

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Petition

Protection of the Potters House Christian Centre – Mr R.S. Love presented a petition from one person asking the State Government to consider moving proposed Western Power infrastructure to a nearby suitable location that is not directly adjacent to the Potters House Christian Centre (P. 22).

3. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Audit Results Report – Annual 2020–2021 Financial Audits of State Government Entities, Report 10, 24 November 2021 (829).

Auditor General, Office of the – Cyber Security in Local Government, Report 9, 24 November 2021 (830).

Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia – Annual Report 2020–2021 (831).

Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission – Western Australian Government Response to Report 2: If not the CCC then where? An examination of the Corruption and Crime Commission's oversight of excessive use of force allegations against members of the WA Police Force (832).

Local Government Grants Commission – Annual Report 2020–2021 (833).

Racing Penalties Appeal Tribunal – Annual Report 2020–2021 (834).

4. Notices of Motion

5. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on the first anniversary of the opening of the Western Australian Museum, Boola Bardip.

The Attorney General on the tabling of the inaugural report on the Western Australian Pro Bono Services Model.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Attorney General –

Attorney General – Western Australian Pro Bono Services Model – Report on Pro Bono for Financial Year Ending 30 June 2021 (835).

The Minister for Transport on the Driving Access and Equity Pilot Program, an initiative assisting disadvantaged people obtain a driver's license.

The Minister for Community Services on the tabling of a review conducted by the Department of Communities into the *Carers Recognition Act 2004*.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Community Services –

Community Services, Minister for – Department of Communities – Review of the *Carers Recognition Act 2004*: Report to Parliament (836).

The Minister for Environment on the first Ministerial Panel event to commence community consultation for the proposed South Coast Marine Park in Esperance.

The Minister for Innovation and ICT on the 2021 Western Australia Innovator of the Year winners.

The Minister for Disability Services on International Day of People with Disability.

6. Member Vaccinations

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That –

- (1) In order to protect the health and safety of Members and parliamentary staff and to give effect to the Chief Health Officer's published health advice, this House requires Members of the Legislative Assembly attending the Chamber, Parliament House or the Legislative Assembly Committee Office to be fully vaccinated during a lockdown or similar restrictions.
- (2) Members must provide proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk by 31 January 2022.
- (3) Unless otherwise ordered, any Member who has not complied with the requirements set out in paragraph (2) is determined to have failed to comply with

an order of the House and therefore is suspended from attending the Chamber, Parliament House and the Legislative Assembly Committee Office during a lockdown or similar restrictions.

- (4) If a Member who is suspended under paragraph (3) provides proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk, their suspension is immediately lifted.
- (5) For the purposes of this resolution:
 - (a) 'COVID-19 vaccine' means a vaccine to protect a person against SARS-CoV-2 that has been registered or provisionally registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration;
 - (b) 'proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses' means forms of evidence approved by the Chief Health Officer; and
 - (c) 'proof of a valid exemption' means forms of evidence approved by the Chief Health Officer.
- (6) The Clerk:
 - (a) must ensure all information provided under this resolution remains confidential and is stored securely; and
 - (b) must destroy all information provided under this resolution at the end of the session or an earlier time determined by the House.
- (7) The House may agree to further resolutions to:
 - (a) vary or amend this resolution; or
 - (b) provide for arrangements for sittings in 2022 based on health advice.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

The Minister for Police, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Firearms Act 1973* and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Police presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Police moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Ms L. Mettam moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Parliamentary Commissioner Amendment (Reportable Conduct) Bill 2021

The Minister for Child Protection, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Child Protection presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Child Protection moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Ms L. Mettam moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. Police Amendment (Compensation Scheme) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr M.J. Folkard speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

11. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be resumed.

12. Police Amendment (Compensation Scheme) Bill 2021

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4.

Debate interrupted by the Chair and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 10 be next considered.

14. Parliamentary Processes

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the Labor Government for their abuse of power, using their majority to manipulate parliamentary processes instead of focussing on and prioritising the needs of West Australians.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Finance speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

15. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker and Mr P.J. Rundle.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly