



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE**

The House met at 2.30 pm according to adjournment. The President took the Chair and read the prayers.

The President acknowledged the Gadigal clan of the Eora nation and its elders and thanked them for their custodianship of this land.

**2 ASSENT TO BILLS**

The President reported receipt of messages from His Excellency the Governor intimating assent to the following bills:

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**3 ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Honourable Justice Margaret Beazley, Administrator of the State of New South Wales:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

M Beazley  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honourable Justice Margaret Joan Beazley AO, Administrator of the State of New South Wales, has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), being absent from the State, she has assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Wednesday, 8 July 2015

**4 RE-ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

David Hurley  
GOVERNOR

General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that he has re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Thursday, 9 July 2015

**5 ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst, Lieutenant-Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

T Bathurst  
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst AC, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), being absent from the State, he has assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Wednesday, 22 July 2015

**6 RE-ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

David Hurley  
GOVERNOR

General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that he has re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Friday, 24 July 2015

**7 ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst, Lieutenant-Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

T Bathurst  
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst AC, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), being absent from the State, he has assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Saturday, 1 August 2015

**8 RE-ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

David Hurley  
GOVERNOR

General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that he has re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Sunday, 2 August 2015

**9 ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst, Lieutenant-Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

T Bathurst  
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The Honourable Thomas Frederick Bathurst AC, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), being absent from the State, he has assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Monday, 10 August 2015

**10 MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The President reported receipt of the following messages from the Legislative Assembly:

**(1) Health Services Amendment (Paramedics) Bill 2015**

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill with the long title “An Act to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to restrict the class of persons who can hold themselves out to be paramedics” presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly  
5 August 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

**(2) Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Firearms Offences) Bill 2015**

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill with the long title “An Act to amend the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 to make further provision with respect to standard non-parole periods for firearm and prohibited weapon offences” presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly  
5 August 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Leave granted for procedural motions for the first reading, printing, suspension of standing orders and fixing of sitting day for second reading to be dealt with on one motion without formalities.

Bills, on motion of Mr Gay, read a first time, printed, standing orders suspended according to sessional order for remaining stages and second reading of the bills set down as orders of the day for a later hour of the sitting.

**11 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER—THE HONOURABLE BRYAN HENRY VAUGHAN**

The President reported to the House the death on Wednesday 17 June 2015, of the Honourable Bryan Henry Vaughan, aged 84 years, a former member of the House from 1981 to 1999.

The President further reported that on behalf of the House he had extended to the family the deep sympathy of the Legislative Council in the loss sustained.

Members and officers of the House stood as a mark of respect.

**12 STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—CENTENARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

The President made a statement marking the centenary of the battle of Lone Pine.

**13 OMBUDSMAN—REPORT**

The President, according to the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 1993 and the Ombudsman Act 1974, tabled a report of the Ombudsman entitled “Report of Reviewable Deaths in 2012 and 2013—Volume 1: Child Deaths, and Volume 2: Deaths of people with disability in residential care”, dated June 2015, received out of session and authorised to be made public on 29 June 2015.

Ordered, on motion of Mr Gay: That the report be printed.

**14 NETBALL WORLD CUP (Formal Business)**

Mrs Taylor moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
  - (a) the Netball World Cup is being held in Sydney from the 7 to the 16 of August 2015,
  - (b) this is 14th Netball World Cup to be held, the first being in 1963,
  - (c) the Australia team will be looking to add to the 10 World Cup titles they already hold, and
  - (d) 16 netball nations will be represented at the World Cup including New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malawi and Samoa.
2. That this House recognises the Australian Diamonds and their extraordinary success leading into the 2015 World Cup, as the reigning world champions, Commonwealth Games gold medallists and world number one team.
3. That this House wishes the Australian Diamonds the very best for their tilt at the 2015 Netball World Cup title.

Question put and passed.

**15 MEDICAL ADVANCES WITHOUT ANIMALS TRUST (Formal Business)**

Mr Pearson moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that the Medical Advances Without Animals Trust (MAWA) operates as an independent medical research and educational trust which facilitates the development and use of non-animal based experimental methods by working cooperatively with the research community.
2. That this House acknowledges and congratulates:
  - (a) the leading role that the MAWA is taking in replacing the use of animals and animal products in the field of medical research and consequent improvements in human health,
  - (b) the MAWA for directly funding a wide variety research projects and advanced scholarships to support research into a vast range of diseases, disorders and disabilities in leading universities and research institutions Australia wide, such as research within the fields of immunology at The University of Sydney and regenerative medicine at The University of Western Sydney, and
  - (c) the recent renewal of the partnership between the MAWA and the Australian National University to establish the Australian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Research.

Question put and passed.

**16 PRINTING OF TABLED PAPERS**

According to standing order, Mr Blair tabled a list of papers tabled and not ordered to be printed since 2 June 2015.

**17 PAPERS—TABLED BY MINISTER**

Mr Blair tabled the following papers:

- (1) Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984—
  - (a) Report of the Game Council of New South Wales for year ended 30 June 2014.
  - (b) Final Report of the Sydney Catchment Authority for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014.
- (2) Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999—Reports for year ended 31 December 2014:  
Serious Offenders Review Council  
State Parole Authority.

Ordered: That the reports be printed.

Mr Blair further tabled the following papers:

- (3) Document entitled “Contracts Summary: NorthConnex Project”, dated 30 June 2015.
- (4) Document entitled “Contract Summary: Northern Beaches Hospital, Public Private Partnership Contract”, dated 29 June 2015.
- (5) Report of the Auditor-General entitled “Independent Auditor’s Compliance Audit Report: Report on the Contracts Summary for NorthConnex Project dated 30 June 2015—Compliance with Section 5.3 of the ‘New Public Private Partnerships Guidelines’”, dated 30 June 2015.
- (6) Report of the Auditor-General entitled “Independent Auditor’s Compliance Audit Report: Report on the Contracts Summary for the Northern Beaches Hospital Public Private Partnership dated 29 June 2015—Compliance with Section 5.3 of the ‘NSW Public Private Partnership Guidelines’”, dated 29 June 2015.

**18 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Pearce tabled a report of the Legislation Review Committee entitled “Legislation Review Digest No. 3/56”, dated 11 August 2015.

Ordered: That the report be printed.

**19 PAPERS—PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT OUT OF SESSION**

The Clerk announced receipt of the following reports presented since the last sitting of the House:

- (1) Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985—Erratum to the report of the Department of Education and Communities for year ended 31 December 2014.
- (2) Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984—Report of the Wild Dog Destruction Board for year ended 31 December 2014, together with a statement of reasons for lateness.
- (3) Civil Procedure Act 2005—Report of the Department of Justice entitled “Report on the Statutory Review of the Civil Procedure Act 2005”.
- (4) Coal Innovation Administration Act 2008—Erratum to the report of Coal Innovation NSW Fund for year ended 30 June 2014.



- (5) Coroners Act 2009—Report of the NSW State Coroner entitled “Report by the NSW State Coroner into deaths in custody/police operations for the year 2014”.
- (6) Electricity Supply Act 1995—Report of the Department of Trade and Investment entitled “NSW Solar Bonus Scheme: Statutory Review, Report to the Minister for Resources and Energy”, dated August 2014.
- (7) Passenger Transport Act 1990 and Transport Administration Act 1988—Reports of the Office of Transport Safety Investigations:
  - (a) Report entitled “Rail Safety Summary Report: Contributing factors in NSW rail incidents, 2004–2013”
  - (b) Report entitled “Rail Safety Summary Report: Derailments of trains 5M28 and NP23: Currabubula: 31 January 2014”.

## 20 STATUTORY RULES AND INSTRUMENTS—TABLED BY THE CLERK

The Clerk tabled the following statutory rules and instruments, published on the NSW Legislation website or in the Government Gazette to Friday 7 August 2015:

- (1) Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983—
  - (a) Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment (Elections) Regulation 2015 (LW 10/07/2015)
  - (b) Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment (Local Aboriginal Land Councils) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (2) Casino Control Act 1992—Casino Control Amendment (Casino Supervisory Levy) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (3) Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000—Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (4) Civil Procedure Act 2005—
  - (a) Civil Procedure Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 17/07/2015)
  - (b) Uniform Civil Procedure (Amendment No 73) Rule 2015 (LW 10/07/2015)
  - (c) Uniform Civil Procedure (Amendment No 74) Rule 2015 (LW 10/07/2015)
  - (d) Uniform Civil Procedure (Amendment No 75) Rule 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (5) Conveyancing Act 1919—Conveyancing (General) Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (6) Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999—
  - (a) Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Amendment (Smoke-free Prisons) Regulation 2015 (LW 17/07/2015)
  - (b) Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Further Amendment (Smoke-free Prisons) Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (7) Criminal Procedure Act 1986—Criminal Procedure Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 17/07/2015)
- (8) Dust Diseases Tribunal Act 1989—Dust Diseases Tribunal Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 17/07/2015)

- (9) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979—
  - (a) Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Offences and Enforcement) Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
  - (b) Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Public Authorities) Regulation 2015 (LW 24/07/2015)
- (10) Fisheries Management Act 1994—Fisheries Management Legislation Amendment (Fees, Charges and Contributions) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (11) Government Sector Employment Act 2013—Government Sector Employment Amendment (Transitional) Regulation 2015 (LW 3/07/2015)
- (12) Heavy Vehicle (Adoption of National Law) Act 2013—Heavy Vehicle (Adoption of National Law) Amendment (Penalties) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (13) Land and Environment Court Act 1979—Land and Environment Court (Amendment No 1) Rule 2015 (LW 10/07/2015)
- (14) Legal Profession Uniform Law—Legal Profession Uniform Regulations 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (15) Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014—
  - (a) Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
  - (b) NSW Admission Board Rules 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
  - (c) NSW Admission Board Rules 2015—Erratum (LW 17/07/2015)
- (16) Liquor Act 2007—Liquor Amendment (Powdered Alcohol and Other Matters) Regulation 2015 (LW 24/07/2015)
- (17) Local Court Act 2007—Local Court (Amendment No 6) Rule 2015 (LW 24/07/2015)
- (18) National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974—Notice of Reservation of a National Park—reserve lands as part of Brisbane Water National Park (Gazette 57, 10/07/2015, p 2157)
- (19) Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1989—Parliamentary Remuneration Amendment Regulation 2015 (LW 24/07/2015)
- (20) Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme (Jobs Action Plan) Act 2011—Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme (Jobs Action Plan) Amendment (Savings) Regulation 2015 (LW 24/07/2015)
- (21) Pesticides Act 1999—Pesticides Amendment Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (22) Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995—Ports and Maritime Administration Amendment (Wharf Access) Regulation 2015 (LW 7/08/2015)
- (23) Racing Administration Act 1998—Racing Administration Amendment (Race Field Information Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (24) Racing Appeals Tribunal Act 1983—Racing Appeals Tribunal Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (25) Real Property Act 1900—Real Property Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (26) Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act 2013—Residential (Land Lease) Communities Regulation 2015 (LW 7/08/2015)
- (27) Rice Marketing Act 1983—Rice Marketing Regulation 2015 (LW 3/07/2015)
- (28) Road Transport Act 2013—

- (a) Road Transport Legislation Amendment (Dimension Requirement Offences) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (b) Road Transport (General) Amendment (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2015 (LW 7/08/2015)
- (29) Strata Schemes (Freehold Development) Act 1973—Strata Schemes (Freehold Development) Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (30) Strata Schemes (Leasehold Development) Act 1986—Strata Schemes (Leasehold Development) Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (31) Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975—
  - (a) Report and Determination under Section 13—Court and Related Officers Group Annual Determination (Gazette 56, 3/07/2015, p 2083)
  - (b) Report and Determination under Section 13—Judges and Magistrates Group Annual Determination (Gazette 56, 3/07/2015, p 2096)
  - (c) Report and Determination under Section 13—Public Office Holders Group Annual Determination (Gazette 56, 3/07/2015, p 2119)
- (32) Succession Act 2006—Succession Amendment (Will Deposit Fee) Regulation 2015 (LW 17/07/2015)
- (33) Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002—Surveying and Spatial Information Amendment (Fees and Deposits) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (34) Transport Administration Act 1988—
  - (a) Transport Administration (General) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
  - (b) Transport Administration (General) Amendment (Transport Cleaning Services) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (35) Trustee Act 1925—Trustee Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (36) Water Management Act 2000—Water Management (General) Amendment (Anabranch Water) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015)
- (37) Wool, Hide and Skin Dealers Act 2004—Wool, Hide and Skin Dealers Regulation 2015 (LW 31/07/2015)
- (38) Work Health and Safety Act 2011—Work Health and Safety Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2015 (LW 26/06/2015).

## **21 AUDITOR-GENERAL—REPORT**

The Clerk, according to the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983, announced receipt of a Performance Audit report of the Acting Auditor-General entitled “Identifying productivity in the public sector: NSW Health, Department of Education and Communities, Transport for NSW, NSW Police Force, Department of Justice, NSW Treasury”, dated July 2015, received out of session and authorised to be printed on 16 July 2015.

**22 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE—REPORT**

The Clerk, according to the Legislation Review Act 1987, announced receipt of a report of the Legislation Review Committee entitled “Legislation Review Digest No. 2/56”, dated 4 August 2015, received out of session and authorised to be printed on 4 August 2015.

**23 SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOME SCHOOLING—GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO REPORT**

The Clerk, according to standing order, announced receipt of the Government’s response to the report of the Select Committee on home schooling entitled “Home Schooling in NSW”, tabled 5 December 2014, received out of session and authorised to be printed on 13 July 2015.

**24 JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION—GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO REPORT**

The Clerk, according to standing order, announced receipt of the Government’s response to the report of the Joint Select Committee on loose-fill asbestos insulation entitled “Loose-fill asbestos insulation”, tabled 17 December 2014, received out of session and authorised to be printed on 15 July 2015.

**25 RETURNS TO ORDERS****(1) 2015-2016 Budget**

The Clerk, according to the resolution of the House of Thursday 25 June 2015, tabled documents relating to the 2015-2016 Budget received on Thursday 16 July 2015 from the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, together with an indexed list of documents.

**(2) 2015-2016 Budget finances**

The Clerk, according to the resolution of the House of Thursday 25 June 2015, tabled:

- (a) Documents relating to the 2015-2016 Budget finances received on Thursday 16 July 2015 from the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, together with an indexed list of documents.
- (b) A return identifying documents received on Thursday 16 July 2015 which are considered to be privileged and should not be made public or tabled. According to standing order, the Clerk advised that the documents are available for inspection by members of the Legislative Council only.

**26 PETITIONS—MINISTERS’ RESPONSES**

The Clerk, according to sessional order, announced receipt of the following ministerial responses to petitions:

- (1) Response received from the Honourable Mark Speakman, MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning to a petition presented on 25 June 2015 concerning the draft plan of management of the Berowra Valley National Park, received out of session on 16 July 2015.
- (2) Response received from the Honourable Jillian Skinner, MP, Minister for Health to a petition presented on 23 June 2015 concerning a satellite renal unit at Young Health Service, received out of session on 30 July 2015.

**27 IRREGULAR PETITION**

Mr Shoebridge sought the leave of the House for the suspension of standing orders to allow the presentation of a petition from 71,050 citizens of Australia concerning international trafficking and harvesting of human organs, which is irregular as it is addressed to the Speaker, members of the Legislative Assembly and members of the Legislative Council.

No objection taken.

Leave granted.

**International trafficking and harvesting of human organs**

Mr Shoebridge presented an irregular petition from 71,050 citizens of Australia stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person's life being deliberately taken to save another's, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the Federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.

Petition received.

**28 NOTICES OF MOTIONS****29 NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Mr Franklin withdrew private members' business item no. 54 outside the order of precedence on the Notice Paper for today relating to the work of headsup.org.au.

**30 RE-ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

The President reported receipt of the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

David Hurley  
GOVERNOR

General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that he has re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

Tuesday, 11 August 2015

**31 BUSINESS POSTPONED**

Orders of the day nos 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper of government business postponed, on motion of Mr Gay, until a later hour of the sitting.

**32 STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES—REFERENCE**

The Chair (Mrs Taylor), according to paragraph 8 (2) of the resolution establishing standing committees, informed the House that on Thursday 25 June 2015 the Standing Committee on Social Issues resolved to inquire into the following reference from the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Troy Grant MP:

1. That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on service coordination in communities with high social needs, including:
  - (a) the extent to which government and non-government service providers are identifying the needs of clients and providing a coordinated response which ensures access to services both within and outside of their particular area of responsibility,
  - (b) barriers to the effective coordination of services, including lack of client awareness of services and any legislative provisions such as privacy law,
  - (c) consideration of initiatives such as the Dubbo Minister's Action Group and best practice models for the coordination of services, and
  - (d) any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by Friday 11 December 2015.

**33 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—EXTENSION OF REPORTING DATE**

The Chair (Mr Borsak), informed the House that on Friday 3 July 2015, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 resolved to extend the reporting date for its inquiry into the progress of the Ombudsman's investigation 'Operation Prospect' to Friday 14 August 2015.

Mr Borsak further informed the House that on Tuesday 28 July 2015, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 resolved to further extend the reporting date for its inquiry into the progress of the Ombudsman's investigation 'Operation Prospect' to Tuesday 8 September 2015.

**34 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—MEMBERSHIP**

The President informed the House that, according to standing order, the Clerk had received the following nominations for membership of the Select Committee on the closure of public schools in New South Wales from the Leader of the Government and the Leader of the Opposition:

Government: Mr Amato, Mr Franklin, Mrs Maclaren-Jones.  
Opposition: Mr Donnelly, Mrs Houssos.

**35 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP—BALLOT TO CHOOSE CROSSBENCH MEMBERS**

The President informed the House that the crossbench members had not reached agreement about representation on the Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system, and that the following members had written to the Clerk nominating themselves for membership on the committee:

Dr Kaye  
Revd Mr Nile  
Mr Pearson.

The President, according to standing order, advised that in the absence of agreement, representation on the committee is to be determined by the House.

Mr Gay moved, without notice: That the two crossbench members to serve on the Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system be chosen by ballot according to standing order 135.

Question put and passed.

Before proceeding to the ballot, the bells were rung for five minutes and the doors locked.

The President informed the House of the procedure for the ballot.

Ballot papers were distributed to members in their places and members lodged their vote with the Clerk.

The Clerk reported the result of the ballot to the President who declared Revd Mr Nile and Dr Kaye elected as the crossbench members on the Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system.

**36 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The President informed the House of the publication in today's Hansard of answers to questions without notice lodged with the Clerk since the last sitting of the House.

**37 CRIMES (SENTENCING PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT (FIREARMS OFFENCES) BILL 2015**

On the order of the day being read, Mr Clarke (on behalf of Mr Ajaka) moved: That this bill be now read a second time.

Leave granted for the mover's second reading speech to be incorporated in Hansard.

Debate ensued.

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According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted at 4.00 pm for Questions.

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**38 QUESTIONS**


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According to sessional order, debate on committee reports given precedence.

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**39 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS IN NEWCASTLE AND THE BROADER HUNTER REGION—TAKE NOTE OF REPORT**

Order of the day read for resumption of the interrupted debate of the question on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That the House take note of the Interim Report of the Select Committee on the planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region entitled “The planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region”, dated December 2014.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

**40 BUSINESS POSTPONED**

Order of the day no 2 on the Notice Paper of committee reports postponed, on motion of Dr Phelps (on behalf of Mr Brown), until next sitting day.

**41 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—TAKE NOTE OF REPORT**

Order of the day read for resumption of the adjourned debate of the question on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That the House take note of Report No. 30 of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 entitled “Fair Trading Amendment (Ticket Reselling) Bill 2014”, dated February 2015.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

**42 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5—TAKE NOTE OF REPORT**

Order of the day read for resumption of the adjourned debate of the question on the motion of Mr Brown: That the House take note of Report No. 41 of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 entitled “Wambelong fire”, dated February 2015.

Debate resumed.

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According to sessional order, debate on committee reports interrupted at 6.30 pm.

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**43 ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR’S OPENING SPEECH**

Order of the day read for resumption of the adjourned debate of the question on the motion of Mr Gay: That the following address be adopted and presented by the whole House to the Governor, in reply to the Speech which His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament:

To His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley, Companion of the Order of Australia, Distinguished Service Cross (Retired), Governor of the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—



We, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to express our loyalty to Australia and the people of New South Wales.

We assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that we will faithfully carry out the important duties entrusted to us by the people of New South Wales.

We join Your Excellency in the hope that our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community.

Debate resumed.

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According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted at 7.00 pm for adjournment.

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#### **44 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Gay moved: That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 7.30 pm until Wednesday 12 August 2015 at 11.00 am.

#### **45 ATTENDANCE**

All members present.

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliaments