



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022

10.00am

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 10.00am pursuant to order.
The President, Hon Alanna Clohesy, took the Chair.
Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Papers

The following Papers were laid on the Table by —

Leader of the House

Reports —

Department of Health — Research Candidates recruited under Part 9E — Medical Research of the Guardianship Administration Act 1990 — Summary Report to Parliament (7 April 2021 to 6 April 2022)1884

Minister for Emergency Services

Annual Reports — Extension of Time —

Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association — Annual Report (2021-2022)1885

3. Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Report 60 — Petition No. 020 — Dog Act 1976

Hon Peter Foster presented Report 60 of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, *Petition Number 020 — Dog Act 1979*. (Tabled Paper 1886).

4. Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review — Report 140 — Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2022

Hon Donna Faragher presented Report 140 of the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review, *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2022*. (Tabled Paper 1887).

5. City of Bayswater Keeping and Control of Cats Local Law 2022 — Disallowance

Hon Lorna Harper: To move on the next day of sitting —

That, pursuant to recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the *City of Bayswater Keeping and Control of cats Local Law 2022* published in the *Gazette* on 7 October 2022 and tabled in the Council on 11 October 2022 under the *Local Government Act 1995*, be and is hereby disallowed.

6. Fines Enforcement Regime

Hon Pierre Yang: To move on the next day of sitting —

That this House notes the historic reform of Western Australia's fines enforcement regime during the last term of Government and commends the McGowan Government on the meaningful difference this reform has provided to those in our community who experience genuine hardship as a result of their inability to pay a fine. In particular, this House notes in relation to the reform —

- (a) the impact of the commencement of the work and development permit scheme;
- (b) the reduction in the number of individuals imprisoned as a result of fine defaulting;
- (c) the introduction of garnishee orders and their impact in recovering payment for outstanding fines; and
- (d) the prohibition of issuing licence suspension orders for individuals whose last known address is in a remote area, addressing the disproportionate impact of suspended licences on individuals living in remote areas without public transport infrastructure.

7. Failure of Government to Deliver for Children

Non-Government Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Nick Goiran moved, without notice —

That this House —

- (a) expresses its grave concern that the McGowan Labor Government's failure to deliver for the children of Western Australia has left them abandoned in unsafe environments;
- (b) particularly notes —
 - (i) a concerning spike in the number of children, in the care of our child protection system, who have been reported to police as a missing person;
 - (ii) the Premier's displays of arrogance and contempt towards the concerns expressed by experts following the crisis at Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre;
 - (iii) the disproportionate impact on children of the Government's lack of competent action on housing and homelessness; and
- (c) calls on the Premier to ensure that his pending Cabinet reshuffle not only removes any unreliable, confused or confusing Ministers, but also introduces new Ministers who will ensure that the principle of the best interests of children is not treated like a slogan for media attention but instead as a paramount principle that must be delivered upon.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

8. Defence Force Veterans

Private Members' Business No. 1 having been called, Hon Dan Caddy moved, without notice —

- (a) the service of all Western Australian defence force veterans and serving personnel and their families;
- (b) the positive measures that have been taken by the McGowan Government to help our veterans, especially with respect to transition; and
- (c) the commitment of the McGowan Government to major memorial projects.

Debate ensued.

Motion lapsed.

9. Liquor Control Amendment (Protected Entertainment Precincts) Bill 2022

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill. Debate resumed.

Question — put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Peter Foster in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate ensued.

10. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a table of total of declared pest rat collected from landholders for each of the states recognised biosecurity groups from 2018 to 2022, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General tabled a letter from the Attorney General to the Ombudsman of Western Australia regarding the Legal Profession Complaints Committee handling complaints against practitioners, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Nick Goiran. (Tabled Paper 1888).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a table of number of children on the standby list for appointments with a child health nurse through the Child and Adolescent Health Service, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture and the Arts, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* information in relation to grants given to organisations in regional and remote Western Australia, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sophia Moermond.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Corrective Services, by leave, incorporated into *Hansard* a table of the number of suicide and self-harm attempts at Banksia Hill Detention Centre from September to November 2022, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt.

The Leader of the House tabled documents the *National Preschool Reform Agreement 2022-2055*, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled Paper 1889).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health tabled documents in relation to the Minister's gift register between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, in response to question on notice 995 asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma. (Tabled Paper 1890).

The Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to question on notice 976 asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma will be provided by 1 December 2022.

The Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services tabled Road Safety Commission, road safety technology market sounding, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 1891).

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answers to questions on notice 975 and 994 asked by Hon Tjorn Sibma will be provided by 1 December 2022.

The Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to question on notice 999 asked by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt will be provided by 1 December 2022.

11. Liquor Control Amendment (Protected Entertainment Precincts) Bill 2022

Resumption of consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole House (*see item 9 above*).

The President left the Chair.

In Committee

(Hon Martin Aldridge in the Chair)

Clause 1.

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

The Deputy 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.

12. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

13. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 5.33pm until Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at 2.00pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Klara Andric, Hon James Hayward (*suspended*), Hon Kyle McGinn, Hon Dr Steve Thomas.

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON ALANNA CLOHESY MLC

President of the Legislative Council