

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 173

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

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THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2024

### 1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.00 am pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

### 2. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Funding for Community Sport and Recreation, Report No. 11, 21 March 2024 (2710).

Central Regional Tafe – Annual Report 2023 (2711).

Curtin University – Annual Report 2023 (2712).

Landgate – Western Australia Operating Requirements, Version 7 (2713).

Landgate – Western Australia Participation Rules, Version 7 (2714).

North Metropolitan Tafe – Annual Report 2023 (2715).

North Regional Tafe – Annual Report 2023 (2716).

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Part B Recommendation to the Premier for development application to be determined as significant development, Section 272, June 2023 (2720).

Premier and Cabinet, Department of the – Ministerial Resourcing Report as at 5 March 2024 (2717).

South Metropolitan Tafe – Annual Report 2023 (2718).

South Regional Tafe – Annual Report 2023 (2719).

### 3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Environment on the Clean Energy Future Fund.

The Minister for Child Protection on Forced Adoption Services.

The Minister for Ports on behalf of the Minister for Health on the refurbishment of the Perth Childrens Hospital Ward 5A.

The Minister for Road Safety on the ‘Driving Change’ Road Safety Strategy and Post-Crash responses.

The Minister for Housing on the increases to social housing income limits.

The Minister for Housing on the Statewide Builders Panel.

#### **4. Grievances**

The Deputy Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

#### **5. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission**

Mr M. Hughes, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Corruption and Crime Commission, Joint Standing Committee on the – Going rogue: serious misconduct by a commission officer, Parliamentary Inspector’s report, Report No. 12 (2721).

Ms M.J. Davies spoke on the report.

#### **6. Education and Health Standing Committee**

Mr C.J. Tallentire, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Education and Health Standing Committee – A different kind of brilliance: Report of the inquiry into support for autistic children and young people in schools, Report No. 6 (2722).

Education and Health Standing Committee – A different kind of brilliance: Report of the inquiry into support for autistic children and young people in schools, Report No. 6, submissions (2723).

Ms L.L. Baker and Ms L.A. Munday spoke on the report.

#### **7. Firearms Bill 2024**

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the bill having been read.

Mr R.S. Love, without notice, moved –

That the Firearms Bill 2024 be referred to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee for consideration and report to the House by 20 June 2024.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Police moved,

That all the words after “That the” be deleted and replaced with:

“House notes the Government’s existing commitment to refer the Firearms Bill 2024 to the Legislative Council’s Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review.”

On the question, That the words to be deleted, be deleted,

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (41)

Mr S.N. Aubrey  
Mr G. Baker  
Ms L.L. Baker  
Ms H.M. Beazley  
Dr A.D. Buti  
Mr J.N. Carey  
Ms C.M. Collins  
Mr R.H. Cook  
Ms L. Dalton  
Ms D.G. D'Anna  
Mr M.J. Folkard  
Ms E.L. Hamilton  
Ms M.J. Hammat  
Mr T.J. Healy

Mr M. Hughes  
Mr W.J. Johnston  
Mr H.T. Jones  
Mr D.J. Kelly  
Ms A.E. Kent  
Dr J. Krishnan  
Mr P. Lilburne  
Mrs M.R. Marshall  
Ms S.F. McGurk  
Mr D.R. Michael  
Mr S.A. Millman  
Mr Y. Mubarakai  
Ms L.A. Munday  
Mrs L.M. O'Malley

Mr P. Papalia  
Mr S.J. Price  
Mr D.T. Punch  
Ms M.M. Quirk  
Mr D.A.E. Scaife  
Ms J.J. Shaw  
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski  
Dr K. Stratton  
Mr C.J. Tallentire  
Ms C.M. Tonkin  
Mr R.R. Whitby  
Ms S.E. Winton  
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Noes (6)

Ms M. Beard  
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love  
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle  
Ms M.J. Davies (*Teller*)

Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the words to inserted, be inserted,

Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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

## 8. Members' Statements

The Deputy Speaker called for members' statements which were then made.

## 9. Speaker's Statement – Resignation of the Clerk

The Speaker advised that Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Kirsten Robinson, has given notice of her resignation. After having worked for over 28 years in the Legislative Assembly, and as Clerk since October 2015, she has decided it's time to step down and pursue other interests and challenges. Kirsten's last working day at Parliament House will be Friday 28 June 2024, after which she will proceed on leave, with her resignation taking effect in February 2025.

## 10. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 1061 to 1062 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 981 to 988 were answered.

## 11. Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms L. Mettam, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith –

That this House calls upon the Premier to acknowledge the disgraceful culture within the corrective service system in Western Australia. Despite the Minister's oversight, months have passed with allegations and chaos persisting within numerous facilities across the State.

The Minister for Education moved, To add to the motion –

“

, subject to the debate being limited to 10 minutes for government members and 10 minutes for non-government members.

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Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put.

The Speaker having counted the House, and an absolute majority being present and there being no dissentient voice, declared the motion, as amended, to be carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the House.

## 12. Corrective Services

Ms L. Mettam, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House calls upon the Premier to acknowledge the disgraceful culture within the corrective service system in Western Australia. Despite the Minister's oversight, months have passed with allegations and chaos persisting within numerous facilities across the State.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

### Ayes (6)

Ms M. Beard  
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love  
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle  
Ms M.J. Davies (*Teller*)

### Noes (36)

Mr G. Baker  
Ms L.L. Baker  
Ms H.M. Beazley  
Dr A.D. Buti  
Mr J.N. Carey  
Ms C.M. Collins  
Mr R.H. Cook  
Ms D.G. D'Anna  
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Mr S.A. Millman  
Mr Y. Mubarakai  
Ms L.A. Munday  
Mrs L.M. O'Malley

Mr P. Papalia  
Mr S.J. Price  
Mr D.T. Punch  
Ms M.M. Quirk  
Ms J.J. Shaw  
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski  
Dr K. Stratton  
Mr C.J. Tallentire  
Ms C.M. Tonkin  
Mr R.R. Whitby  
Ms S.E. Winton  
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

### 13. Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 2023

Message No. 129 dated 21 March 2024 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

### 14. Variation to the Order of Business

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

### 15. Firearms Bill 2024

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

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

#### Ayes (35)

Mr G. Baker  
Ms H.M. Beazley  
Dr A.D. Buti  
Mr J.N. Carey  
Ms C.M. Collins  
Mr R.H. Cook  
Mr M.J. Folkard  
Ms E.L. Hamilton  
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Dr K. Stratton  
Mr C.J. Tallentire  
Ms C.M. Tonkin  
Mr R.R. Whitby  
Ms S.E. Winton  
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

#### Noes (4)

Ms M. Beard  
Mr R.S. Love

Mr P.J. Rundle  
Ms M.J. Davies (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

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

### 16. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Order of the Day No. 3 be next considered.

### 17. School Education Amendment Bill 2023

The Minister for Education, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *School Education Act 1999*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

**18. Short-Term Rental Accommodation Bill 2024**

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 55 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the bill.

The Minister for Planning moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

**19. Land Tax Assessment Amendment (Residential Construction Exemptions) Bill 2023**

Message No. 130 dated 21 March 2024 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

**20. Special Adjournment**

The Minister for Education moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

**21. Adjournment**

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 4.35 pm until Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 1.00 pm.

*Members present during any part of the day's proceedings* – All the members except Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms K.E. Giddens, Ms J.L. Hanns, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Mr J.R. Quigley, Ms R. Saffioti, Ms A. Sanderson, and Ms R.S. Stephens.

**KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS**  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly