



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2024

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. Petitions

Hon Ben Dawkins presented an E-Petition from 90 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to reverse the Federal Government's proposed ban on live sheep exports. (Tabled Paper 3006).

Hon Ben Dawkins presented an E-Petition from 15 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to urge the Government to amend the *Electoral Act 1907* (WA) to enable persons to vote in State elections from the age of 16. (Tabled Paper 3007).

Hon Ben Dawkins presented an E-Petition from 971 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to establish an inquiry into the State Governments COVID-19 policies. (Tabled Paper 3008).

3. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

President

Reports —

Ombudsman Western Australia — Report of the monitoring activities of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations under Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Unlawful Consorting and Prohibited Insignia) Act 2021 (for the period ending 23 December 2022)3005

4. City of Bunbury Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023 — Disallowance

Hon Lorna Harper: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *City of Bunbury Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2023* published in the *Gazette* on 24 October 2023 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 7 November 2023 under the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed. (Tabled Paper 2742).

5. Biological Sex

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

That the Legislative Council agrees —

- (a) that a person's biological sex is a fact; and
- (b) that it is not scientifically possible to change your biological sex from one sex to the other sex at a cellular level; and
- (c) that in some settings, biological sex is more important than gender identity.

6. Plan for Parks Program

Motion No. 13 having been called, Hon Shelley Payne, pursuant to notice, moved —

That this House commends the Cook Government for the implementation of their Plan for Parks program, which is the largest expansion of the conservation estate in the State's history.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

7. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Dr Sally Talbot in the Chair)

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 85 — Consideration of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Peter Collier, That the Report be noted.

Question — put and passed.

Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report 37 — Delivery of Ambulance Services in Western Australia: Critical Condition

Debate resumed on the motion of Hon Pierre Yang, That the Report be noted.

Want of Quorum

There not being a quorum present, the Chair of Committees gave instructions for the ringing of the Bells.

A quorum being formed, the debate continued.

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) Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 85 — *Consideration of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates* and had noted same.
- (2) Standing Committee on Public Administration — Report 37 — *Delivery of Ambulance Services in Western Australia: Critical Condition*, made progress, and seeks to sit again.

Report adopted.

8. Order of Business

Ordered — That Order of the Day No. 1, *Shire of Kondinin Amendment Local Law 2023 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 9, *Land Tax Assessment Amendment (Residential Construction Exemptions) Bill 2023*. (Leader of the House).

9. Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2023

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

The Deputy President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Stephen Pratt in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

10. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brian Walker.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

11. Residential Tenancies Amendment 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 Brian Walker in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2.

Debate ensued.

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. Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 143 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3009).

Debate stands adjourned.

14. Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Safety Levies Amendment Bill 2023

The President reported the receipt of Message No. 144 from the Legislative Assembly forwarding the Bill for concurrence.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 3010).

Debate stands adjourned.

15. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.58pm until Thursday, 14 March 2024 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Peter Foster, Hon Ayor Makur Chuot, Hon Kyle McGinn and Hon Stephen Dawson.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President of the Legislative Council