

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 214

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

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. Petitions

Fracking in the Shire of Gingin – Mr R.S. Love presented a petition from 364 people asking the Legislative Assembly to ban fracking in the Gingin Shire (P. 188).

Road signage in regional Western Australia – Mr V.A. Catania presented a petition from 403 people asking the Legislative Assembly to examine a range of road signage safety concerns, particularly in regional and remote WA, by way of a bi-partisan parliamentary committee (P. 189).

3. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

ChemCentre – Annual Report 2019–2020 (3613).

Local Government Standards Panel – Annual Report 2019–2020 (3614).

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 – Corruption and Crime Commission Annual Report 2019–2020 pursuant to section 43 of the Act (3615).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Police on the roll-out of Police body armour.

The Minister for Local Government on the celebration of 100 years since the first woman, Cr Elizabeth Clapham, was elected to local government.

The Minister for Seniors and Ageing on the introduction of a mandatory Code of Practice for Western Australia's prepaid funeral industry.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming on a \$16 million increase in funding to the racing industry for the 2020–21 season.

The Minister for Fisheries on the rollout of the Beach Emergency Number signs and funding for helicopter patrols of beaches as part of the Government's shark mitigation strategy.

The Minister for Women's Interests on women in the Senior Executive Service in the public sector.

5. COVID-19 Response and Economic Recovery Omnibus Bill 2020

Message No. 137 dated 8 September 2020 from the Legislative Council was reported as follows –

The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that it has agreed to the *COVID-19 Response and Economic Recovery Omnibus Bill 2020* subject to the amendments contained in the Schedule annexed; in which amendments the Legislative Council desires the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Schedule indicating the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the COVID-19 Response and Economic Recovery Omnibus Bill 2020

No. 1

Clause 13, page 9, line 10 — To delete the line.

No. 2

Clause 14, page 9, lines 11 to 16 — To delete the clause.

No. 3

Clause 15, page 9, line 23 — To delete the line.

No. 4

Clause 16, page 10, line 13 — To delete the line.

No. 5

Clause 17, page 10, line 22 — To delete the line.

No. 6

Clause 20, page 12, line 25 — To delete the line.

No. 7

Clause 30, page 19, line 6 — To delete “section 3; and” and insert:

section 3(a) or (b); and

No. 8

Clause 31, page 23, line 4 — To delete “section 3.” and insert:

section 3(a) or (b).

No. 9

Long Title, page 1, line 13 — To delete “immediately before,”.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

The Minister for Planning moved, That amendment Nos 1 to 9 be agreed to.

Amendments agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded and the Legislative Council acquainted accordingly.

6. Health Services Amendment Bill 2019

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the bill having been read, the Leader of the House on behalf of the Minister for Health moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

7. Swan Valley Planning Bill 2020

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 R.S. Love speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 6394 to 6396 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 6183 and 6342 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Minister for Water –

Question on Notice No. 6183 – List detailing installation date and location of fire hydrants across the Geraldton area (3616).

9. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be resumed.

10. Swan Valley Planning Bill 2020

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

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

11. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 13 and 14 be next considered.

12. City of Melville Council – Establishment of Inquiry

Dr M.D. Nahan, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House calls on the Minister for Local Government to establish an inquiry into the City of Melville Council regarding conflicts of interest, and improper leasing and use of council property.

Debate ensued.

Mr D.R. Michael moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

13. G2G Pass Approval Process

Mr P.A. Katsambanis, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House notes that the lack of transparency and consistency of the G2G Pass approval process has caused significant stress, anxiety and distress to Western Australians who are trying to legally return home; and calls on the government to create a clearer, simpler and more consistent process to allow local residents to return to Western Australia whilst continuing to protect our State from COVID-19.

Debate ensued.

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

14. 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, 10 September 2020 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mrs R.M.J. Clarke and Mrs A.K. Hayden.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly