

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

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WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2023

### 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. Petition

Herdsmen Lake Regional Park Toilet Facilities – Ms C.M. Tonkin presented a petition from 289 people asking the Legislative Assembly to set up and maintain appropriate 24 hour toilet facilities around the reserve (P. 48).

### 3. Papers

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

By the Clerk –

Biosecurity Council of Western Australia – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2554).

Busselton Water – Annual Report 2022–2023 (2555).

Commissioner for Children and Young People – Speaking out about girls' wellbeing (2556).

### 4. Message from the Governor

Message No. 33 from His Excellency the Governor was reported assenting to the following bills –

Reserves Bill 2023, Act No. 28 of 2023.

Duties Amendment (Off-the-Plan Concession and Foreign Persons Exemptions) Bill 2023, Act No. 29 of 2023.

## 5. Notices of Motion

### 6. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Energy on the establishment of PoweringWA, a new government entity to coordinate the actions required to deliver new electricity infrastructure.

The Minister for Education on the winners of the Minister’s Innovation Challenge.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on the 2023 Annual Report on Closing the Gap.

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

By the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs –

Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for – Closing the Gap – Annual Report 2023 (2557).

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The Minister for Water on the Fitzroy Water Allocation Plan.

The Minister for Water on the Greening Our Communities projects completed at Lake Monger and Perry Lakes.

The Minister for Community Services on the Department of Communities response to the recent Mariginiup bushfire.

### 7. Suspension of Standing Orders – Messages from the Legislative Council

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

That, for the remainder of this year, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable Messages from the Legislative Council to be taken into consideration on the day on which they are received.

Question put and passed.

### 8. Temporary Order – Amended Sitting Times

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

That the following Temporary Order applies for 2024 —

- (1) The House will meet on Tuesdays at 1.00 pm.
- (2) If the House is required to sit beyond 7.00 pm on a Tuesday evening, such as to require a dinner break, the Speaker will advise the House of this before Question Time on that Tuesday.
- (3) Standing Orders are suspended accordingly to the extent necessary to effect these arrangements.

Question put and passed.

### 9. Temporary Order – Procedure for Divisions

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

That, until the end of 2024, the following Temporary Order in relation to divisions applies —

- (1) Standing Order 137 be amended in suborder (2) by deleting “will not leave the House and”.

- (2) Standing Order 139 be replaced by the following:

**Procedure for division**

**139.** When a division has been called for —

- (1) Strangers will withdraw from the Chamber.
  - (2) The Speaker will state the question and direct members to exit the Chamber and re-enter through the door behind the Speaker's Chair.
  - (3) The Speaker will direct the 'Ayes' to pass to the right of the Chair and be marked off as they pass by a Clerk at the Clerks' Table and the 'Noes' to pass to the left of the Chair and be marked off as they pass by a Clerk at the Clerks' Table.
  - (4) The Speaker will appoint at least one Teller for each side.
  - (5) The Speaker will order the division bells to be rung for two minutes.
  - (6) After passing the Clerks' Table members will either resume their seat or leave the Chamber.
  - (7) After the two minutes have expired, voting will continue until either the Tellers agree and advise the Speaker that all members present have voted or until a period of one minute has elapsed from the last member to record a vote.
  - (8) After counting the votes the Tellers will sign their respective list, and the Speaker will declare the result of the division.
- (3) Standing Orders 138, 140 and 141 in relation to divisions remain unchanged.
- (4) Standing Orders are suspended accordingly to the extent necessary to effect these arrangements.

Question put and passed.

**10. Temporary Order – Electronic Petitions**

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

- (1) That the recommendation of the Procedure and Privileges Committee Report No. 5, *Electronic Petitions*, that the Assembly adopt a new Temporary Order regarding e-petitions be agreed to, for a trial period as follows:
  - (a) the trial shall commence on Tuesday, 13 February 2024;
  - (b) any posted period for an e-petition must not extend beyond Sunday, 11 August 2024;
  - (c) the last date for presentation of an e-petition by a Facilitating Member shall be Thursday, 15 August 2024;
  - (d) the trial period, and the Temporary Order, shall expire on Friday, 16 August 2024.
- (2) That the Procedure and Privileges Committee be requested to review the operation of the Temporary Order upon conclusion of the trial period.

Question put and passed.

**11. Temporary Order – Members' Statements**

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

That, as a trial until the end of 2024, the following Temporary Order in relation to Members' statements applies –

- (1) Standing Order 147 be replaced by the following:

**Members' statements**

**147.** Once in each sitting week, at a time decided by the Speaker, the Speaker will call for statements by Members, and up to eight members, other than a Minister, may make a statement not exceeding two minutes each.

- (2) Standing Order 101 is amended in 'Members' statements' by deleting "90 seconds" and substituting "2 minutes" and by deleting "Maximum of 6 members" and substituting "Maximum of 8 members".
- (3) Standing Orders are suspended accordingly to the extent necessary to effect these arrangements.

Question put and passed.

**12. Variation to the Order of Business**

Ordered, That Bills Notices of Motion Nos 2 and 3 be next considered.

**13. Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2023**

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to –

- amend the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*; and
- amend the *Petroleum Pipelines Act 1969*; and
- amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982*; and
- make related and consequential amendments to other Acts."

be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum 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. Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Safety Levies Amendment Bill 2023**

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Safety Levies Act 2011*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum 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. Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2023**

The Minister for Housing, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987* and to make consequential amendments to the *Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2006*.” 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.

**16. Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2023**

The Minister for Racing and Gaming, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

The Minister for Racing and Gaming moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

**17. Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Medical Research) 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.

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.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

**18. Criminal Investigation Amendment (Protection of Law Enforcement Animals) Bill 2023**

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 and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

**19. Questions**

Questions without Notice were taken.

Question on Notice No. 940 was answered.

**20. Variation to the Order of Business**

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

**21. Criminal Investigation Amendment (Protection of Law Enforcement Animals) Bill 2023**

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 (Ms L.L. Baker speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

**22. Variation to the Order of Business**

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 1 and 2 be next considered.

**23. Teacher Shortages in Western Australia**

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

That this House condemns the WA Labor Government for their failure to alleviate teacher shortages and provide a safe and supportive workplace for school staff.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

**24. Frontline Workers and Volunteers in Western Australia**

Mr R.S. Love, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House applauds our frontline workers and volunteers who work hard to keep West Australians safe, and notes the WA Labor Government are failing in their promise to do so, instead continuing to disregard the concerns of frontline personnel.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Police moved, To delete all the words after "safe".

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Police speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

**25. Adjournment**

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 9.00 am.

*Members present during any part of the day's proceedings* – All the members except Ms A.E. Kent, Ms M.M. Quirk, 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