

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 148

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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. Papers

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

By the Speaker –

Information Commissioner, Office of the – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2422).

By the Clerk –

Corruption and Crime Commission – Deployment of Police Dogs Recommendation Review (2423).

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 – Report pursuant to section 103(1) of the Act by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Witness Identity Protection Certificates 1 July 2022–30 June 2023 (2426).

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 – Report pursuant to section 76(1) of the Act by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Assumed Identities 1 July 2022–30 June 2023 (2425).

Keep Australia Beautiful Council – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2427).

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal – Report on the Remuneration of Judges, District Court Judges, Masters of Supreme Court, Magistrates and the Parliamentary Inspector of the Corruption and Crime Commission, 6 October 2023 (2424).

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Attorney General on the Health Justice Partnership between Legal Aid WA and East Metropolitan Health Service.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the Western Australian Multicultural Policy Framework Implementation Report.

Paper

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By the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests –

Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Department of – Western Australian Multicultural Policy Framework Implementation update (June 2023) (2428).

The Minister for Housing on the increase to income eligibility limits for social housing.

The Minister for Housing on enhanced training opportunities in the housing support industry.

The Minister for Housing on the launch of the Keystart app.

The Minister for Environment on the new class A Reserve at Cape Peron, Rockingham Lakes Regional Park.

The Minister for Industrial Relations on the recovery of unpaid wages and other entitlements by industrial inspectors on behalf of Western Australian workers.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the Gold Corporation 2022–2023 Annual Report.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the appointment of Paul Graham as Chief Executive Officer of Gold Corporation.

4. Grievances

The Deputy Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

5. 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 – Annual Report 2022–2023, Report No. 10 (2429).

6. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 14 agreed to.

Clause 15.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved,

Page 23, line 28 to page 24, line 2 — To delete the lines and substitute:

- (b) the person has lived in a district (the *relevant district*) for a period of at least 1 month ending immediately before the day (the *relevant day*) on which the person intends to vote in an election in the relevant district or a Council election (the *election*); and
- (c) on the relevant day —

Page 24, lines 5 and 6 — To delete “vote in the relevant district.” and substitute:

vote.

Page 24, lines 15 to 18 — To delete “as a provisional voter under section 97G at an election in the relevant district or a Council election held on the relevant day; and” and substitute:

in the election on the relevant day as a provisional voter under section 97G; and

Amendments put and passed.

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 33 agreed to.

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

7. Members’ Statements

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

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice No. 935 was asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 877 to 878, 880 to 891 and 893 to 901 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Minister for Training; Water; Youth –

Question on Notice No. 882 – Increase in full time equivalent employee numbers by job classification and salary level in 2018 and 2022: Water Corporation Annual Report 2022 (2430).

9. Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Extension of Reporting Date

The Speaker received advice that the Economics and Industry Standing Committee had resolved to extend its reporting date to the House on its inquiry into the WA Domestic Gas Policy to 30 May 2024.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

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

11. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 34 to 67 agreed to.

Clause 68.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved,

Page 82, after line 27 — To insert:

(ab) after paragraph (b) insert:

(ba) include details of a means by which the candidate can be contacted in connection with the election; and

Amendment put and passed.

Clause 68, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 69 to 75 agreed to.

Clause 76.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved,

Page 90, lines 18 and 19 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses” and substitute:

names

Page 90, lines 21 to 23 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses of all candidates nominated” and substitute:

name of each candidate nominated, and details of a means by which the candidate can be contacted,

Page 90, lines 26 to 28 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses of all candidates nominated” and substitute:

name of each candidate nominated, and details of a means by which the candidate can be contacted,

Page 91, lines 1 to 6 — To delete the lines and substitute:

(3) Delete section 86(2AAA) and insert:

(2AAA) Despite subsection (2), if a candidate is a silent elector the returning officer must not publish information that might enable the candidate’s residential address to be ascertained.

Amendments put and passed.

Clause 76, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 77.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved,

Page 93, lines 13 and 14 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses” and substitute:

names

Page 93, lines 16 to 18 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses of all candidates nominated” and substitute:

name of each candidate nominated, and details of a means by which the candidate can be contacted,

Page 93, lines 21 to 23 — To delete “names, occupations and primary residential addresses of all candidates nominated” and substitute:

name of each candidate nominated, and details of a means by which the candidate can be contacted,

Page 93, lines 25 to 27 — To delete the lines and substitute:

- (3A) Despite subsection (3), if a candidate is a silent elector the returning officer must not publish information that might enable the candidate’s residential address to be ascertained.

Amendments put and passed.

Clause 77, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 78 and 79 agreed to.

Clause 80.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs moved,

Page 139, line 7 — To delete “A person” and substitute:

- (1) A person

Page 139, line 9 — To insert after “polling place”:

in a district

Page 139, after line 19 — To insert:

- (2) Subsection (1) applies even if the claim relates to enrolment for another district.

Amendments put and passed.

Clause 80, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 81 to 112 agreed to.

Clause 113.

Dr D.J. Honey moved,

Page 225, line 14 — To delete the figure “\$1,000” and in its place insert the figure “\$2,600”.

Amendment put and passed.

Clause 113, as amended, agreed to.

The Leader of the House moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.16 pm until Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 1.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Ms H.M. Beazley, Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski and Ms S.E. Winton.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly