

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 189

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2020

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. Speaker's Statement – Sitting Arrangements

The Speaker advised that Questions without Notice would take place after any Brief Ministerial Statements, and that he had approved the presence of media in the Public and Press Galleries for Question Time. In addition, in accordance with the COVID-19 Temporary Order, it was agreed that Private Members' Business would not take place.

3. Messages from the Governor

Messages from His Excellency the Governor were reported assenting to the following bills –

No. 9 – 3 April 2020

Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2020, Act No. 7 of 2020.

Criminal Code Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020, Act No. 8 of 2020.

Transport (Road Passenger Services) Amendment (COVID-19 Response and Regional Assistance) Bill 2020, Act No. 10 of 2020.

Emergency Management Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020, Act No. 11 of 2020.

No. 10 – 6 April 2020

Pay-roll Tax Assessment Amendment (Thresholds) Bill 2019, Act No. 6 of 2020.

Electricity Industry Amendment Bill 2019, Act No. 9 of 2020.

Small Business Development Corporation Amendment Bill 2019, Act No. 12 of 2020.

Family Violence Legislation Reform (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020, Act No. 13 of 2020.

Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Medical Research) Bill 2020, Act No. 14 of 2020.

4. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Information Systems Audit Report 2020 – State Government Entities, Report 18, April 2020 (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 6 April 2020) (3321).

Building Act 2011 – Regulations (Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 G.G. 31/03/2020) (3323).

Bush Fires Act 1954 – Local Laws (City of Rockingham Repeal Local Law 2019 G.G. 31/03/2020) (3324).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1199/97 between the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Splendour West Pty Ltd for a dam site for commercial purposes in State Forest No. 36, near Pemberton (3325).

Corruption and Crime Commission – Further review of the WA Police Force response to an incident in the lock-up of a country town (Received by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and deemed tabled on 9 April 2020) (3322).

Criminal Procedure Act 2004; Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994 – Regulations (Justice Regulations Amendment (Emergency Management) Regulations 2020 G.G. 03/04/2020) (3326).

Emergency Management Act 2005 – Regulations (Emergency Management Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 G.G. 03/04/2020) (3327).

Juries Act 1957 – Regulations (Juries Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 31/03/2020) (3328).

Liquor Control Act 1988 – Rules (Liquor Commission Amendment Rules 2020 G.G. 31/03/2020) (3329).

Local Government Act 1995 – Local Laws (City of Mandurah Animals Environment and Nuisance Amendment Local Law 2020 G.G. 03/04/2020) (3330).

Local Government Act 1995 – Regulations (Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 09/04/2020) (3331).

Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Act 2004 – Rules (Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Amendment Rules 2020 G.G. 09/04/2020) (3332).

Petroleum Products Pricing Act 1983 – Regulations (Petroleum Products Pricing Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2020 G.G. 09/04/2020) (3333).

Petroleum Products Pricing Act 1983 – Regulations (Petroleum Products Pricing Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 09/04/2020) (3334).

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Regulations (Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 03/04/2020) (3335).

Premier and Cabinet, Department of – Report on Consultants Engaged by Government for the Six Months Ended 31 December 2019 (3336).

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 – Regulations (Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 09/04/2020) (3337).

Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2006 – Regulations (Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Amendment Regulations 2020 G.G. 31/03/2020) (3338).

5. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission – Extension of Reporting Dates

The Speaker advised that the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission had resolved to:

- (1) extend its reporting date to the House on its inquiry into public sector procurement to 14 May 2020; and
- (2) extend its reporting date to the House on its inquiry into the Corruption and Crime Commission's oversight of police misconduct investigations to 13 August 2020.

6. Notices of Motion

7. Brief Ministerial Statement

A Brief Ministerial Statement was made by the Premier on Western Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 6086 to 6104 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 5975, 5992 to 6004, 6006, 6008 to 6013, 6017, 6019, 6022 to 6026, 6028 to 6034, 6036, 6037, 6039 to 6041, 6044, 6047, 6049 to 6051, 6061, 6066, 6067, 6075, 6076 and 6078 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Treasurer –

Question on Notice No. 6051 – Table listing contact between the Minister and Ministerial staff and CGM Communications since October 2017 (3339).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Industrial Relations –

Question on Notice No. 6039 – Table listing contact between the Minister and Ministerial staff and CGM Communications since October 2017 (3340).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Housing; Fisheries; Veterans Issues; Asian Engagement –

Question on Notice No. 6037 – Table listing contact between the Minister and Ministerial staff and CGM Communications since October 2017 (3341).

9. Removal of Orders of the Day

The Speaker advised that Private Members' Business Orders of the Day, Federal Labor's Policies and Western Australia and Royalties for Regions, had not been debated for more than 12 calendar months and had been removed from the Notice Paper.

10. Lotteries Commission Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020

The Premier, pursuant to the COVID-19 Temporary Order, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Lotteries Commission Act 1990* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Premier presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Premier moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

The Premier moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

11. Local Government Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020

The Minister for Local Government, pursuant to the COVID-19 Temporary Order, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1995* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

The Minister for Local Government moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

12. Pay-roll Tax Relief (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020

The Minister for Finance, pursuant to the COVID-19 Temporary Order, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to provide relief from pay-roll tax in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the bill.

The Minister for Finance moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

13. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, 16 April 2020 at 12.00 noon.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 4.05 pm until Thursday, 16 April 2020 at 12.00 noon.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr I.C. Blayney, Mr V.A. Catania, Ms J. Farrer, Ms J.M. Freeman, Ms E.L. Hamilton, Mrs A.K. Hayden, Mr T.J. Healy,

Mr M. Hughes, Mr J.E. McGrath, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Mr Y. Mubarakai, Mr M.P. Murray, Dr M.D. Nahan, Mr K.M. O'Donnell, Mr D.T. Punch and Mr D.T. Redman.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly