

Dr Kim Hames; Mr Brendon Grylls; Mr Michael Sutherland; Mr Rob Johnson; Mr Mick Murray; Mrs Michelle Roberts; Mr Colin Barnett; Speaker; Mr Mark McGowan

SPEAKER

Election

The member for Cottesloe (Mr C.J. Barnett), as the member with the longest continuous service, took the chair and presided over the election of the Speaker.

DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville — Deputy Premier) [11.53 am]: Acting Speaker, Mr Chair, I move —

That the member for Mount Lawley do take the chair of the Legislative Assembly as Speaker.

MR B.J. GRYLLS (Pilbara — Minister for Regional Development) [11.53 am]: I formally second the motion.

MR M.W. SUTHERLAND (Mount Lawley) [11.53 am]: I accept the nomination.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [11.53 am]: Are there any further nominations?

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys) [11.53 am]: I nominate the member for Hillarys, myself, to take the chair of the Assembly as the Speaker.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [11.53 am]: Is there a seconder for that nomination?

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston) [11.53 am]: A man of that experience should be seconded.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [11.53 am]: Are there any further nominations?

Members, as there is more than one nomination, I will read the procedure for a ballot. As the successful candidate must be elected by a majority of the members present, a ballot is required. I ask the clerks to distribute ballot papers to members. I appoint the members for Carine and Mandurah to act as scrutineers. Members, please write one name only on the ballot paper and then place it in the ballot box that will be brought to you.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Just for clarification, is it required that we write the name or is it just the seat or both or either?

Mr C.J. BARNETT: No; the name of the person will be adequate.

Election of Speaker Resumed

[A ballot was taken. The member for Cottesloe declared that the member for Mount Lawley had been elected by 33 votes to 26 votes. The member for Mount Lawley was conducted to the chair.]

[Applause.]

THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland): Members, I wish to thank you for voting for me and endorsing my appointment as the Speaker. I will now assume the chair as the Speaker of the Assembly.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [12.07 pm]: Mr Speaker, may I congratulate you and wish you well as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for this term of government. May I also congratulate all members re-elected, and in particular all members who have been elected for the first time to the Legislative Assembly. I assure you, Mr Speaker, that we will be on our best behaviour!

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Leader of the Opposition) [12.08 pm]: Mr Speaker, I also pass on the opposition's congratulations on your becoming Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. It is an important responsibility and one that, of course, I am sure you will carry out in the long tradition that has evolved in this house of being a bipartisan Speaker of the lower house of Parliament. I also congratulate all the new members of Parliament on both sides of the house; I am sure it will be an interesting learning experience for you all.

THE SPEAKER (Mr M.W. Sutherland): Thank you very much. I wish to thank those members who have congratulated me on my election as Speaker. The position and role of Speaker is an important one and I am honoured to have been elected as a Speaker of the Assembly. Members have placed their faith in me and I intend to conduct myself in a worthy and dignified manner. While I will endeavour to respect the rights of all members on both sides, it is my intention to maintain proper order and propriety in the house. The house can operate properly and effectively only in an orderly way, and, as a result, be held in high esteem by the public. With this in mind, I ask for the cooperation of all members over the term of this Parliament.

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Finally, I wish to congratulate the newly elected members who are beginning a new, interesting and often rewarding chapter in their lives. I also congratulate members who were returned at the election and those who have been appointed to hold ministerial and other positions.

Presentation to Governor

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [12.09 pm]: Mr Speaker, I have received advice from Government House that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to receive the newly elected Speaker and some accompanying members at 12.30 pm.

Sitting suspended from 12.10 pm to 2.45 pm