

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023

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. Petition

Live Export Sector – Mr P.J. Rundle presented a petition from 541 people asking the Minister for Agriculture and Food, the Minister for Federal-State Relations, and the Premier to demand the Prime Minister and Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture to reverse the plan to phase out the live sheep export industry (P. 40).

3. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Central Regional TAFE – Annual Report 2022 (1885).

Land Administration Act 1997 – Proposal: Submission No. 01/2023 under the Act for the excision from Class A Reserves 18705, 40836 and 47663 to support road widening and drainage improvements on the South Western Highway, Shire of Manjimup (1886).

North Metropolitan TAFE – Annual Report 2022 (1887).

North Regional TAFE – Annual Report 2022 (1888).

Primary Industries and Regional Development, Department of – Annual Report 2021–2022 (1889).

Small Business Development Corporation Amendment Act 2020 – Statutory Review of the Act, March 2023 (1890).

South Metropolitan TAFE – Annual Report 2022 (1891).

South Regional TAFE – Annual Report 2022 (1892).

Western Australian Institute of Sport – Annual Report 2022 (1893).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade on the launch of the WA Investments online platform and the new Invest and Trade Western Australia office in Austin, Texas.

The Minister for Science on the Australian Remote Operations for Space and Earth Consortium being selected as one of two successful teams for Stage 1 of the Australian Space Agency's Moon to Mars Trailblazer mission.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the recent mission to Canada, the USA, South Korea and Japan to promote Western Australia's battery, critical minerals and energy sectors.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Mines and Petroleum –

Minister for Mines and Petroleum – Overseas Trade Mission Itinerary – March 2023 (1894).

The Minister for Youth on the 25th anniversary of the WA Bush Rangers.

The Minister for Housing on the commencement of the Housing First Homelessness Advisory Group.

The Minister for Lands on community consultation for the redevelopment of the former Beaconsfield TAFE site.

The Minister for Housing on the redevelopment of the Graham Flats housing complex in West Perth.

The Minister for Regional Development on the return of the Mandurah Crab Fest.

5. Grievances

The Deputy Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

6. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission

Mr M. Hughes, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Corruption and Crime Commission, Joint Standing Committee on the – Unlawful Detention in Public Hospitals – Parliamentary Inspector's Report. Report 8, March 2023 (1895).

7. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission

Mr M. Hughes, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Corruption and Crime Commission, Joint Standing Committee on the – A Need For Clarity – Parliamentary Inspector's Report: Can the Corruption and Crime Commission decline to form an opinion that serious misconduct has occurred despite the definition being met? Report 9, March 2023 (1896).

8. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People

Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Commissioner for Children and Young People, Joint Standing Committee on the –
Report Review 2022 – Examination of selected reports by the Commissioner for
Children and Young People. Report 5 (1897).

Ms R.S. Stephens spoke on the report.

9. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023

Workers Compensation and Injury Management Amendment Bill 2023

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023 read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 51 agreed to.

Clause 52.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms L. Mettam, 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:

1. censures the Minister for Health for misleading the House in her statement after question time yesterday in relation to the Four Corners story of 27 February and the Federal Government's commitment to eating disorders facilities; and
2. calls on the Minister to correct the record.

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

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, subject to the debate being limited to 10 minutes for government members and 10 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 Acting 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.

Minister for Health

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

That this House:

1. censures the Minister for Health for misleading the House in her statement after question time yesterday in relation to the Four Corners story of 27 February and the Federal Government's commitment to eating disorder facilities; and
2. calls on the Minister to correct the record.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Health moved, To delete all the words after "House" and insert –
“

condemns the Leader of the Liberal Party for misleading the House by stating a Four Corners program that aired this month was about Western Australia's health system and the Member's shameless propensity to make misleading, untrue and false statements.

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Debate ensued.

On the question, That the words to be deleted, be deleted,

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (46)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Ms M.J. Hammat
Ms J.L. Hanns
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston

Mr H.T. Jones
Mr D.J. Kelly
Ms A.E. Kent
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price
Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms M.M. Quirk

Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms J.J. Shaw
Ms R.S. Stephens
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 C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Noes (5)

Dr D.J. Honey
Mr R.S. Love

Ms L. Mettam
Mr P.J. Rundle

Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

On the question, That the words to be inserted, be inserted,

Question put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,
Question put.
The Assembly divided.

Ayes (45)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Ms M.J. Hammat
Ms J.L. Hanns
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston

Mr H.T. Jones
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Dr D.J. Honey
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Ms L. Mettam
Mr P.J. Rundle

Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

The motion, as amended and agreed to –

That this House condemns the Leader of the Liberal Party for misleading the House by stating a Four Corners program that aired this month was about Western Australia's health system and the Member's shameless propensity to make misleading, untrue and false statements.

Clause 52.

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

10. Members' Statements

The Acting Speaker called for members' statements which were then made.

11. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 711 to 722 were asked.

12. Matter of Public Interest – WA Police Morale

The Speaker informed the Assembly that she was in receipt of a notice from Ms L. Mettam that she intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Ms L. Mettam moved,

That this House calls for the Minister for Police to address the impacts of poor morale and challenges facing WA policemen and women and be honest about lagging police numbers.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle
Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Noes (36)

Mr G. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Ms C.M. Collins
Ms L. Dalton
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms M.J. Hammat
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston
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Mr D.A. Templeman
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Ms S.E. Winton
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

13. Criminal Law (Mental Impairment) Bill 2022

Message No. 97 dated 29 March 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

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

15. Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the further consideration in detail of the bill was read.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 52 to 178 agreed to.

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

16. Special Adjournment

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 1.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

17. Adjournment

Ms C.M. Rowe moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 4.50 pm until Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 1.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms H.M. Beazley, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Ms E.J. Kelsbie and Ms L.A. Munday.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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