

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 129

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 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. Petition

Kalamunda Swimming Pool – Mr M. Hughes presented a petition from 1,109 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call upon the State Government to work with the City of Kalamunda to ensure this important community asset is refurbished and retained for the on-going benefit of the community (P. 41).

3. Young Offenders Amendment Bill 2023

Message No. 103 dated 20 June 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

4. Notices of Motion

5. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Treasurer on the launch of Western Australia’s first-ever Green Bond.

The Attorney General on the Western Australian Pro Bono Legal Services Model.

Paper

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

By the Attorney General –

Western Australian Pro Bono Services Model – Report on Pro Bono for Financial Year Ending 30 June 2022 (2045).

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on the Marandoo Reduced Area Order 2023.

The Minister for Education on the Post-School Pathways Review and WACE Refreshment.

The Minister for Water on the Kimberley Community Grants Scheme.

The Minister for Youth on the Youth Engagement Grants Recipients 2023.

The Minister for Environment on the third deployment of Western Australian firefighting specialists to Canada.

The Minister for Environment on the first listing of threatened ecological communities under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

The Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services on the 2023 King's Birthday Honours List.

6. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion

The Minister for Ports, on behalf of the Leader of the House, withdrew Business of the Assembly – Notice of Motion No. 1.

7. Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act –

- to amend *The Criminal Code* to remove offences related to abortion; and
- to amend the *Public Health Act 2016* to regulate the performance of abortion by registered health practitioners and prohibit the performance of abortion by certain persons; and
- to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts; and
- for related purposes.”

be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Paper

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

By the Minister for Health –

Health, Department of – Abortion Legislation Reform: Community Consultation Summary Report, April 2023 (2046).

Ms L. Mettam moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be next considered.

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

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

Debate resumed.

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

10. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs –

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 – Exempt Activities (2047).

Questions on Notice Nos 736, 751, 758, 759 and 786 were answered.

11. Speaker's Statement – Chamber Bells

The Speaker advised that the Assembly bells had stopped working and that if there were any divisions called before the bell system was repaired, an announcement would be made over the PA system.

12. Mining Amendment Bill 2023

Message No. 104 dated 20 June 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported forwarding for concurrence a bill for “An Act to amend the *Mining Act 1978*.”

Ordered, That the first reading of the bill be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the Assembly.

13. Matter of Public Interest – Live Sheep Export Trade

The Speaker informed the Assembly that she was in receipt of a notice from Mr P.J. Rundle that he intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Mr P.J. Rundle moved,

That this House calls on the Premier to stand up for West Australians and outline his plan to defend the Live Sheep Export trade against the Albanese Government’s ideological attack which is already crippling regional communities and businesses reliant upon this \$130 million industry.

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 (39)

Mr S.N. Aubrey	Mr W.J. Johnston	Ms R. Saffioti
Ms H.M. Beazley	Mr H.T. Jones	Ms A. Sanderson
Dr A.D. Buti	Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Mr J.N. Carey	Ms E.J. Kelsbie	Ms J.J. Shaw
Mr R.H. Cook	Ms A.E. Kent	Ms R.S. Stephens
Ms L. Dalton	Dr J. Krishnan	Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Ms D.G. D'Anna	Mr P. Lilburne	Dr K. Stratton
Mr M.J. Folkard	Ms S.F. McGurk	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Ms E.L. Hamilton	Mr D.R. Michael	Mr D.A. Templeman
Ms M.J. Hammat	Mr S.A. Millman	Ms C.M. Tonkin
Ms J.L. Hanns	Mrs L.M. O'Malley	Mr R.R. Whitby
Mr T.J. Healy	Mr P. Papalia	Ms S.E. Winton
Mr M. Hughes	Mr S.J. Price	Ms M.M. Quirk (<i>Teller</i>)

Question thus negatived.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

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

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

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

Debate resumed.

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

16. Variation to the Order of Business

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

17. WA Health System

Ms L. Mettam, pursuant to notice, moved,

That the House condemns the six years of mismanagement of the WA health system by the WA Labor Government, with dangerous staffing levels, unacceptable elective surgery wait times, and a shocking range of issues across our health system putting patients lives and healthcare workers at risk.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Dr J. Krishnan speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

18. Adjournment

The Minister for Ports moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 22 June 2023 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms K.E. Giddens, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Mr Y. Mubarakai, Ms L.A. Munday, Mr D.T. Punch and Mr P.C. Tinley.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly