

Minutes of Proceedings



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

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. Petition

Hon Dr Sally Talbot presented a petition from 1,710 petitioners requesting the Legislative Council to recommend that the State Government commissions an independent review of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' prescribed burning environmental management in Western Australia. (Tabled Paper 608).

3. Ministerial Statement — Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs tabled the *Final Report* of the Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform. (Tabled Paper 609).

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5. Western Australia's Economy

Motion No. 17 having been called, Hon Jackie Jarvis, pursuant to notice, moved —

That the Legislative Council notes the continued improvement in Western Australia's economy and financial situation under the McGowan Labor Government.

Debate ensued.

Motion — put and passed.

6. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to order for the consideration of Committee Reports.

In Committee

(Hon Martin Aldridge in the Chair)

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 1 — Annual Report 2020–2021

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

Debate ensued.

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

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Acting President resumed the Chair.

The Chair of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the —
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission — Report 1 — *Annual Report 2020–2021*, made progress, and postponed further consideration to the next sitting.
Report adopted.

7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Weapons Amendment Regulations 2021 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 5, *Transfer of Land Amendment Bill 2021*. (Minister for Mental Health).

8. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2021–2022

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer as follows —

That pursuant to Standing Order 69(1) the Legislative Council take note of Tabled Paper 534A-D (2021–2022 Budget Statements), laid upon the Table of the House on 9 September 2021.

Debate ensued.

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a breakdown, by project, of the \$1.541 billion budgeted for infrastructure spending as COVID-19 recovery initiatives, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to public prisons with a TAFE partnership, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a list of TAFE courses provided to prisoners of Western Australia's public prisons, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier.

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment tabled a list of threatened species or ecological community produced by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 610).

The Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment tabled the *Numbat (Myrmecobius fasciatus) Recovery Plan, Wildlife Management Plan No. 60* by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 611).

10. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

President

Report —

Commissioner for Children and Young People — Independent Review into the Department of Communities' policies and practices in the placement of children with harmful sexual behaviours in residential care settings (September 2021)..... 612

11. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure — Consolidated Account Estimates 2021–2022

Debate resumed on the motion of the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer (*see item 8 above*).

On the motion of Hon Pierre Yang the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

12. Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2021

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

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Steve Martin in the Chair)

Clause 4.

Debate resumed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Child Protection tabled a list of external briefings conducted in relation to the Bill. (Tabled Paper 613).

Debate resumed.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6.

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8.

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.

13. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

14. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 6.28pm until Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon James Hayward, Hon Alannah MacTiernan and Hon Kyle McGinn.

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President of the Legislative Council