

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2021

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. Petitions

Dongara to Geraldton Bypass – Mr R.S. Love presented a petition from 1,443 people objecting to a Government proposed Dongara to Geraldton bypass (P. 1).

Gosnells Police Station – Mr T.J. Healy presented a petition from two people supporting the extension of weekday opening hours at Gosnells Police Station from 4.00 pm close to 7.00 pm close (P. 2).

3. Correction to Tabled Paper

The Speaker announced that she had authorised corrections to the following Tabled Paper tabled on 24 September 2020 –

Corruption and Crime Commission – Annual Report 2019–2020 (3741).

Paper

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

By the Speaker –

Corruption and Crime Commission – Annual Report 2019–2020, Erratum (197).

4. Brief Ministerial Statement

A Brief Ministerial Statement was made by the Minister for Veterans Issues on the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

5. Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021

The Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to authorise expenditure in the financial year ending on 30 June 2021 to make payments in respect of extraordinary or unforeseen matters or to make advances for certain 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.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. Supply Bill 2021

The Treasurer, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Account the amount of \$15 108 098 500 for the services and purposes of the year ending 30 June 2022." 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.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. COVID-19 Response Legislation Amendment (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Bill 2021

The Minister for Emergency Services, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the following to extend the operation of provisions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic –

- *The Criminal Code*;
- the *Criminal Code Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020*;
- the *Emergency Management Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be next considered.

9. Legislation Bill 2021

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

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

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. Address in Reply

The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate upon the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's speech was read.

Debate resumed.

Ms M.J. Davies moved, To add to the Address in Reply the following –

“

But regrets to inform His Excellency that the McGowan Government has failed the people of Western Australia in its mismanagement of the State's health and hospital system, which is now in crisis.

”.

Debate ensued.

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

11. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

12. Speaker's Statement – Portfolio Responsibilities of Standing Committees

The Speaker tabled a schedule showing the determination of portfolio responsibilities of the standing committees for the 41st Parliament.

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee:

Aboriginal Affairs; Women's Interests; Police; Road Safety; Culture and the Arts; Corrective Services; Community Services; Volunteering; Local Government; Veterans Issues; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Electoral Affairs; Disability Services; Emergency Services; Sport and Recreation; Attorney General; Child Protection; Seniors and Ageing; Environment; Climate Action; Youth; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests.

Economics and Industry Standing Committee:

State Development; Jobs and Trade; Fisheries; Lands; Transport; Science; Racing and Gaming; Energy; Heritage; Forestry; Water; Mines and Petroleum; Regional Development; Tourism; Commerce; Industrial Relations; Small Business; Housing; Planning; Agriculture and Food; Innovation and ICT; Hydrogen Industry; Ports; Defence Industry.

Education and Health Standing Committee:

Education and Training; Mental Health; Health; Medical Research.

Public Accounts Committee:

Premier; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations; Treasurer; Finance.

Paper

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

By the Speaker –

13. Speaker's Statement – Use of Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker advised that while members are permitted to use smartphones, laptops and tablets in the Chamber on sitting days and during Committee proceedings, these devices must be switched to silent mode and be used unobtrusively. Phones may not be used to take calls, nor can devices be used to take photographs or to film proceedings. As a general principle, devices should not be used in a way that disrupts proceedings or detracts from the dignity of the House.

With respect to members using their electronic devices to comment on chamber or committee proceedings on social media, the Speaker noted that such communication is highly unlikely to constitute a proceeding in Parliament, and, therefore, would not be protected by parliamentary privilege. Social media provides a valuable tool for members to engage with the public and to communicate useful information about the work that the Parliament undertakes, but like all forms of communication it should be used responsibly.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

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

15. Address in Reply

The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate upon the amendment moved by Ms M.J. Davies to the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's speech was read [see paragraph 10].

Debate resumed.

Amendment put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Mr V.A. Catania
Ms M.J. Davies

Dr D.J. Honey
Mr R.S. Love

Ms L. Mettam
Mr P.J. Rundle (*Teller*)

Noes (48)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
 Mr G. Baker
 Ms H.M. Beazley
 Dr A.D. Buti
 Mr J.N. Carey
 Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
 Ms C.M. Collins
 Mr R.H. Cook
 Ms L. Dalton
 Ms D.G. D'Anna
 Mr M.J. Folkard
 Ms K.E. Giddens
 Ms M.J. Hammat
 Ms J.L. Hanns
 Mr T.J. Healy
 Mr W.J. Johnston

Mr H.T. Jones
 Mr D.J. Kelly
 Ms E.J. Kelsbie
 Ms A.E. Kent
 Dr J. Krishnan
 Mr P. Lilburne
 Mr M. McGowan
 Ms S.F. McGurk
 Mr D.R. Michael
 Mr S.A. Millman
 Mr Y. Mubarakai
 Ms L.A. Munday
 Mrs L.M. O'Malley
 Mr P. Papalia
 Mr S.J. Price
 Mr D.T. Punch

Mr J.R. Quigley
 Ms M.M. Quirk
 Ms R. Saffioti
 Ms A. Sanderson
 Mr D.A.E. Scaife
 Ms J.J. Shaw
 Ms R.S. Stephens
 Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
 Dr K. Stratton
 Mr C.J. Tallentire
 Mr D.A. Templeman
 Mr P.C. Tinley
 Ms C.M. Tonkin
 Mr R.R. Whitby
 Ms S.E. Winton
 Ms E.L. Hamilton (*Teller*)

Amendment thus negatived.

On the question, That the Address in Reply be agreed to,
 Debate resumed.

Ms E.L. Hamilton moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

16. Adjournment

Ms E.L. Hamilton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 6.39 pm until Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mr K.J.J. Michel and Ms C.M. Rowe.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
 Speaker of the Legislative Assembly