

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Biosecurity Council of Western Australia – Annual Report 2015–2016 (213).

Electricity Industry Act 2004 – Wholesale Electricity Market Amending Rules and Electricity Networks Access Code Amendments 2016 (214).

Government of Western Australia – Quarterly Financial Results Report for the Quarter Ended September 2016 (215).

Legal Contribution Trust – Financial Report for Six Months Ended 31 December 2016 (216).

Western Australian Treasury Corporation – Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2016 (217).

Western Australian Treasury Corporation – Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ended 31 March 2017 (218).

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Health on the initiative to get a 10 minute health check on World Hypertension Day.

The Minister for Emergency Services on the memorial service held on Sunday, 2 May 2017 to commemorate International Firefighters' Day.

The Minister for Tourism on the Australian Tourism Exchange event recently held in Sydney.

The Treasurer on the cancellation of the \$5,000 First Home Owner Boost.

4. Sentence Administration Amendment Bill 2017

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Sentence Administration Act 2003*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Attorney General presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

5. Loan Bill 2017

The Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to authorise the borrowing of eleven billion dollars for public purposes.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Treasurer presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Treasurer moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

6. Supply Bill 2017

The Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Account the amount of \$12 187 000 000 for the services and purposes of the year ending 30 June 2018.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Treasurer presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Treasurer moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

7. Address in Reply

The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate upon the Address in Reply to Her Excellency the Governor’s speech was read.

Debate resumed.

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

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 47 to 134 were asked.

9. Speaker's Statement – Portfolio Responsibilities of Standing Committees

The Speaker tabled a schedule showing the determination of portfolio responsibilities of the standing committees for the 40th Parliament:

Public Accounts Committee:

Premier; Treasurer; Finance; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations.

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee:

Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Women's Interests; Disability Services; Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety; Sport and Recreation; Culture and the Arts; Attorney General; Corrective Services; Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Local Government; Environment; Youth; Veterans Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence.

Economics and Industry Standing Committee:

State Development, Jobs and Trade; Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Regional Development; Lands; Tourism; Transport; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Small Business; Science; Housing; Racing and Gaming; Planning; Energy; Water; Heritage; Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Asian Engagement; Innovation and ICT; Defence Issues.

Education and Health Standing Committee:

Education and Training; Health; Mental Health.

Paper

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

By the Speaker –

Standing Committees, Legislative Assembly – Determination by the Speaker of Portfolio Responsibilities (219).

10. Speaker's Statement – Use of Electronic Devices

The Speaker advised that while members are permitted to use smartphones, laptops and tablets in the Chamber on sitting days and during Committee proceedings, these devices must be switched to silent mode and be used unobtrusively. Phones may not be used to take calls, nor can devices be used to take photographs or to film proceedings. As a general principle, devices should not be used in a way that disrupts proceedings or detracts from the dignity of the House.

With respect to members using their electronic devices to comment on chamber or committee proceedings on social media, the Speaker noted that such communication is highly unlikely to constitute a proceeding in Parliament, and, therefore, would not be protected by parliamentary privilege. Social media provides a valuable tool for members to engage with the public and to communicate useful information about the work that the Parliament undertakes, but like all forms of communication it should be used responsibly.

11. Variation to the Order of Business

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

12. Address in Reply

The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate upon the Address in Reply to Her Excellency the Governor's speech was read.

Debate resumed.

The Leader of the House moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

13. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.45 pm until Thursday, 18 May 2017 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms J. Farrer.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly