

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

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THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021

**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. Notice of Motion**

**3. Brief Ministerial Statements**

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Public Sector Management on new leadership appointments in the Western Australian public sector.

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*Paper*

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

By the Minister for Public Sector Management –

Public Sector Management, Minister for – Directors General List – as at Monday 31 May 2021 (225).

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The Treasurer on the tabling of Whole-of-Government Financial Reports.

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*Papers*

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

By the Treasurer –

Treasurer – 2020–21 Quarterly Financial Results Report – September 2020 (226).

Treasurer – 2020–21 Quarterly Financial Results Report – December 2020 (227).

Treasurer – 2020–21 Pre-Election Financial Projections Statement (228).

Treasurer – 2020–21 Government Mid-Year Financial Projections Statement (229).

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The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade on Government initiatives for Asian engagement.

The Minister for Heritage announcing funding allocations from the 2020–21 Heritage Grants Program.

The Minister for Tourism on opportunities to experience Aboriginal culture and astronomy at Rottnest Island.

The Attorney General on the awarding of the Public Service Medal to Western Australian State Solicitor Nicholas Egan.

The Minister for Road Safety on National Road Safety Week.

The Minister for Road Safety on the launch of the Community Connect Online Portal.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation on the selection of Perth as a host city for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

#### **4. Address in Reply**

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

Debate resumed.

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#### *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 Health Minister Roger Cook for failing to take proper responsibility for the circumstances and events leading to the tragic death of Aishwarya Aswath, as expected of a Minister under the Westminster System.

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

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, subject to the debate being limited to 15 minutes for government members and 15 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 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.

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#### *Health Minister Portfolio*

Ms L. Mettam, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House condemns Health Minister Roger Cook for failing to take proper responsibility for the circumstances and events leading to the tragic death of Aishwarya Aswath, as expected of a Minister under the Westminster System.

Debate ensued.

The Premier moved, To delete all words after “House” and insert the following:

“

passes on its deepest sympathies to the family of Aishwarya Aswath Chavittupara and notes the government will be implementing all 11 recommendations of the root cause analysis.

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On the question, That the words to be deleted, be deleted,  
Amendment put.  
The Assembly divided.

## Ayes (44)

Mr S.N. Aubrey  
Mr G. Baker  
Ms H.M. Beazley  
Dr A.D. Buti  
Mr J.N. Carey  
Ms C.M. Collins  
Mr R.H. Cook  
Ms L. Dalton  
Ms D.G. D’Anna  
Mr M.J. Folkard  
Ms K.E. Giddens  
Ms M.J. Hammat  
Ms J.L. Hanns  
Mr T.J. Healy  
Mr M. Hughes

Mr H.T. Jones  
Mr D.J. Kelly  
Ms E.J. Kelsbie  
Ms A.E. Kent  
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  
Mr Y. Mubarakai  
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  
Ms J.J. Shaw  
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski  
Dr K. Stratton  
Mr C.J. Tallentire  
Mr D.A. Templeman  
Mr P.C. Tinley  
Ms C.M. Tonkin  
Mr R.R. Whitby  
Ms S.E. Winton  
Ms E.L. Hamilton (*Teller*)

## Noes (5)

Mr V.A. Catania  
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love  
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle (*Teller*)

Amendment thus passed.

On the question, That the words to be inserted, be inserted,  
Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,  
Question put and passed.

Motion, as agreed to by the House –

That this House passes on its deepest sympathies to the family of Aishwarya Aswath Chavittupara and notes the government will be implementing all 11 recommendations of the root cause analysis.

On the question, That the Address in Reply to be agreed to,  
Debate resumed.

Mr V.A. Catania moved, To add to the Address in Reply the following –

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but regret to inform His Excellency that unless the McGowan Government addresses the need for housing assistance in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Seroja, there is a risk of depopulation in Mid-West communities.

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Debate ensued.

Amendment put and negatived.

On the question, That the Address in Reply be agreed to,

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Water speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

## **5. Questions**

Questions without Notice were taken.

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### *Paper*

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

By the Minister for Health –

Health, Minister for – Letter to Mark Olson, Secretary, Australian Nursing Federation, re: Consultation with nursing staff in the Emergency Department of Perth Children's Hospital (230).

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

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

## **7. Address in Reply**

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

Debate resumed.

Mr S.J. Price moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

## **8. Special Adjournment**

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 2.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

**9. Adjournment**

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 3.46 pm until Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 2.00 pm.

*Members present during any part of the day's proceedings* – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms M.J. Davies, Ms M.M. Quirk, Ms C.M. Rowe, Mr D.A.E. Scaife and Ms R.S. Stephens.

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

**HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS**  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly