

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 201

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 2012

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Speaker's Statement – Election of Senator

The Speaker advised members that at a Joint Sitting of both Houses held on this day, Dean Anthony Smith was duly elected as a Senator of the Commonwealth Parliament.

3. Petitions

Koondoola Property – Ms J.M. Freeman presented a petition from 8 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly gives urgent attention to the housing security needs of the residents of 39 Koondoola Avenue and provide a security gate at the premises (P. 576).

No Privatisation of Public Hospitals and Schools – Ms J.M. Freeman presented a petition from 15 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly urges the Premier to desist with the Government's privatisation agenda for hospitals and schools (P. 577).

Uranium Mining in Western Australia – Mr C.J. Tallentire presented a petition from 559 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly re-instates the ban on uranium mining in Western Australia (P. 578).

Carpark Facilities Cockburn Central Railway Station – Mr F.M. Logan presented a petition from 220 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls upon the State Government to commit to building a new overpass road bridge joining an upgraded North Lake Road to Armadale Road and a new rail station with car parking at Russell Road (P. 579).

Proposed Hammond Park High School – Mr F.M. Logan presented a petition from 150 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Education to immediately bring forward the development and construction of a High School at Hammond Park (P. 580).

Container Deposit Scheme – Mr M.P. Murray presented a petition from 257 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly takes full and comprehensive action to ensure the passing of the Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme Bill 2011 (P. 581).

4. Papers

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

By the Speaker –

Auditor General, Office of the [OAG] – Supporting Aboriginal Students in Training (4770).

By the Clerk –

Armadale Redevelopment Authority – Final Annual Report for the period ended 30 December 2011 (4736).

East Perth Redevelopment Authority – Final Annual Report for the period ended 30 December 2011 (4737).

Midland Redevelopment Authority – Final Annual Report for the period ended 30 December 2011 (4738).

Subiaco Redevelopment Authority – Final Annual Report for the period ended 30 December 2011 (4739).

Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2006 – Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended 31 March 2012 (4740).

Western Australian Redevelopment Trust – Review of the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (4741).

5. Correction to Tabled Paper

The Speaker announced that he had authorised corrections to the following Tabled Paper tabled on 27 March 2012 –

Corruption and Crime Commission, Joint Standing Committee on the – The use of public examinations by the Corruption and Crime Commission – Report No. 25 (4659).

6. Notices of Motion

7. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Premier on his recent visit to Singapore to open the Government of Western Australia's Trade and Investment Office.

The Minister for Water on the Southern Seawater Desalination Plant being awarded Desalination Plant of the Year.

The Minister for Science and Innovation on the status of the Square Kilometre Array site selection process.

8. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos 4 and 2 be next considered.

9. Water Services Bill 2011

Water Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2011

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

Debate resumed.

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

10. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 7888 to 7903 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 7366 to 7368, 7388, 7410, 7413, 7416 to 7418, 7423, 7425, 7432, 7439, 7447, 7476 to 7483, 7493, 7497, 7498, 7501, 7503, 7510, 7511, 7513, 7517, 7524 to 7526, 7528 to 7534, 7536 to 7546, 7548 to 7554, 7561, 7575, 7577, 7579, 7581, 7589, 7614, 7616, 7260, 7624, 7633, 7637, 7641, 7646, 7657 to 7664, 7668 to 7673, 7677 to 7682, 7684, 7685, 7687, 7689, 7702, 7706, 7712, 7714, 7750, 7759, 7763, 7764, 7767, 7769 and 7774 were answered.

Papers tabled by the Minister for Energy –

Question on Notice No. 7366 – Summary of the average electricity bill issued by Synergy between 1 January and 29 February 2012 for the following suburbs: Bayswater, Bedford, Embleton, Inglewood, Maylands and Morley (4742).

Question on Notice No. 7367 – Summary of the average electricity bill issued by Synergy between 1 May and 30 August 2011 for the following suburbs: Bayswater, Bedford, Embleton, Inglewood, Maylands and Morley (4743).

Question on Notice No. 7368 – Summary of the average electricity bill issued by Synergy between 1 September and 31 December 2011 for the following suburbs: Bayswater, Bedford, Embleton, Inglewood, Maylands and Morley (4744).

Question on Notice No. 7416 – Details of the remuneration including salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits paid to officers employed by Western Power and the number of officers in \$10,000 range bands from \$150,000 upwards for the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4745).

Question on Notice No. 7417 – Details of the remuneration including salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits paid to officers employed by Synergy and the number of officers in \$10,000 range bands from \$150,000 upwards for the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4746).

Question on Notice No. 7418 – Details of the remuneration including salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits paid to officers employed by Verve Energy and the number of officers in \$10,000 range bands from \$150,000 upwards for the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4747).

Question on Notice No. 7510 – Details on the Hardship Efficiency Program (HEP) including the budget for 2011–12, cost of financial counsellors referring people for assistance under Hardship Utility Grants Scheme (HUGS) and review of hardship efficiency services. (4748).

Question on Notice No. 7513 – Summary of the number of households visited under the Hardship Efficiency Program for assessment and/or hardware replacement for each month of 2009, 2010 and 2011 (4749).

Question on Notice No. 7524 – Details of the base salary, bonus, other payments and superannuation for Western Power's recently retired Managing Director Mr Aberle for the years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 (4750).

Question on Notice No. 7529 – Summary of the number of executives of Horizon Power provided with a motor vehicle and credit card for the years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2011–2012 including the total cost (4751).

Question on Notice No. 7530 – Summary of all independent power producers who have made investment decisions to build generation capacity on the South West Interconnected System including dates of the decision and when the electricity was (or is planned to be) available to the system since 1 October 2008 (4752).

Question on Notice No. 7545 – Summary of the number of executives of Verve Energy provided with a motor vehicle and credit card for the years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2011–2012 including the total cost (4753).

Question on Notice No. 7546 – Summary of the number of executives of Western Power provided with a motor vehicle and credit card for the years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2011–2012 including the total cost (4754).

Question on Notice No. 7668 – Details on Western Power Christmas functions including location of the Christmas function 2011, expenditure limits, corporate policy on exercising restraint and the Minister's written direction on those guidelines (relating to Question on Notice No. 7191) (4755).

Question on Notice No. 7669 – Question in relation to Western Power's expenditure on Christmas staff functions including how many attended each individual divisional Christmas function and the breakdown of the number of employees, management, board members, contractors and other guests attending (4756).

Question on Notice No. 7673 – Question with reference to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice No. 7172 relating to findings of the Legislative Council Public Administration Committee's report detailing the consequences for Western Power employees who do not achieve the outcomes on their performance agreements for the financial years 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011 and 1 July 2011 to date; and the number of Western Power's extended leadership or management team who have received performance improvement plans, redeployment to a more appropriate role or termination (4757).

Question on Notice No. 7677 – Summary of the total number of full time equivalents, apprentices and trainees employed by Western Power for each of the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4758).

Question on Notice No. 7678 – Summary of the total number of full time equivalents, apprentices and trainees employed by Verve Energy for each of the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4759).

Question on Notice No. 7679 – Summary of the total number of full time equivalents, apprentices and trainees employed by Horizon Power for each of the 2008–2009, 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 financial years (4760).

Question on Notice No. 7682 – Details regarding Western Power's tender and procurement for equipment, materials and services (4761).

Question on Notice No. 7684 – Details regarding Horizon Power's tender and procurement for equipment, materials and services (4762).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs –

Question on Notice No. 7480 – Details of the Indigenous Affairs Reconciliation Program (RAP) for 2010 to 2012 including the total membership of the RAP working group and when they met in 2010, 2011 and 2012; the number of community education sessions held in regional WA in relation to the ALT estate in 2010, 2011 and 2012; and the number of road shows/information sessions for family links and cultural connections presented to Aboriginal clients (4763).

Papers tabled by the Minister for Finance –

Question on Notice No. 7589 – Question in relation to the contract awarded in 2011 to Smith Construction for replacement and upgrading of school playground equipment in some government schools (4764).

Question on Notice No. 7616 – Summary of the number of any staff level 3.1 and above within the Minister's portfolio accepting any hospitality, invitation to an event, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual since 1 November 2011 (4765).

Question on Notice No. 7633 – Summary of the number of any staff level 3.1 and above within the Minister's portfolio accepting any gift from a private company or individual since November 2011 (4766).

Paper tabled by the Treasurer –

Question on Notice No. 7614 – Summary of the number of any staff level 3.1 and above within the Treasurer's portfolio accepting any hospitality, invitation to an event, free accommodation or free travel from a private company or individual since 1 November 2011 (4767).

11. Unanswered Questions on Notice

The following members asked why no answer had been received in respect of their Questions on Notice –

Mr J.N. Hyde – Questions on Notice Nos 7444 and 7521.

Ms M.M. Quirk – Questions on Notice No. 7720.

Mr B.S. Wyatt – Questions on Notice Nos 7495, 7490, 7488, 7375 and 7371.

12. Additional Information

The Minister for Transport provided additional information relating to Questions on Notice Nos 5705 and 7582.

Papers

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

By the Minister for Transport –

Minister for Transport – Correction to answer to Question on Notice No. 7582 (4768).

Minister for Housing – Correction to answer to Question on Notice No. 5705 (4769).

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos 4 and 2 be next considered.

14. Water Services Bill 2011**Water Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2011**

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bills was read.
Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

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

15. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 14 and 15 and Private Members' Business Order of the Day No. 18 be next considered.

16. Paid Parking at Metropolitan Shopping Centres

Mr P.C. Tinley, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House:

- (1) calls on the Barnett Government to rule out paid parking at metropolitan shopping centres and major retail centres; and
- (2) condemns the Government for cost of living increases for Western Australian families, of which paid parking would be another impost.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (20)

Ms J.M. Freeman
Mr J.N. Hyde
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr J.C. Kobelke
Mr F.M. Logan
Mrs C.A. Martin
Mr M. McGowan

Mr M.P. Murray
Mr A.P. O’Gorman
Mr P. Papalia
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms M.M. Quirk
Mr E.S. Ripper
Mrs M.H. Roberts

Ms R. Saffioti
Mr T.G. Stephens
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr P.B. Watson
Mr M.P. Whitely
Mr D.A. Templeman (*Teller*)

Noes (24)

Mr F.A. Alban
Mr C.J. Barnett
Mr I.C. Blayney
Mr J.J.M. Bowler
Mr G.M. Castrilli
Mr V.A. Catania
Dr E. Constable
Mr M.J. Cowper

Mr J.H.D. Day
Mr J.M. Francis
Mr B.J. Grylls
Dr K.D. Hames
Mrs L.M. Harvey
Mr A.P. Jacob
Dr G.G. Jacobs
Mr R.F. Johnson

Mr A. Krsticevic
Mr W.R. Marmion
Mr P.T. Miles
Ms A.R. Mitchell
Dr M.D. Nahan
Mr M.W. Sutherland
Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr A.J. Simpson (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

17. Local Government Amalgamations

Mr J.N. Hyde, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House calls on the Barnett Government to:

- (1) provide advice as to the cost of its flawed and failed amalgamation process to date, and the cost to both the State Government and local governments; and
- (2) rule out forced amalgamations of councils in Western Australia.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr M.P. Murray speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

18. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 p.m. until Thursday, 3 May 2012 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr D.T. Redman.

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. GRANT WOODHAMS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly