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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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THURSDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1969.

1.—The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair. Prayers were read.

## 2.—Papers

The Minister for Works presented papers dealing with Barker Lake Reserve No. 24049—Particulars of, which were ordered to lie upon the Table of the House.

## 3.—Questions on Notice.

Questions on Notice as appearing on the Notice Paper were dealt with.

## 4.—Address-in-Reply.

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech having been read,

Debate continued.

Mr. Grayden moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question—put and passed.

## 5.—Adjournment.

The Minister for Education moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

The House accordingly, at thirteen minutes to six o'clock, p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12th August, at 4.30 p.m.

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*Members present during any part of the day's proceedings.*—All the members except Sir David Brand and Mr. Sewell.

## QUESTIONS (46): ON NOTICE

## 1. EDUCATION

*Teachers, and Student Enrolment*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many and what percentage of the entire primary and secondary teaching force comprise—
  - (a) teachers under bond;
  - (b) temporary teachers (on permanent or temporary supply);
  - (c) female teachers?

- (2) Exclusive of non-teaching staff (headmasters, etc.) how many teachers are engaged in class teaching in Government primary schools?

- (3) What is the total State enrolment of pupils in the State in primary schools?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

- (1) (a) Statistics not recorded.  
(b) 1,669, 28.24 per cent. as at the 1st August, 1968.  
(c) 3,010, 50.93 per cent. as at the 1st August, 1968.
- (2) 3,406 (as at February, 1969).
- (3) 117,991 (as at February, 1969).

## 2. LAND

*Reserve 24049*

Mr. GRAHAM, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Fisheries and Fauna:

Will he lay on the Table of the House a copy of any survey or report made in relation to reserve 24049?

Mr. ROSS HUTCHINSON replied:  
Yes.

## 3. NOISE IN INDUSTRY

*Legislation*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Acting Premier:

When is it intended to introduce legislation controlling the emission of industrial noise in residential areas?

Mr. COURT (for Mr. Nalder) replied: Generally speaking industries situated in gazetted residential areas have conforming rights. The matter of legislation for the control of noise in general is currently under consideration.

## 4. MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

## TRUST

*Costs*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

Has consideration ever been given to a proposition whereby a fractional part of the costs of operating the Motor Vehicle Insurance Trust would be apportioned to the fee for a motor driver's licence?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

Yes, but it was found to be economically and administratively impracticable.

## 5. RAILWAYS

*Perth-Kalgoorlie Train: Refreshments*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Railways:

What items of food refreshments are available for the convenience of passengers travelling on the interstate train between Perth and Kalgoorlie?

Mr. O'CONNOR replied:

Tea, coffee, fruit cake and biscuits are available in the cafeteria-club car.

## 6. RAILWAYS

*West Kalgoorlie Siding*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Railways:

Why was the name "West Kalgoorlie" chosen for the rail siding instead of perpetuating the old and still existing name "Binduli" for that area adjacent to Kalgoorlie townsite?

Mr. O'CONNOR replied:

The name "West Kalgoorlie" has not been officially selected for the new railway facilities but has been used departmentally and in correspondence with the Commonwealth to clearly associate them as part of the overall Kalgoorlie complex.

## 7. COMMISSIONERS FOR DECLARATIONS

*Names and Addresses*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Is there a list of the names and addresses of all current commissioners for declarations.
- (2) If "Yes," will he table a copy?

Mr. COURT replied:

- (1) A register is kept in the Crown Law Department but frequent alterations and the size make the preparation of a list impracticable.
- (2) Answered by (1).

## 8. HOUSING

*Kalgoorlie*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Housing:

How many State Housing Commission homes are planned for erection at Kalgoorlie this year?

Mr. O'NEIL replied:

Eight.

## 9. RAILWAYS

*Perth-Kalgoorlie Train: Hannans Lager*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Railways:

- (1) Is "Hannans" lager available for purchase in the Club car of the interstate train between Kalgoorlie and Perth?
- (2) If so, in what form?
- (3) In the interests of decentralisation will he arrange for "Hannans" to be available on the Kalgoorlie express in the "stubby" bottle?
- (4) If not, why not?

Mr. O'CONNOR replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Hannans Lager is sold in 13 ounce bottles.
- (3) The sale of Hannans Lager in bottles on the *Kalgoorlie Express* could not be agreed to.
- (4) The decision is governed by the limited storage and refrigerated space available. Cans occupy less space than bottles and this is a vital factor in all buffet cars operating on intrastate trains, including the *Kalgoorlie Express*.

The sale of aerated waters in bottles was discontinued more than twelve months ago for the same reason.

The Kalgoorlie Brewery has been informed that should Hannans Lager be marketed in cans, the department will be pleased to obtain supplies for sale.

#### 10. EDUCATION

##### *Country High School Hostel: Eastern Goldfields*

Mr. T. D. EVANS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is he now in a position to make a firm decision as to the building of a high school hostel on the eastern goldfields during 1970-71?
- (2) If not, when is it reasonably expected this project will be undertaken?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) A survey of potential boarders for a hostel is at present being conducted by the Education Department. The provision of a hostel will be dependent on the results of the survey.

#### 11. LAND

##### *Cannington Primary School Site: Shopping Centre*

Mr. BATEMAN, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Works:

- (1) Referring to the Government owned land on which Cannington Primary School is now situated, have approaches been made by a private developer to build a regional shopping centre on this site?
- (2) If "Yes," what is the name of the developer?

Mr. ROSS HUTCHINSON replied:

- (1) Yes. Approaches have been made by three developers.
- (2) Realty Development Corporation, Hammerson Group of Companies (Tawarri Pty. Ltd.), and Merrifield and Stokes.

#### 12. CLEAN AIR ACT Committees

Mr. DAVIES, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Who are the present members of the—
  - (a) Air Pollution Control Council;
  - (a) Scientific Advisory Committee,
 under the Clean Air Act?

- (2) What changes have been made to the original and subsequent appointments to each of these bodies?
- (3) What are the reasons for the changes?
- (4) What revenue was received from licences for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1969?
- (5) What are the expenses incurred for this period?

Mr. ROSS HUTCHINSON replied:

- (1) (a) Air Pollution Control Council—

Dr. W. S. Davidson.  
Dr. D. D. Letham.  
Mr. W. J. Gillies.  
Mr. T. Lewis.  
Mr. E. Sabin.  
Mr. R. Paust.  
Mr. T. Burgess.  
Mr. A. Y. Wilson.  
Mr. T. D. Field.  
Prof. N. S. Bayliss.  
Mr. R. Anderson.  
Mr. L. H. Chipperton.  
Mr. N. G. Humphries.  
Mr. W. L. Hughes.  
Mr. D. N. Cullity.

- (b) Scientific Advisory Committee—

Dr. D. D. Letham.  
Mr. L. J. Brennan.  
Mr. J. B. Shirley.  
Mr. G. W. Mackey.  
Prof. A. R. H. Cole.  
Mr. D. T. Rigden.  
Mr. S. L. G. Morgan.  
Mr. I. W. Loxton.

- (2) and (3). Act No. 10 of 1967 amended the composition as follows:—

Council—

State Mining Engineer, and a person nominated by the Minister for Mines replaced an officer of the Mines Department nominated by the Minister for Mines.

Scientific Advisory Committee—  
An inspector of mines nominated by the Minister for Mines added to the committee.

because of the increased activity in mining.

- (4) \$9,900.
- (5) \$14,751.

#### 13. HOUSING

##### *Rental Accommodation*

Mr. GRAHAM, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Housing:

What was the turn-over of rental accommodation during the year ended the 30th June last in the metropolitan area and country respectively in the following categories—

- (a) four sleeping units;
- (b) three sleeping units;
- (c) two sleeping units;
- (d) one sleeping unit;
- (e) pensioner accommodation?

Mr. O'NEIL replied:

From information readily available the number of commission properties relet during the year ended the 30th June, 1969, was approximately as indicated in the table below—

	One Sleep- ing Unit	Two Sleep- ing Units	Three and Four Sleep- ing Units	Total
Metropolitan	102	146	231	479
Country	41	403	878	1,322
Totals	143	549	1,109	1,801

#### 14. TRANSPORT

##### *Hills Area*

Mr. DUNN, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Could he advise the current situation in the functioning of the co-ordinated passenger transport system based on Midland and servicing the hills area?
- (2) Has any consideration been given to the provision of a type of low loader vehicle to transport patrons from the central railway station to various establishments in the city area and return?

Mr. O'CONNOR replied:

- (1) The system is functioning well. It has provided hills residents with better transportation and has attracted additional traffic. It is also providing us with operational experience on the integration of bus and rail and in particular on the most advantageous roles for bus and rail.
- (2) Yes, but because of traffic congestion in city streets, particularly in peak hours, and the delays which in consequence would occur to passengers, it was considered the idea would not have sufficient public appeal.

#### 15. EDUCATION

##### *Balkuling School*

Mr. GAYFER, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Education:

When is it expected that an electricity power plant will be installed at the Balkuling Government School?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

It is expected that the electricity power plant will be installed in the very near future.

#### 16. HOUSING

##### *Withers: Planning*

Mr. WILLIAMS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Is planning now complete for the Withers medium density housing area; if not, when is finality of the plan expected?
- (2) When is work scheduled to commence and what is the anticipated programme?

Mr. O'NEIL replied:

- (1) On the 13th June, 1969, the Minister for Town Planning gave final approval to the Bunbury Town Planning Scheme Amendment No. 75, whereby the State Housing Commission's planning proposals for the residential Park at Withers were approved for special development.
- (2) Clearing and earthworks for the first stage of development at Withers will be completed by the 30th August, 1969. This activity will be immediately followed by road, sewerage, and drainage works, which it is anticipated will provide fully serviced sites for building operations commencing December, 1969.

#### 17. HOUSING

##### *Bunbury*

Mr. WILLIAMS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Housing:

- (1) What number of State Housing Commission units in the various unit sizes (e.g., two bedroom, three bedroom, pensioner flats, etc.) are to be built in Bunbury this financial year?
- (2) In which areas will these units be built?

Mr. O'NEIL replied:

- (1) 80 units of individual and duplex housing, predominantly three bedroom.
- (2) Withers Estate.

#### 18. SHOPPING CENTRE

##### *Withers*

Mr. WILLIAMS, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Housing:

- (1) When is it likely that proposals will be called for a shopping centre in Withers State Housing Commission area?
- (2) Will some preference be given to local district enterprise(s) for these proposals; if so, to what extent?

Mr. O'NEIL replied:

- (1) Following a discussion with the mayor and councillors of the Town of Bunbury, commissioners at a meeting of the State Housing Commission on the 19th December, 1968, agreed—

- (a) the two propositions received were not acceptable, and a further invitation to tender be extended in 9-12 months;
- (b) the position be reviewed in six months in the light of additional potential which will exist because of contracts called and let for houses in the vicinity.

The position has not yet been reviewed by the Commission.

- (2) It is considered that there is an obligation to call public tenders.

#### 19. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

##### *Under-Secretary*

Mr. TONKIN, pursuant to notice, asked the Minister for Works:

- (1) Where is the Under-Secretary of the Public Works Department?
- (2) On what special assignments has he been engaged for a considerable time past?