

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2022

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Petition

City of Melville and Western Australian Planning Commission – Removal of State-owned reserves – Mrs L.M. O'Malley presented a petition from 870 people seeking the exclusion of Lots 7080, 6392 and 6725, from the Western Australian Planning Commission's direction to the City of Melville to modify Scheme Amendment 10. (P. 26).

3. Poseidon Nickel Agreement Amendment (Termination) Bill 2021

Message No. 39 dated 22 February 2022 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

4. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Commerce, Department of – Code of Practice – Violence, aggression and bullying at work (964).

Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of – Code of Practice – Psychosocial hazards in the workplace (966).

Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of – Code of Practice – Violence and aggression at work (965).

Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of – Code of Practice – Workplace behaviour (967).

5. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Science on the provision of funding to the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group to expand its science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) engagement programs.

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on Fringe World 2022 and the Perth Festival.

The Minister for Industrial Relations on the update of the State Metal Trades (General) Award.

The Minister for Homelessness on the creation of the Homelessness portfolio, and the development of initiatives in housing and crisis accommodation.

6. Proof of Vaccination

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That —

To respond to the emergence of the Omicron strain of COVID in Western Australia, and further to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 24 November 2021, as requested by the Presiding Officers:

- (1) Members must:
 - (a) have provided proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk by 31 January 2022; and
 - (b) provide proof of a booster COVID-19 vaccine dose, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk by 6 May 2022.
- (2) If any member has not complied:
 - (a) with paragraph (1)(a), the Clerk will, immediately after the House passes this resolution, report the details of the non-compliance, including the identity of the member, or members, to the House; or
 - (b) with paragraph (1)(b), the Clerk will report the details of the non-compliance, including the identity of the member, or members, to the House, on the first sitting day after 6 May 2022.
- (3) Unless otherwise ordered, any member who has not complied with the requirements:
 - (a) set out in paragraph (1)(a); or
 - (b) set out in paragraph (1)(b),
 is determined to have failed to comply with an order of the House and therefore is suspended from attending the chamber, Parliament House and the Legislative Assembly Committee Office until, and including, the second sitting day following the winter recess.
- (4) If a member who is suspended under paragraph (3) provides:
 - (a) in the case of failure to comply with paragraph (1)(a) – proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk; or
 - (b) in the case of failure to comply with paragraph (1)(b) – proof of their booster COVID-19 vaccine dose, or proof of a valid exemption, to the Clerk,
 their suspension is immediately lifted, and the Clerk will report that fact, including the name of the member, to the House on the next sitting day.
- (5) For the purposes of this resolution:

- (a) “COVID-19 vaccine” means a vaccine to protect a person against SARS-CoV-2 that has been registered or provisionally registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration;
 - (b) “proof of their first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses” and “proof of a booster COVID-19 vaccine dose” means forms of evidence approved by the Chief Health Officer; and
 - (c) “proof of a valid exemption” means forms of evidence approved by the Chief Health Officer.
- (6) The Clerk:
- (a) must, other than what is contemplated by this resolution, ensure all information provided under this resolution remains confidential and is stored securely; and
 - (b) must destroy all information provided under this resolution at the end of the session or an earlier time determined by the House.
- (7) The House may agree to further resolutions to vary or amend this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. Deputy Speaker’s Statement – Proof of Vaccination

The Deputy Speaker advised that in relation to the resolution just passed by the House, advice had been received by the Clerk that all members had complied with paragraph 1(a) of the resolution by 31 January 2022.

8. Railway (METRONET) Amendment Bill 2022

The Minister for Transport, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Railway (METRONET) Act 2018*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Papers

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

By the Minister for Transport –

Transport, Minister for – Department of Transport; Main Roads Western Australia; Public Transport Authority – Armadale Line, Claisebrook to Mundijong section map (968).

Transport, Minister for – Department of Transport; Main Roads Western Australia; Public Transport Authority – Report on the Planned Construction of the Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension (969).

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

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

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

Question put and passed.

9. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

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 (Mr R.S. Love speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 374 to 376 were asked.

11. Variation to the Order of Business

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

12. Firearms Amendment Bill 2021

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 (Minister for Police speaking in reply) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 13 and 10 be next considered.

14. The International Education Sector

Mr P.J. Rundle, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the Minister for International Education's failure to protect the \$2 billion international education sector, placing at risk the welfare of students and more than 12,000 jobs whilst tarnishing the State's reputation.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr S.A. Millman speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

15. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr S.N. Aubrey, Mr V.A. Catania, Ms C.M. Collins, Ms L. Dalton, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Ms E.L. Hamilton, Mr T.J. Healy, Ms E.J. Kelsbie, Dr J. Krishnan, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mrs M.H. Roberts, Ms J.J. Shaw and Ms R.S. Stephens.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly