

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 161

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 10.00 am pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Speaker's Statement – Amended Seating Plan

The Speaker advised members that she had approved an amended seating plan for the government members.

3. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Financial Audit Results – State Government 2022–23, Report No. 10, 20 December 2023 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 20 December 2023) (2575).

Auditor General, Office of the – Information Systems Application Audit – Implementation of the Essential Eight Cyber Security Controls, Report No. 9, 6 December 2023 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 6 December 2023) (2574).

Chief Psychiatrist of Western Australia – Annual Report 2022-2023 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 6 December 2023) (2573).

Corruption and Crime Commission – Report on Misconduct by a senior biomedical engineer at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, 23 January 2024 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 23 January 2024) (2576).

Corruption and Crime Commission – Report on the action of a public officer at Murdoch University in respect to maintenance contracts, 23 January 2024 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 23 January 2024) (2577).

Legal Practice Board of Western Australia – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2582).

Official Travel – Report of Overseas Air Travel undertaken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and Government Officers on Official Business for the Three Months Ended 31 March 2023 (2578).

Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2579).

Public Trustee – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2583).

State Coroner for Western Australia, Office of the – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2581).

WA Industry Link – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2580).

4. Questions on Notice

Questions on Notice Nos 953 to 967 were asked.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable –

- (a) the Premier's Statement to be made on Tuesday, 13 February 2024; and
- (b) debate on noting the Premier's Statement to have priority for the three sitting days that week, including the remainder of Tuesday, 13 February 2024.

Question put.

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

6. Message from the Governor

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was read by the Speaker –

His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM
Governor of Western Australia

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received today from the Honourable the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the said Senate.

Government House
Perth, 29 January 2024

The despatch from the President of the Senate reads as follows:

The Honourable Christopher John Dawson AC APM
Governor of Western Australia
Government House
13 St George's Terrace

Perth WA 6000

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, I notify Your Excellency there is a vacancy in the representation of the State of Western Australia following the resignation of Senator Patrick Dodson on Friday, 26 January 2024.

Yours sincerely
Senator the Hon Sue Lines
President of the Senate

Friday 26 January 2024

Joint Sitting of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council

The Premier, pursuant to the Message from His Excellency the Governor, moved,

That the Speaker be requested to confer with the President of the Legislative Council, in order to fix a day and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of the Senator whose place has become vacant.

Question put and passed.

Sitting suspended from 10.05 am to 10.15 am.

Speaker's Statement – Joint Sitting to fill the Senate Vacancy

The Speaker advised members that she had consulted with the President of the Legislative Council in relation to holding a Joint Sitting to fill the vacancy in the Senate created by the resignation of Senator Patrick Dodson, and that the Joint Sitting will be held today, Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 11.00 am in the Legislative Council Chamber.

7. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 13 February 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

8. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 10.16 am until Tuesday, 13 February 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Ms L. Dalton, Ms A.E. Kent, Ms L. Mettam, Mr S.J. Price, 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

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