

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

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WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2017

**1. Meeting of Assembly**

The Assembly met at 12 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

**2. Petition**

Support the Goldfields Arts Centre – Mr K.M. O'Donnell presented a petition from 2,300 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly immediately reinstate ongoing funding for the Goldfields Arts Centre (P. 12).

**3. Paper**

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

By the Clerk –

Western Australian Electoral Commission – Report on the 2017 State General Election (504).

**4. Brief Ministerial Statements**

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Health on the expansion of the Find Cancer Early Program.

The Minister for Local Government on the signing of a Partnership Agreement between the Western Australian Local Government Association, Local Government Professionals WA and the State Government.

The Minister for Emergency Services on the opening of the Western Australian Prescribed Burning forum *The Burning Question: Now & Beyond*, held today in Busselton.

The Minister for Energy on the McGowan Government's commitment to establish a fit-for-purpose regulatory framework for the Pilbara electricity grid.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on Western Australia's Languages Week.

The Minister for Youth on the opening of nominations for a Ministerial Advisory Council on Youth.

## **5. Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Bill 2017**

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to give effect to the Western Australian component of a national recognition scheme for domestic violence orders and to make consequential amendments to the *Restraining Orders Act 1997*.” 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.

## **6. Suspension of Standing Orders – Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices**

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the Private Members’ Business Notice of Motion relating to the Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices to be moved and dealt with during time when Government Business has precedence.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## **7. Variation to the Order of Business**

Ordered, That consideration of Private Members’ Business Notice of Motion No. 7 be next considered.

## **8. Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices**

Ms A. Sanderson, pursuant to the foregoing motion, and as amended by leave, moved,

1. That a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council on End of Life Choices be established.
2. That the Committee inquire into and report on the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end of life choices and, in particular, the Committee should –
  - a) assess the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end of life, including the role of palliative care;
  - b) review the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions; and
  - c) consider what type of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation.
3. That the Joint Select Committee consist of eight members, of whom –
  - a) four will be members of the Assembly; and
  - b) four will be members of the Council.
4. The Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly relating to Standing and Select Committees will be followed as far as they can be applied.
5. That the Joint Select Committee report to both Houses by 30 June 2018.
6. That the Legislative Council be requested to agree to a similar resolution.

7. That, subject to the Legislative Council agreeing to the above paragraphs, the following Legislative Assembly members be appointed:

- a) the Member for Baldivis;
- b) the Member for Morley;
- c) the Member for Mount Lawley; and
- d) the Member for South Perth.

Debate ensued.

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

## 9. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 1760 to 1766 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 647, 650, 664, 697, 706, 723, 740, 800, 803, 815, 825, 833, 835 to 847, 858, 875, 893, 910, 927, 946, 965, 982, 999, 1016, 1018, 1033, 1053, 1073, 1075, 1090, 1107, 1124, 1141, 1158, 1176, 1193, 1208, 1225, 1264, 1281, 1299, 1341, 1375, 1392, 1409, 1426, 1444, 1475, 1492, 1509, 1520, 1538, 1591, 1606, 1611 to 1613, and 1636 were answered.

Papers tabled by the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts –

Question on Notice No. 838 – Breakdown of local government councils classified as low, medium, and high risk by the Department of Local Government and Communities as at June each year from 2013 to 2017 (505).

Question on Notice No. 999 – Table detailing gifts received by officers at or above PSGA level 9 since 17 March 2017 within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities (506).

Question on Notice No. 1538 – Table of events organised by a private organisation and attended by Officers or Board Members of Departments and Agencies within the Minister’s portfolio of responsibilities since 17 March 2017 (507).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science –

Question on Notice No. 697 – Table detailing “.com” and “.com.au” domains purchased by the Water Corporation as at 7 June 2017 (508).

## 10. Correction to Tabled Paper

The Speaker announced that he had authorised corrections to the following Tabled Paper tabled on 22 September 2016 –

Regional Development, Department of – Annual Report 2015–2016 (4635).

### *Paper*

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

By the Speaker –

Regional Development, Department of – Annual Report 2015–2016: Erratum (509).

## 11. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Private Members’ Business Notice of Motion No. 7 be resumed.

## 12. Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion moved by Ms A. Sanderson,

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2. That the Committee inquire into and report on the need for laws in Western Australia to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end of life choices and, in particular, the Committee should –
  - (a) assess the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end of life, including the role of palliative care;
  - (b) review the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions; and
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  - (a) four will be members of the Assembly; and
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5. That the Joint Select Committee report to both Houses by 30 June 2018.
6. That the Legislative Council be requested to agree to a similar resolution.
7. That, subject to the Legislative Council agreeing to the above paragraphs, the following Legislative Assembly members be appointed:
  - (a) the Member for Baldivis;
  - (b) the Member for Morley;
  - (c) the Member for Mount Lawley; and
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Debate resumed.

Mrs L.M. Harvey moved,

To delete sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) in paragraph 2 and substitute the following:

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- (a) assess the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to manage chronic illnesses and terminal illnesses, including the role of palliative care;
- (b) review the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions;
- (c) consider what type of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation;
- (d) examine the risks of introducing voluntary euthanasia, including the impact on suicide prevention; and
- (e) examine the role of Advanced Health Directives, Enduring Power of Attorney and Enduring Power of Guardianship laws and the implications for individuals covered by these instruments in any proposed legislation.

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Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr R.R. Whitby speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

**13. Variation to the Order of Business**

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 12 and Private Members' Business Order of the Day No. 3 be next considered.

**14. Western Australia's Economy**

Mr D.C. Nalder, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House notes the constant negative commentary by the Premier and members of his Government regarding Western Australia's economy, which is hurting consumer and business confidence, and calls on the State Government to take a more considered approach to the economic narrative.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr A. Krsticevic speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

**15. 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 August 2017 at 9.00 am.

*Members present during any part of the day's proceedings* – All the members except Ms J. Farrer and Mr W.J. Johnston.

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

**HON. PETER WATSON**  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly