the West Coast Bioregion, Kalbarri to Augusta.

4. **Questions**

Questions without Notice were taken.

Ms D.G. D'Anna and Mr T.J. Healy participated remotely.

Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House – By the Premier –

Premier – Department of Health – Controlled Border Transition Arrangements (962).

Premier – Department of Health – Omicron COVID-19 Modelling (963).

Question on Notice No. 339 was answered.

5. Petition

A Two Rocks marina – Mr J.R. Quigley presented a petition from 1,103 people asking the Legislative Assembly that the Minister for Planning review Yanchep-Two Rocks District Structure Plan No. 43 and Two Rocks Town Centre Agreed Structure Plan No. 70; and the Minister for Heritage review and assess the current heritage status of King Neptune and the surrounding Two Rocks Marina area. (P. 25).

6. Message from the Governor

Message No. 2 from His Excellency the Governor was reported assenting to the Finance Legislation Amendment (Emergency Relief) Bill 2021, Act No. 1 of 2022.

7. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House – By the Clerk –

Bush Fires Act 1954 – Local Laws (Shire of Menzies Bush Fire Brigades Amendment Local Law 2022 G.G. 16/02/2022) (957).

Curtin University Act 1966 – Statutes (Statute No. 14 – Revocation G.G. 15/02/2022) (958).

Edith Cowan University Act 1984 – Statutes (University Statute No. 29 – Student Services and Amenities Fee G.G. 18/02/2022) (959).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Shire of Menzies Health Local Law 2022 G.G. 16/02/2022) (960).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (Shire of Menzies Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2022 G.G. 16/02/2022) (961).

8. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People

The Deputy Speaker reported that a response by the Attorney General and the Treasurer to the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report No. 3, 'The merits of appointing a Commissioner for Aboriginal children and young people' had not been received by the required time.

9. Notices of Motion

10. Matter of Public Interest – Opening of the State Border

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that he was in receipt of a notice from Ms M.J. Davies that she intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Ms M.J. Davies moved,

That this House calls on the Premier to provide an iron-clad guarantee that the State border will be fully open to interstate and overseas visitors from 3 March 2022, subject to travellers complying with appropriate State and Federal Government entry approvals and health controls.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Health moved, To delete all the words after the word 'House' and insert – "

acknowledges the Premier's guarantee, as confirmed in Question Time today, that the State border will open to interstate and overseas visitors from 3 March 2022 and supports the delay to Western Australia's full reopening that has enabled much higher vaccination rates to be achieved across the State, especially the rates of third doses.

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Debate ensued.

On the question, That the words to be deleted, be deleted,

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

,	Ayes (40)	
Mr G. Baker	Mr D.J. Kelly	Ms R. Saffioti
Ms L.L. Baker	Ms A.E. Kent	Ms A. Sanderson
Ms H.M. Beazley	Mr P. Lilburne	Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Dr A.D. Buti	Mr M. McGowan	Ms J.J. Shaw
Mr J.N. Carey	Ms S.F. McGurk	Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke	Mr D.R. Michael	Dr K. Stratton
Ms C.M. Collins	Mr S.A. Millman	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr Y. Mubarakai	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr M.J. Folkard	Ms L.A. Munday	Ms C.M. Tonkin
Ms K.E. Giddens	Mrs L.M. O'Malley	Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms M.J. Hammat	Mr P. Papalia	Ms S.E. Winton
Mr M. Hughes	Mr S.J. Price	Ms C.M. Rowe (Teller)
Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr D.T. Punch	
Mr H.T. Jones	Mr J.R. Quigley	
	Noes (5)	
Ms M.J. Davies	Mr R.S. Love	Mr P.J. Rundle (Teller)
Dr D.J. Honey	Ms L. Mettam	

Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the words to be inserted, be inserted,

Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question thus passed.

Motion as agreed to by the House –

That this House acknowledges the Premier's guarantee, as confirmed in Question Time today, that the State border will open to interstate and overseas visitors from 3 March 2022 and supports the delay to Western Australia's full reopening that has enabled much higher vaccination rates to be achieved across the State, especially the rates of third doses.

11. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. Courts Legislation Amendment (Magistrates) Bill 2021

Message No. 38 dated 22 February 2022 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

13. Adjournment

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 9.25 pm until Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 12.00 noon.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings — All the members except Mr S.N. Aubrey, Ms L. Dalton, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Ms E.L. Hamilton, Ms J.L. Hanns, Mr T.J. Healy, Ms E.J. Kelsbie, Dr J. Krishnan, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mrs M.H. Roberts and Ms R.S. Stephens.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly