

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 135

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023

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. Death of Tom Herzfeld – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly

The Deputy Premier, without notice, moved,

That the House records its sincere regret at the death of Tom Herzfeld and tenders its deep sympathy to his family.

The motion was supported by Ms L. Mettam, Mr D.A. Templeman, Mr R.S. Love and Mr D.T. Punch.

Question put and passed unanimously with members and officers of the Assembly standing in their places as a mark of respect.

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the Government's efforts to increase the tourism and hospitality workforce in Western Australia.

The Minister for Police on the rollout of Naloxone in kits carried by WA Police officers.

The Minister for Youth on the new cohort of members of the Ministerial Youth Advisory Council.

The Minister for Lands on the the start of negotiations with a South Korean renewable energy consortium to establish a green ammonia plant at Narngulu Industrial Estate near Geraldton.

The Minister for Planning on planning approval for Western Australia's first hospice and respite care for children and their families.

The Minister for Disability Services on an update on grant funding provided by the State Disability Strategy – Innovation Fund Tranche Two.

The Minister for Environment on the progress of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Return to 1616 ecological restoration project at Dirk Hartog Island National Park.

4. Electricity Industry Amendment (Alternative Electricity Services) Bill 2023

The Minister for Energy, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* in relation to alternative electricity services and to make consequential amendments to the *Electricity Act 1945*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

Question put and passed.

5. Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the further consideration in detail of the bill was read.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 8 to 24 agreed to.

Clause 25.

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

6. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice No. 854 was asked.

7. Matter of Public Interest – Women and Babies Hospital Site

The Speaker informed the Assembly that she was in receipt of a notice from Ms L. Mettam that she intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Ms L. Mettam moved,

That this House condemns the WA Labor Government for ignoring their own business case into the new Women and Babies Hospital which recommends QEII Medical Centre as the preferred site, and joins health experts, clinicians, and advocacy groups in urging the Government to reverse this dangerous decision.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Ms M.J. Davies

Mr R.S. Love

Mr P.J. Rundle

Dr D.J. Honey

Ms L. Mettam

Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Noes (41)

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

Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr H.T. Jones
Ms A.E. Kent
Mr P. Lilburne
Mrs M. Marshall
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Ms L.A. Munday
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price

Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms J.J. Shaw
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Dr K. Stratton
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

8. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 1 be next considered.

9. The Future of Energy in Western Australia

Dr D.J. Honey, pursuant to notice, moved,

This House condemns the WA Labor Government's neglect of the State's future of energy and its inability to safeguard a dependable energy supply, enable development, process approvals, and thereby risks Western Australia's energy security and the economic development of our State.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Energy was granted leave to continue his remarks at the next sitting of the Assembly.

10. Adjournment

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.59 pm until Thursday, 17 August 2023 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms H.M. Beazley, Mr R.H. Cook, Ms K.E. Giddens, Ms E.J. Kelsbie, Dr J. Krishnan, Mr S.A. Millman, Ms M.M. Quirk, Ms R.S. Stephens and Ms S.E. Winton.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly