

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 200

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.00 am pursuant to adjournment.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Speaker's Statement – Absence of the Speaker

The Deputy Speaker advised, as the Speaker was unable to attend the House, he would not vote in divisions unless there was a need for a casting vote.

3. Petition

Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks Zebra Crossing – Mr M.J. Folkard presented a petition from 71 people asking the Legislative Assembly to install a zebra crossing on Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks for the safety of the community and children (P. 66).

4. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission – Annual Report 2022–2023 (3161).

Burswood Park Board – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3162).

Chief Psychiatrist of Western Australia – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3163).

Commissioner for Children and Young People – Your Environment: Your Say, Key findings from the Commissioner for Children and Young People's 'Your Environment: Your Say' survey 2024 (3164).

Communities, Department of – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3165).

Construction Training Fund – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3166).

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 – Assumed Identities Annual Report 2023–2024 (3167).

Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 – Australian Crime Commission, Annual Report 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (3168).

Development WA – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3169).

Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3170).

East Metropolitan Health Service – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3171).

Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Government Response to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee: Domestic Gas in a Changing World – Inquiry into the WA Domestic Gas Policy (3172).

Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Department of – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3173).

Finance, Department of – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3174).

Fremantle Ports – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3175).

Health and Disability Services Complaints Office – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3176).

Health Support Services – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3177).

Infrastructure WA – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3178).

Kimberley Ports Authority – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3179).

Landgate – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3180).

Liquor Commission of Western Australia – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3181).

Local Government Standards Panel – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3182).

Mental Health Commission – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3183).

Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3184).

Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 – WA Police Force Annual Report 2023–2024 (3185).

Official Travel – Report of Overseas Air travel undertaken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and Government Officers on Official Business, for Three Months Ended 31 March 2024 (3186).

Ombudsman Western Australia – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3187).

Perth Mint – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3188).

Pilbara Ports – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3189).

Premier and Cabinet, Department of the – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3190).

Public Sector Commission – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3191).

Public Sector Commission – State of the WA Government Sector Workforce 2023–2024 (3192).

Public Transport Authority – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3193).

Racing and Wagering Western Australia – Statement of Corporate Intent 2024–2025 (3194).

Racing Penalties Appeal Tribunal – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3195).

Rottneet Island Authority – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3196).

Southern Ports – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3197).

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 – Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2023–2024 (3198).

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 – WA Police Force Annual Report 2023–2024 (3199).

Training Accreditation Council – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3200).

Water Corporation – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3201).

Western Australia Police Force – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3202).

Western Australian Building Management Authority – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3203).

Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3204).

Witness Protection (Western Australia) Act 1996 – Annual Report 2022–2023 (3206).

Witness Protection (Western Australia) Act 1996 – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3205).

5. Correction to Tabled Paper

The Deputy Speaker authorised corrections to the following paper, tabled on 11 September 2024 –

Commissioner for Children and Young People – Annual Report 2023–24 (3059).

Paper

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

By the Deputy Speaker –

Commissioner for Children and Young People – Annual Report 2023–24, Erratum (3208).

6. Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Discussion Paper

The Deputy Speaker advised that the Economics and Industry Standing Committee had resolved to report on the scale of, and opportunities in, growing defence industries in Western Australia. The Committee intends to table a discussion paper by 28 November 2024.

7. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Leader of the House, on behalf of the Treasurer, on tabling of 2023–2024 Annual Reports beyond the due date.

Paper

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

By the Leader of the House, on behalf of the Treasurer –

Financial Management Act 2006 – Section 65 Notices: advising the House of late tablings of various agency 2023–24 Annual Reports (3207).

The Minister for International Education on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority's inaugural International Schools and Partners Event.

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on the Creative Learning Program for Schools.

The Minister for Training and Workforce Development on the Construction Training Fund Diversity in Development Award.

The Minister for Road Safety on the new Re:act road safety campaign.

8. Grievances

The Acting Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

9. Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

Dr D.J. Honey, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee – Annual Report 2023–2024, Report 7 (3209).

Mr D.J. Kelly spoke on the report.

10. Economics and Industry Standing Committee

Mr P.C. Tinley, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Economics and Industry Standing Committee – Annual Report 2023–2024, Report 9 (3210).

11. Keystart Bill 2024

The Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act –

- to establish Keystart; and
- to repeal the *Country Housing Act 1998*; and
- to make consequential amendments to various written laws; and
- for related purposes.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Ms M.J. Davies moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. Family Court Amendment (Commonwealth Reforms) Bill 2024

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Family Court Act 1997* and to consequentially amend other Acts.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Ms M.J. Davies moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

13. Associations and Co-operatives Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* and the *Co-operatives Act 2009*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Ms M.J. Davies moved, That the debate be adjourned.
Question put and passed.

14. Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Amendment Bill 2024

The Minister for Housing, pursuant to notice, moved,
That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Act 2011*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Ms M.J. Davies moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

15. Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 23 to 58 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

16. Evidence Amendment Bill 2024

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.

17. Members’ Statements

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

18. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

19. 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 2023–2024 (3211).

By the Clerk –

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3212).
 ChemCentre – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3213).
 Fire and Emergency Services, Department of – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3214).
 Horizon Power – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3215).
 Swan River Trust – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3216).
 Synergy – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3217).
 Western Australian Energy Disputed Arbitrator – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3218).
 Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3204).
 Western Power – Annual Report 2023–2024 (3219).

20. Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr R.S. Love, 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 condemns the Cook Labor Government for failing to take the Parliament seriously and ensure adequate numbers of members in the chamber for important debates that impact all Western Australians.

Debate ensued.

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

“

, 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 Deputy 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.

21. Chamber Attendance

Mr R.S. Love, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House condemns the Cook Labor Government for failing to take the Parliament seriously and ensure adequate numbers of members in the chamber for important debates that impact all Western Australians.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Ms M. Beard
 Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
 Ms L. Mettam

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

Noes (39)

Mr S.N. Aubrey	Mr D.J. Kelly	Ms R. Saffioti
Mr G. Baker	Ms A.E. Kent	Ms A. Sanderson
Ms L.L. Baker	Dr J. Krishnan	Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms H.M. Beazley	Mr P. Lilburne	Ms J.J. Shaw
Dr A.D. Buti	Ms S.F. McGurk	Ms R.S. Stephens
Mr J.N. Carey	Mr D.R. Michael	Dr K. Stratton
Ms C.M. Collins	Mr S.A. Millman	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr Y. Mubarakai	Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr M.J. Folkard	Mrs L.M. O'Malley	Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms E.L. Hamilton	Mr P. Papalia	Ms C.M. Tonkin
Ms M.J. Hammat	Mr D.T. Punch	Mr R.R. Whitby
Mr T.J. Healy	Mr J.R. Quigley	Ms S.E. Winton
Mr H.T. Jones	Ms M.M. Quirk	Ms C.M. Rowe (<i>Teller</i>)

Question thus negatived.

22. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be resumed.

23. Evidence Amendment Bill 2024

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 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

24. Police Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Message No. 154 dated 19 September 2024 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

25. Special Adjournment

The Minister for Education moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 15 October 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Question put and passed.

26. Adjournment

The Minister for Education moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.06 pm until Tuesday, 15 October 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms L. Dalton, Ms K.E. Giddens, Ms J.L. Hanns, Mr M. Hughes, Mr W.J. Johnston, Ms E.J. Kelsbie, Mrs M.R. Marshall, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Ms L.A. Munday, and Mrs M.H. Roberts.

MATHEW BATES

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly