

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

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

Save Maddington Homestead – Mr C.J. Tallentire presented a petition from 33 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly strengthen the powers available to Government in heritage matters and to press Government to seek owner action in accordance with the current Conservation Order (P. 81).

3. Speaker's Statement – Letter from the Commissioner of Police

The Speaker advised that he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Police relating to the criminal investigation into misleading statements made to Parliament by the former Member for Darling Range.

Paper

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

By the Speaker –

Procedure and Privileges Committee – Letter from the Commissioner of Police to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly regarding the Criminal Investigation into Misleading Statements made to the Parliament by the Member for Darling Range (1313).

The Speaker advised that he would seek advice from the Clerk as to what answering the Commissioner's request, and would table the advice when received.

4. Paper

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

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Controls over Corporate Credit Cards: Report No. 7, May 2017 (1309).

5. Notices of Motion

6. Notice of Motion Lapsed

The Speaker advised that Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 1 had lapsed and, unless the member indicated otherwise, would be removed from the Notice Paper.

7. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Premier on the appointment of Commodore Mike Deeks RAN (Rtd) as Western Australia's Agent General in London.

The Premier on the passing of distinguished Western Australian public servant Doug Coughran.

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on the Western Australian premiere of the film *Breath*, which is based on Western Australian author Tim Winton's novel.

The Attorney General on the granting of parole to Arthur Boycott Greer to facilitate his deportation to the United Kingdom.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the passing of Emeritus Professor Laksiri Jayasuriya.

The Minister for Electoral Affairs on the the Government's response to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's Report 2: WA 2017 State Election.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Electoral Affairs –

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee – Government Response to Report No. 2, 2017 WA State Election: Maintaining confidence in our electoral process (1314).

8. Member for Darling Range

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

That this House accepts Report No. 2 "Misleading the House: Statements made by the Member for Darling Range" of the Procedure and Privileges Committee and endorses all eight of the Committee's recommendations, and hereby revokes any and all privileges the Member for Darling Range would otherwise have as a former member of the Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Dr M.D. Nahan moved, To add to the motion –

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and further:

- (1) that the Attorney General report to the House within two sitting weeks whether he is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for securing a conviction against the former Member for Darling Range under section 57 of the *Criminal Code*; and
- (2) if the Attorney General is not satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for securing a conviction, to advise the House of the reasons why.

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Debate ensued.

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

9. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 3077 to 3080 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 2538, 2585, 2647, 2670, 2671, 2674, 2678, 2688, 2690, 2691, 2705, 2722, 2725, 2737, 2746, 2750, 2751, 2759, 2765, 2772 to 2777, 2779 to 2792, 2795, 2802, 2804, 2812, 2819 to 2821, 2836, 2837, 2839, 2840, 2853, 2854, 2856, 2857, 2870 to 2874, 2887, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2898, 2905, 2906, 2908, 2909, 2913, 2915, 2917 to 2921, 2930, 2936, 2940, 2954, 2956, 2957, 2959, 2961, 2966, 2972, and 2974 to 2976 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health –

Question on Notice No. 2959 – Gift Registry for the Ministerial Office of the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health (1310).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Corrective Services –

Question on Notice No. 2737 – Prison or detention centre incident description and summary as of 1 January 2017 (1311).

Question on Notice No. 2746 – Banksia Hill Detention Centre, Karnet Prison Farm and Bandyup Women's Prison canteen price list as at 29 March 2018 (1312).

10. Additional Information

The Treasurer provided additional information relating to Question on Notice No. 2884 from Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup.

Paper

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

By the Treasurer –

Question on Notice No. 2884 – Additional information to the question (1315).

11. Matter of Public Interest – Cost of Living Increases

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he was in receipt of a notice from Dr M.D. Nahan that he intended to move a motion on a matter of public interest.

At least five members having risen in support,

Dr M.D. Nahan moved,

That this House condemns the McGowan Government for its mean-spirited costs of living increases that is hurting Western Australian households, in particular low-income earners, pensioners and the working poor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (16)

Mr I.C. Blayney
Mr V.A. Catania
Ms M.J. Davies
Mrs L.M. Harvey
Dr D.J. Honey
Mr P.A. Katsambanis

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup
Mr A. Krsticevic
Mr S.K. L'Estrange
Mr R.S. Love
Mr W.R. Marmion
Dr M.D. Nahan

Mr D.C. Nalder
Mr D.T. Redman
Mr P.J. Rundle
Ms L. Mettam (*Teller*)

Noes (35)

Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms J. Farrer
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms J.M. Freeman
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr M. Hughes
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr D.J. Kelly

Mr F.M. Logan
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
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 C.M. Rowe
Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Ms J.J. Shaw
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr R.R. Whitby
Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr D.R. Michael (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

12. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 27 and 28 be next considered.

13. Services in Regional Australia

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the McGowan Government for its cuts to Royalties for Regions, CRCs, regional health, regional policing, regional education and other essential regional services, leading to the loss of jobs and services in regional WA.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr I.C. Blayney speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Business of the Assembly Notice of Motion No. 1 be resumed.

15. Member for Darling Range

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question that the motion be agreed to, was read.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Dr M.D. Nahan, That the following words be added
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and further:

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- (2) if the Attorney General is not satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for securing a conviction, to advise the House of the reasons why.

Amendment put and negatived.

On the question, That the motion be agreed to,

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

16. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.39 pm until Thursday, 10 May 2018 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members were present.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly