

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 138

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Taxation Administration Act 2003 – Report to Parliament in accordance with section 134 of the Act – Five-year period to 28 June 2023 (2200).

3. Correction to Tabled Paper

The Speaker announced that she had authorised corrections to the following Tabled Paper tabled on 21 September 2022 –

Main Roads Western Australia – Annual Report 2021–2022 (1455).

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Speaker –

Main Roads Western Australia – Annual Report 2021–2022 - Erratum (2201).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade on the support to stabilise Griffin Coal operations.

The Minister for Energy on the Western Power Shepherd Closeout Report.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Energy –

Western Power – Shepherd Closeout Report (2202).

The Minister for Youth on the Youth Action Plan.

The Minister for Training on the State Training Plan 2023–2024.

The Minister for Regional Development on the retirement of long-serving Great Southern Development Commission chair, Mr Bruce Manning.

The Minister for Fisheries on the recovery of Gascoyne oceanic pink snapper stocks.

The Minister for Environment on the WasteSorted Infrastructure grants.

The Minister for Early Childhood Education on the launch of the Early Years Partnership Community Plans.

5. Criminal Investigation Amendment (Protection of Law Enforcement Animals) Bill 2023

The Minister for Police, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Criminal Investigation Act 2006*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Police presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Police moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. Electricity Industry Amendment (Distributed Energy Resources) Bill 2023

The Minister for Energy, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* in relation to the State electricity objective, distributed energy resources and the regulation of network access, distribution networks and power system security, and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Energy presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Energy moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 2023

The Minister for Training, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Training presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Training moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Rail Safety National Law Application Bill 2023

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

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms J.L. Hanns speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

9. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice Nos 874 to 878 were asked.

10. Matter of Public Interest – Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023 Regulations

The Speaker informed the Assembly that she was in receipt of a notice from Mr R.S. Love that he intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Mr R.S. Love moved,

That this House calls upon the WA Labor Government to release proposed regulations and commit to tabling them ahead of the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023 being brought on for consideration, noting the unrest caused in industry and across WA by the laggard introduction of regulations under the ACH Act 2021.

Debate ensued.

The Premier moved, To delete all the words after “That this House” and insert –
“

commends the WA Labor Government for its commitment to release proposed regulations for the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023, prior to debate on the Bill resuming.

”.

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

Question put and passed.

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

Question put and passed.

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

Question put and passed.

The motion, as amended and agreed to –

That this House commends the WA Labor Government for its commitment to release proposed regulations for the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023, prior to debate on the Bill resuming.

11. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be resumed.

12. Rail Safety National Law Application Bill 2023

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

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr D.A.E. Scaife speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 1 be next considered.

14. Workforce and Industries Skills Supply in Western Australia

Mr R.S. Love, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the WA Labor Government's stark failure to adequately address the ongoing skills crisis plaguing our State, failure to properly prioritise the fundamental needs of our workforce and industries, and inability to work with the Federal Labor Government to bolster our skills supply.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr T.J. Healy speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

15. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 31 August 2023 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms M.J. Davies and Mr K.J.J. Michel.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly