

**STATUTES (REPEALS AND MINOR AMENDMENTS) BILL 2020**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Hon Sue Ellery (Leader of the House)**, and read a first time.

*Second Reading*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [5.10 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This is an omnibus bill. It makes a range of repeals and minor amendments to a number of acts, all under the umbrella of a single bill. As members may be aware, bills of this nature are a routine part of legislative review and ensure that the state's statute book is regularly updated and streamlined.

Part 2 of the bill provides for the repeals of Western Australian acts and imperial enactments. Part 3 of the bill provides for the amendments. The amendments range from inserting missing words to correcting typographical, cross-referencing and formatting errors, and to account for updates to and repeals of other legislation. Redundant or lapsed provisions will also be removed or corrected by the passage of this bill. Detailed explanations of each of the amendments are set out in the explanatory memorandum accompanying this bill.

Pursuant to standing order 126(1), I confirm that this bill is not a uniform legislation bill. It does not ratify or give effect to an intergovernmental or multilateral agreement to which the government of the state is a party. No uniform schemes or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth are introduced through this bill.

In accordance with past practice, the bill will be referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review in accordance with that committee's responsibility to scrutinise and review the statute book. I look forward to the committee's consideration of and report on this bill in due course.

I commend the bill to the house and table the explanatory memorandum.

[See paper [4182](#).]

*Discharge of Order and Referral to Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Motion*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [5.11 pm] — without notice: I move —

That the Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2020 be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review for consideration and report.

**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan)** [5.12 pm]: This is a little bit unusual but very expedient. This is a referral without notice to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review ahead of the second reading debate; is that correct?

**The PRESIDENT:** That is correct, but my understanding is that these types of bills have in the past been referred automatically to that committee for consideration and review.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** Thank you for that clarification.

Question put and passed.