



# Parliamentary Debates

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, 1 February 2024



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**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy)** took the chair at 10.00 am, read prayers and acknowledged country.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — SITTING SCHEDULE 2024

*Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy)** [10.02 am]: At the request of the Leader of the House and after consultation with party leaders, I have varied the 2024 annual sitting schedule to facilitate the filling of a vacancy in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia that has arisen due to the resignation of former Senator Patrick Dodson. I hereby table a copy of the letter sent to all members on 29 January 2024.

[See paper [2892](#).]

## SENATE VACANCY

*Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy)** [10.02 am]: I have some messages. The first message is from His Excellency the Governor, Hon Chris Dawson, AC, APM. It reads —

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch which he has received today from the Honourable the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the said Senate.

The following is from the President of the Senate, Senator Hon Sue Lines —

Pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, I notify Your Excellency there is a vacancy in the representation of the State of Western Australia following the resignation of Senator Patrick Dodson on Friday, 26 January 2024.

## BILLS

*Assent*

Messages from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the following bills —

1. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023.
2. Western Australian Marine Amendment Bill 2023.
3. Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Medical Research) Bill 2023.
4. Legal Deposit Amendment Bill 2023.
5. Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2023.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

*Tenth report — Annual report 2022–23 — Government Response — Statement by Leader of the House*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [10.05 am]: I wish to inform the house that the government response to the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission's tenth report, *Annual report 2022–23*, will be tabled on 27 February 2024.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

*Ninetieth report — Consideration of the 2023–24 budget estimates — Government Response — Statement by Leader of the House*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [10.05 am]: I wish to inform the house that the government response to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations' ninetieth report, *Consideration of the 2023–24 budget estimates*, will be tabled on 27 February 2024.

## PAPERS TABLED

Papers were tabled and ordered to lie upon the table of the house.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW

*Standing Orders Suspension — Motion*

On motion without notice by **Hon Sue Ellery (Leader of the House)**, resolved with an absolute majority —

That so much of standing orders be suspended so that the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review may present its reports in relation to inquiries into the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Application Bill 2023 and the Therapeutic Goods Law Application Bill 2023 at the next sitting of the Council.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — JOINT SITTING***Standing Orders Suspension — Motion*

On motion without notice by **Hon Sue Ellery (Leader of the House)**, resolved with an absolute majority —

That so much of standing orders be suspended to enable the house at this sitting to deal solely with the arrangement of a joint sitting.

**JOINT SITTING***Standing Orders Suspension — Motion*

On motion without notice by **Hon Sue Ellery (Leader of the House)**, resolved with an absolute majority —

That with reference to the message reported to the Council by the President from His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable President be requested to confer with the Honourable Madam Speaker in order to fix a time and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of the Senator whose place has become vacant.

*Sitting suspended from 10.11 to 10.16 am*

*Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Alanna Clohesy)** [10.16 am]: Members, with reference to the motion by this house today, Thursday, 1 February 2024, in respect of the fixing of the day and place for a joint sitting of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to fill the Senate vacancy, I advise that I have conferred with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and have received agreement that the houses will meet in the Legislative Council chamber at 11.00 am today, Thursday, 1 February 2024.

**MEMBERS' STATEMENTS***Motion*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [10.16 am] — without notice: I move —

That members' statements be now taken.

Question put and passed.

**The PRESIDENT:** Members, are there any members' statements? There being no members' statements, the house is adjourned.

*House adjourned at 10.17 am*

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