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1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE

The House met at 9.30 am according to adjournment. The President took the Chair and read the prayers.

2 PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA BUSINESS COUNCIL (Formal Business)

Ms Fazio moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Pakistan Australia Business Council was launched on Thursday 6 September 2012 in conjunction with the Pakistan Association of Australia's annual Eid Milan Party, which is traditionally held at Parliament House, and
 - (b) Mr David Landers, the General Manager of International Operations for Growth and Emerging Markets from Austrade, was the guest speaker and highlighted the opportunities for expanded trade and investment with Pakistan.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the mission of the Pakistan Australia Business Council (PABC) is to encourage networking within Australia, be a think tank of Pakistanis living in Australia on trade and commerce, and to improve bilateral trade between Pakistan and Australia, to help overall ties via its trade facilitation between the two countries,
 - (b) PABC has recognition from the Pakistan Government Board of Investment Chairman as the only active business council in Australia for Australia-Pakistan trade related matters,
 - (c) the office bearers of the PABC are:
 - (i) President, Mr Iftikhar Rana,
 - (ii) Senior Vice President, Mr Kashif Amjad,
 - (iii) General Secretary. Mr Sadaqat Siddiq,
 - (iv) Honorary Legal Counsel, Mr Awais Ahmad, and
 - (d) the patrons of the PABC are:
 - (i) Federal: Mr Ed Husic MP, Member for Chifley,
 - (ii) Federal: Mr Alex Hawke MP, Member for Mitchell,
 - (iii) State: the Honourable Amanda Fazio MLC,
 - (iv) State: the Honourable Shaoquette Moselmane MLC,
 - (v) State: Mr David Elliott MP, Member for Baulkham Hills.
3. That this House congratulates the members of the Pakistan Australian Business Council for their initiative in establishing this body.

Question put and passed.

3 MULTICULTURAL MEDIA AWARDS (Formal Business)

Ms Fazio moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the first Multicultural Media Awards were held at a Gala Dinner on Friday 14 September 2012 at the Parliament of New South Wales,

- (b) the Australian Foreign Minister, Senator the Honourable Bob Carr, was the official guest and presented some of the awards,
- (c) Sky TV's Kieran Gilbert was the master of ceremonies, and
- (d) the event was attended by 200 people including representatives from the diplomatic corps, the multicultural media, the Community Relations Commission, peak multicultural organisations and a number of members of Parliament.

2. That this House notes that:

- (a) the Multicultural Media Awards are the first of its kind for multicultural and Indigenous journalists,
- (b) the awards are designed to celebrate the achievements of remarkable people in Multicultural and Indigenous Media,
- (c) the awards focus on all multicultural journalists, the people who bring communities together and break down social and cultural barriers,
- (d) the Awards were judged by the following panel:
 - (i) Adjunct Professor Philip Bell, Media Studies, UTS,
 - (ii) Dr Fawzy Soliman Senior Lecturer Management, UTS,
 - (iii) Mr John Choeifate, Executive Producer, Channel 7,
 - (iv) Ms Liz Foschia, State Political Reporter, ABC News,
 - (v) Dr Zoran Becvarovski, Specialist, St George Private Hospital,
 - (vi) Ms Sheba Nandkeolyar, CEO, Multicall Connexions,
 - (vii) Councillor Earnest Wong, Burwood City Council,
 - (viii) Mr Afif Malkoum, Media Director, Ecom,
 - (ix) Mr Yang Joo, Executive Producer Korean Language, SBS,
 - (x) Mr David Giang, Vietnamese Media,
 - (xi) Mr Kashif Amjad, Pakistan Australia Business Council,
- (e) ten Winners for nine categories were selected from 132 entries coming from four states and territories across Australia, and the winners were:
 - (i) Multicultural Journalist of the Year: Pawan Luthra, IndianLink,
 - (ii) Multicultural Journalist of the Year: Majida Abboud, SBS Radio,
 - (iii) Coverage of Community Affairs in Australia: Romeo Cayabyab, The Filipino Australian,
 - (iv) Coverage of Community Affairs Abroad: Wing Yam Lee, Sing Tao Daily,
 - (v) Contribution to Social Inclusion and Multiculturalism: Lina Lee, Top News,
 - (vi) Coverage of Indigenous Affairs: Gerry Georgatos, National Indigenous Times,
 - (vii) Editorial / News Reporting: Pawan Luthra, IndianLink,
 - (viii) Investigative Reporting and Feature Writing: Gerry Georgatos, National Indigenous Times,
 - (ix) Multicultural Photographer of the Year: Oi Ling Lee, Sing Tao Daily,
 - (x) Online Innovation in News Blog or News Website Design: Pawan Luthra and IndianLink, IndianLink,
- (f) the Awards were sponsored by Joe Rizk, CEO, Arab Bank Australia, Australian Arab Business Network, Ella Rouge Beauty, Doltone House and Nimco Foods,
- (g) organisational assistance was provided by John Townsend and helpers Louay Mustapha, Jeanette Wang, Abdullah Allouei, and Fadwa Kebbe, and

(h) video coverage was provided by Mohamed Zakaria from Australian Arab Media.

3. That this House congratulates the winners and the instigator and organiser of the awards, the Honourable Shaoquett Moslemene MLC who is also the Chairman of the Multicultural Media Awards Inc.

Question put and passed.

4 IRREGULAR PETITION

Mr Moslemene sought the leave of the House for the suspension of standing orders to allow the presentation of a petition from 36 citizens of New South Wales concerning Community Building Partnership program funding, which is irregular as it indirectly requests a grant of public money.

No objection taken.

Leave granted.

Community Building Partnership program funding

Mr Moslemene presented an irregular petition from 36 citizens of New South Wales bringing to the attention of the Legislative Council the need to revoke cuts to the Community Building Partnership program in the 2012 Budget, and requesting that the House call on the Premier and the Treasurer to reinstate the program with \$300,000 of funding per state electorate for local community groups as per the 2011-2012 budget.

Petition received.

5 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gay moved: That this House at its rising today do adjourn until Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 2.30 pm.

Question put and passed.

The President left the Chair at 9.42 am until the ringing of a long bell at 10.27 am.

According to resolution of the House of 19 September 2012, proceedings interrupted at 10.30 am to permit the Minister to move a motion without notice relating to the past practice of forced adoption.

7 STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—FORCED ADOPTION APOLOGY

The President advised the House that, in accordance with the Broadcasting Resolution of 28 June 2007, he had approved the broadcast on the Parliament's new YouTube website of the debate to be held this day on the Forced Adoption Apology.

The President acknowledged the two seminal inquiries held by the Standing Committee on Social Issues concerning adoption: the 1989 inquiry under the chairmanship of the Hon Max Willis respecting adoption information, and the 2000 inquiry under the chairmanship of Ms Ann Symonds and the Hon Jan Burnswoods, respecting adoption practices.

The President further acknowledged the presence in his gallery of Ms Ann Symonds, together with former secretariat staff of the Standing Committee on Social Issues, Dr Jenny Knight and Ms Julie Langsworth.

8 FORCED ADOPTION APOLOGY

Mr Gallacher moved, without notice: That:

- (a) this House acknowledges the traumatic effects of the forced adoption practices of the past that have echoed through the lives of tens of thousands of mothers, fathers, people adopted as children and their families, and
- (b) all members of this House, with profound sadness and remorse, say to those living with the ongoing grief and pain of forced adoption practices, that we are sorry.

According to resolution of the House of 19 September 2012, Mr Gallacher, Mr Foley, Ms Barham and Revd Mr Nile, addressed the House on the motion.

Members and officers of the House stood in silence for one minute in affirmation of this historic event and acknowledgement of this apology.

Question put and passed.

The President left the Chair at 11.11 am until the ringing of a long bell at 12 noon.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—CONDOLENCE MOTION—THE HONOURABLE MS DELCIA IVY KITE

On the President calling on the Clerk to read the order of the day, Mr Foley moved, according to contingent notice: That standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow a motion to be moved forthwith that private members' business item no. 911 outside the order of precedence relating to a condolence motion concerning the Honourable Delcia Ivy Kite be called on forthwith.

Question put and passed.

Mr Foley then moved: That private members' business item no. 911 outside the order of precedence be called on forthwith.

Question put and passed.

10 CONDOLENCE MOTION—THE HONOURABLE MS DELCIA IVY KITE

Mr Foley moved, according to notice:

1. That this House express and place on record its deep regret in the loss sustained to the State by the death on 21 August 2012 of the Honourable Delcia Ivy Kite, a former member of this House.

2. That this resolution be communicated by the President to the family of the deceased.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted at 2.30 pm for Questions.

11 QUESTIONS

According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted at 3.30 pm for adjournment.

The House continued to sit.

According to sessional order, government business given precedence.

12 RETURN TO ORDER—NIMMIE-CAIRA SYSTEM ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTAL WATER DELIVERY PROJECT

The Clerk, according to the resolution of the House of Thursday 23 August 2012, tabled:

- (a) Documents relating to the Nimmie-Caira System Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery Project received this day from the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, together with an indexed list of documents.
- (b) A return identifying documents received this day from the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, 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.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gallacher moved: That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 4.04 pm until Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 2.30 pm.

14 ATTENDANCE

All members present.

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

Authorised by the Parliament of New South Wales