

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2023

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. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Water on the Water Corporation becoming the first Australian water utility accredited as a Disability Confident Recruiter.

The Minister for Water on the donation by the Water Corporation of two 200,000 litre water tanks to volunteer bushfire brigades in Albany and Denmark.

The Minister for Environment on the key outcomes of the evaluation of Phase 1 of the Aboriginal Ranger Program.

The Minister for Environment on the streamlining of tourism and commercial approvals for the Swan and Canning rivers.

The Minister for Seniors and Ageing on the launch of the ‘Let’s Make it Legal’ guide, developed and published by the Council on the Ageing WA.

3. Grievances

The Acting Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

4. Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation

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

Delegated Legislation, Joint Standing Committee on – Annual Report 2022, Report 3 (1874).

5. Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Medical Research) Bill 2023

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990* and the *Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Medical Research) Act 2020*.” be 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.

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

Question put and passed.

6. Local Government Amendment Bill 2023

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

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Regional Development moved, That the debate be adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

Question put and passed.

7. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Order of the Day No. 5 be next considered.

8. Government Trading Enterprises Bill 2022

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 15 to 303 agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

The Treasurer 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.

9. Variation to the Order of Business

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

10. Local Government Amendment Bill 2023

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 7 agreed to.

Clause 8.

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

11. Members' Statements

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

12. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice No. 710 was asked.

Question on Notice No. 641 was answered.

13. Additional Information

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum provided additional information relating to Questions without Notice Nos 164 and 183 from Mr R.S. Love.

14. Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr R.S. Love, 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 condemns the McGowan Labor Government for their history of targeting whistle-blowers and their complete disregard of transparency in government.

The Leader of the House moved, To add to the motion –

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, 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 Deputy 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.

15. Transparency in Government

Mr R.S. Love, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House condemns the McGowan Labor Government for their history of targeting whistle-blowers and their complete disregard of transparency in government.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

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

Noes (39)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms K.E. Giddens
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 E.J. Kelsbie
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Ms L.A. Munday
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia

Mr S.J. Price
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.

16. Variation to the Order of Business

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

17. Local Government Amendment Bill 2023

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 8 to 110 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 Local Government 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.

18. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2023

Message No. 95 dated 23 March 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

19. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 4.11 pm until Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 1.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Ms H.M. Beazley, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Ms R.S. Stephens and Mr C.J. Tallentire.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly