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1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE

The House met at 10.00 am according to adjournment. The President took the Chair and read the prayers.

2 RESIGNATION OF THE HONOURABLE GREGORY PEARCE MLC

The President reported receipt of the following message from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, advising of the resignation of the Honourable Gregory Pearce MLC on 15 November 2017:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
SYDNEY

15 November 2017

Clerk of the Parliaments

Dear Mr Blunt,

I have tonight received the resignation of the Honourable Gregory Pearce MLC, and have conveyed a copy to His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency notes, and accepts, the Honourable Member's resignation and will reply personally to the Honourable Member in due course.

Yours sincerely

Michael Miller RFD
Official Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales

The President informed the House that the Official Secretary's communication had been acknowledged and an entry regarding the resignation of Mr Pearce made in the Register of Members of the Legislative Council.

3 VACANT SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—JOINT SITTING

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

David Hurley
GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

I, General The Honourable DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (Ret'd), in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby convene a joint sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of the election of a person to fill the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by Mr Gregory Pearce, and I do hereby announce and declare that such Members shall assemble for such purpose on Thursday the 16th day of November 2017 at 3:45pm in the building known as the Legislative Council Chamber situated in Macquarie Street in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

In order that the Members of both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the convening of the joint sitting, I have this day addressed a like message to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
Sydney, 16 November 2017

4 MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

(1) Road Transport and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title “An Act to make miscellaneous amendments to certain road transport and related legislation” returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly
15 November 2017

SHELLEY HANCOCK
Speaker

(2) Rural Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title “An Act to amend various Acts with respect to sentencing in cases where victims are geographically isolated, the ownership of feral goats, the mustering of stock, trespass and illegal hunting; and for other purposes” returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly
15 November 2017

SHELLEY HANCOCK
Speaker

(3) Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No 2) 2017

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill with the long title “An Act to repeal certain Acts and to amend certain other Acts and instruments in various respects and for the purpose of effecting statute law revision; and to make certain savings” returns the bill to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly
15 November 2017

SHELLEY HANCOCK
Speaker

5 PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORT

The President tabled Report No. 10 of the Procedure Committee entitled “Report relating to the rules for notices of motions, the rules for questions, e-petitions and two new sessional orders”, dated November 2017, together with submissions and correspondence.

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

6 2018 CUT-OFF DATES FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS (Formal Business)

Mr Veitch moved, according to notice:

1. That the following procedures apply to the passage of government bills introduced by a Minister or received from the Legislative Assembly after 25 May 2018 (Budget sittings):
 - (a) If after the first reading, a Minister declares a bill to be an urgent bill and copies have been circulated to members, the question “That the bill be considered an urgent bill” is to be

decided without amendment or debate, except a statement not exceeding 10 minutes each by a Minister and the Leader of the Opposition or a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, and two cross bench members not of the same party and not exceeding five minutes each. If that question is agreed to, the second reading debate and subsequent stages may proceed forthwith or at any time during any sitting of the House, and

- (b) If the question on urgency is negatived or if urgency is not sought:
 - (i) if the bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, a motion may be moved, without notice, that standing orders be suspended to allow the passing of the bill through all its remaining stages during any one sitting of the House after the winter recess, and
 - (ii) the debate on the motion for the second reading of any bill introduced or received after 25 May 2018 is to be adjourned at the conclusion of the speech of the Minister moving the motion, and the resumption of the debate is to be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the winter recess.

2. That the following procedures apply to the passage of government bills introduced by a Minister or received from the Legislative Assembly after 26 October 2018 (Spring sittings):

- (a) If after the first reading, a Minister declares a bill to be an urgent bill and copies have been circulated to members, the question “That the bill be considered an urgent bill” is to be decided without amendment or debate, except a statement not exceeding 10 minutes each by a Minister and the Leader of the Opposition or a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, and two cross bench members not of the same party and not exceeding five minutes each. If that question is agreed to, the second reading debate and subsequent stages may proceed forthwith or at any time during any sitting of the House, and
- (b) If the question on urgency is negatived or if urgency is not sought:
 - (i) if the bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, a motion may be moved, without notice, that standing orders be suspended to allow the passing of the bill through all its remaining stages during any one sitting of the House after the summer recess, and
 - (ii) the debate on the motion for the second reading of any bill introduced or received after 26 October 2018 is to be adjourned at the conclusion of the speech of the Minister moving the motion, and the resumption of the debate is to be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the summer recess.

Question put and passed.

7 SLOW FOOD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS (Formal Business)

Mr Wong sought the leave of the House to amend private members’ business item no. 1673 outside the order of precedence as follows:

1. Omit paragraph 1(f) and insert instead: ‘notes that as the global population increases relative to arable land, and climate variability continues to impact primary production, it will take continued innovation, efficiency and a variety of farming models to continue to provide sufficient amounts of affordable, sustainable food and fibre for every human around the globe’.
2. Omit paragraph 1(h) and insert instead: ‘commends those who support local farmers, and who eat locally produced and seasonal food’.
3. Insert after paragraph 1(h):
 - (i) commends Australian farmers, renowned around the globe for being efficient producers of clean and green food and fibre, for all that they do in providing an abundance of food for hungry mouths in Australia and around the world.

No objection taken.

Leave granted.

Mr Wong moved, according to notice, as by leave amended: That this House:

- (a) congratulates all those involved in the annual Slow Food International Congress which recently took place on 29 September 2017 to 1 October 2017 in Chengdu, the capital of South Western China's Sichuan province,
- (b) congratulates all those involved in the Australian Slow Food National Conference and the launch of the first Australian Slow Food Earth Market in the Hunter Valley that took place on 2 to 6 August 2017,
- (c) notes that slow food is a growing global movement that involves millions of people from some 160 countries, of which Australia is one, the aim of which is to ensure that "everyone has access to good, clean, fair food",
- (d) recognises that the slow food initiative was founded in Italy in 1986, and has attracted strong global participation since that time,
- (e) notes that slow food is promoted as an alternative to fast food because it strives to preserve traditional and localised cuisine and encourages the farming of plants, seeds and the use of livestock particular to the local ecosystem,
- (f) notes that as the global population increases relative to arable land, and climate variability continues to impact primary production, it will take continued innovation, efficiency and a variety of farming models to continue to provide sufficient amounts of affordable, sustainable food and fibre for every human around the globe,
- (g) acknowledges that this global initiative consists of locally based organisations that conduct events and education outreach programs to benefit their community with the aim of increasing community awareness about the value of bringing good, clean, local food from the farm directly to market,
- (h) commends those who support local farmers, and who eat locally produced and seasonal food, and
- (i) commends Australian farmers, renowned around the globe for being efficient producers of clean and green food and fibre, for all that they do in providing an abundance of food for hungry mouths in Australia and around the world.

Question put and passed.

8 BATTLE OF BEERSHEBA (Formal Business)

Mr Amato moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Tuesday 31 October 2017 the new Beersheba Centenary Wall was unveiled at the centenary commemorative breakfast at Club Menangle,
 - (b) the battle of Beersheba which took place 100 years ago was the last time in world history a campaign was fought with mounted cavalry,
 - (c) the battle was a victory due to the bravery and sacrifice of Australian, New Zealand and British troops,

- (d) the site where Club Menangle now stands was the original location where the Seventh Light Horse Regiment trained,
 - (e) for its role in the war the regiment was awarded sixteen battle honours, and
 - (f) special guests at the unveiling and laying of the wreaths included:
 - (i) His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor,
 - (ii) Air Marshal Mark Binskin, AC, Chief of Defence,
 - (iii) the Honourable Lou Amato MLC, on behalf of the Honourable David Elliot, Minister for Veterans Affairs,
 - (iv) Chris Paterson MP, Member for Camden, on behalf of the Premier, the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP,
 - (v) Greg Warren MP, Member for Campbelltown.
2. That this House acknowledges:
- (a) the historical significance that the last battle ever fought by mounted cavalry was victorious through the bravery and significant sacrifice of ANZAC and British troops, and
 - (b) the great sacrifice and service of all our defence personnel of whom the House is immensely proud.

Question put and passed.

9 NARELLAN SPORTS HUB (Formal Business)

Mr Amato moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) on Sunday 22 October 2017, the first stage of the Narellan Sports Hub was officially opened by the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak,
 - (b) the project cost \$11 million, with the Camden and District Netball Association contributing \$300,000 to the project, which includes:
 - (i) 30 high-quality netball courts,
 - (ii) an expansive building that includes a canteen, meeting rooms, computerised security features, toilets, kitchen and barbecue,
 - (iii) floodlighting,
 - (iv) 400 car parking spaces, playgrounds, fencing and landscaping,
 - (c) dignitaries that attended the official opening include:
 - (i) Mr Chris Patterson MP, Member for Camden,
 - (ii) Councillor Lara Symkowiak, Mayor of Camden,
 - (iii) Councillor Paul Farrow,
 - (iv) Councillor Robert Mills,
 - (v) Mr Ron Moore, General Manager Camden Council,
 - (vi) Mr Vince Capaldi, Director Community Assets,
 - (vii) Ms Karen Williams, President, Camden and District Netball Association,
 - (viii) Mrs Wendy Archer AM, President, Netball NSW,
 - (ix) Mr John Hahn, Director, Netball NSW,
 - (x) Mrs Louise Sullivan, Director, Netball NSW,
 - (xi) Ms Claire Obrien, NSW Swifts,
 - (xii) Ms Kristiana Manua, GWS Giants, and

- (d) Camden and District Netball Association, founded in the 1960s, is a long standing association affiliated with Netball NSW and Netball Australia and is one of the fastest growing associations in New South Wales.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates Camden Council and the Camden and District Netball Association on its outstanding work to bring about stage one of the Narellan Sports Hub, and
- (b) acknowledges and commends the exemplary leadership of Mrs Karen Williams, President of Camden and District Netball Association and her committee consisting of Gavin Brimble, Jenny Bazley, Angela Davey, Michelle Gillette, Lyn Hahn, Brooke Berry, Hayleigh Williams and Michele Leahy for their outstanding commitment to netball in the Camden and district areas.

Question put and passed.

10 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION (Formal Business)

Ms Walker (on behalf of Dr Faruqi) moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Sunday 5 November 2017, the National Parks Association held a 60th birthday picnic and volunteer awards at Lane Cave National Park, and
- (b) the National Parks Association has played a major role in the establishment of many of New South Wales' national parks and nature reserves and continues to advocate for the expansion of the State's national park network.

2. That this House congratulates the National Parks Association on its 60th birthday and thanks all the volunteers for their service.

Question put and passed.

11 AUSTRALIAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION (Formal Business)

Mrs Houssos moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Saturday 4 November 2017, the Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association NSW (AHEPA NSW) held a fundraising dinner dance at the Cyprus Community Club in Stanmore to support the teaching of the Greek language in public schools using tablets, in particular at Earlwood Public School and Clemton Park Public School, and
- (b) a number of special guests joined local Greek community members at the event including:
 - (i) Mr John Kallimanis, President of Order of AHEPA NSW Inc,
 - (ii) Mr Mark Coure, Member for Oatley and Parliamentary Secretary for Transport,
 - (iii) Ms Sophie Cotsis, Member for Canterbury and Shadow Minister for Women, Ageing, Multiculturalism, and Disability Services,
 - (iv) the Honourable Courtney Houssos MLC,
 - (v) Mrs Sandra Angel, Principal of Earlwood Public School,
 - (vi) Mr Paul Robinson, Deputy Principal of Clemton Park Public School,

- (vii) Dr Panayiotis Diamadis, President of the Australian Hellenic Educators' Association,
- (viii) Mr Theophilos Premetis, Order of AHEPA NSW Inc Education Committee.

2. That this House congratulates:

- (a) the students of Earlwood Public School and Clemton Park Public School for their excellent Hellenic dancing performances throughout the evening, and
- (b) AHEPA NSW for a successful event to support Greek language education at Earlwood Public School and Clemton Park Public School.

Question put and passed.

12 SYDNEY THUNDER NATION CUP (Formal Business)

Ms Walker (on behalf of Dr Faruqi) moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Sydney Thunder held the first women's round for the Thunder Nation Cup at Grahame Thomas Oval at Bankstown on 21 October 2017,
- (b) the round was an opportunity for women from multicultural backgrounds to play and practice cricket, and
- (c) sport has the power to bring communities together and promote women's empowerment.

2. That this House congratulates Sydney Thunder for their commitment to inclusive and diverse women's participation in sport.

Question put and passed.

13 MARINE RESCUE NSW PORT STEPHENS (Formal Business)

Mr Macdonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Marine Rescue NSW Port Stephens celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary on Saturday 4 November 2017 at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club,
- (b) Marine Rescue NSW Port Stephens was originally a division of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (RVCP) founded in 1937 and was the oldest and largest volunteer maritime search and rescue organisation in Australia commencing its operations as a Royal Australian Navy Auxiliary Service, maintaining port security and patrolling coastal waters,
- (c) following World War II volunteer coastal patrol became a marine rescue service for the public, volunteer radio operators monitored the marine band radio emergency channels while volunteer boat crews aided vessels in distress in all types of weather, 24 hours per day,
- (d) the Port Stephens Division of the RVCP was founded in 1982 by Captain John Thompson and his wife, Monica,

- (e) the first transmission of the Port Stephens Division of the RVCP was made on 21 December 1982, with the organisation originally operating from a caravan located at Nelson Head,
- (f) in 1984 operations were moved into a radio base constructed on top of the old Nelson Head World War II bunker, and in 1993 the radio room was relocated to its present position, the Nelson Head Heritage Site,
- (g) in 2010, the RVCP merged with all other marine rescue organisations in New South Wales to form Marine Rescue NSW, which operates under the control of the NSW Police Marine Area Command,
- (h) the Government has directed more than \$7 million to Marine Rescue NSW in 2016/17 and Marine Rescue NSW Port Stephens has benefited from a range of government grants, including \$12,800 under this year's Commonwealth-State Emergency Volunteer Support Scheme for a recruitment campaign and new first aid training equipment,
- (i) in February 2017, Mr Laurie Nolan was awarded the first Marine Rescue NSW Medal for Valour, recognising his outstanding courage in saving the lives of two of his crew mates during a rescue operation in January 2016, and
- (j) the dignitaries that attended the thirty-fifth anniversary included:
 - (i) Mr Scot MacDonald MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, the Central Coast and the Hunter representing the Minister for Emergency Services,
 - (ii) Mr Stephen Bromhead MP, Member for Myall Lakes,
 - (iii) Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Member for Patterson,
 - (iv) Ms Kate Washington MP, Member for Port Stephens,
 - (v) Ms Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford,
 - (vi) Mr Lee Uebergang, Port Stephens Unit Commander,
 - (vii) Mr Neil Hansford, Port Stephens Deputy Unit Commander,
 - (viii) Mr Steve Raymond, Regional Operations Manager for the Hunter/Central Coast Region representing the Commissioner and Chair of Marine Rescue NSW,
 - (ix) Detective Superintendent Mark Hutchings APM, Commander, Marine Area Command, NSW Police Force,
 - (x) Air Commodore Craig Heap CSC, Senior ADF Officer RAAF Williamtown,
 - (xi) Councillor Jaimie Abbott, Councillor for Port Stephens and Master of Ceremonies,
 - (xii) Mr Sam Pratten and Mrs Rosemary Pratten, sponsors.

2. That this House:

- (a) acknowledges and commends:
 - (i) the founders of the Marine Rescue NSW Port Stephens Division, John and Monica Thompson,
 - (ii) Unit Commander, Lee Uebergang,
 - (iii) Deputy Unit Commander, Neil Hansford,
 - (iv) the organisation's 245 volunteers for their outstanding service to Marine Rescue NSW and for keeping waters safe,
- (b) acknowledges and commends Mr Laurie Norton on being awarded Marine Rescue NSW's highest honour, the Medal of Valour, and
- (c) extends its congratulations, acknowledges and commends Marine Rescue NSW Port Stephens on its 35 years of outstanding service to the community.

Question put and passed.

14 PORT STEPHENS EXAMINER'S BUSINESS AWARDS 2017 (Formal Business)

Mr Macdonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Wednesday 1 November 2017, the Port Stephens Examiner's 2017 Annual Business Awards were held at West Club, Nelson Bay to recognise excellence in business and customer service,
 - (b) the Port Stephens Examiner's awards are organised by staff of the paper to acknowledge and give back to the businesses in Port Stephens,
 - (c) the overall winner of the Port Stephens Annual Business Award was Tackle World,
 - (d) other award recipients included:
 - (i) Accommodation: Sleepy Hill Motor Inn, Raymond Terrace,
 - (ii) Accountant: DJ Cooper Accounting, Raymond Terrace,
 - (iii) Animal services: Raymond Terrace Veterinary Clinic,
 - (iv) Automotive services: JAX Tyres, Salamander Bay,
 - (v) Bakery: Medowie Family Bakehouse & Café,
 - (vi) Beauty therapy: Forever Hair & Beauty Medowie,
 - (vii) Boating, fishing or camping: Tackle World Port Stephens – Nelson Bay,
 - (viii) Building, construction and renovation: Bayview Home Solutions, Taylors Beach,
 - (ix) Butcher: Medowie Meats,
 - (x) Café: Cups 'N' Saucers, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xi) Children's services: Tilli Tadpoles Early Learning Centre, Tanilba Bay,
 - (xii) Club: Muree Golf Club, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xiii) Dance studio: Dance Performance Co, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xiv) Fashion or footwear ladies: Pizazz Boutique, Nelson Bay,
 - (xv) Fashion or footwear men: Kaos Surf, Salamander Bay,
 - (xvi) Financial services: Greater Bank, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xvii) Fitness: Tomaree Aquatic Centre, Salamander Bay,
 - (xviii) Florist/nursery: Salamander Village Florist,
 - (xix) Fresh produce or markets: Natural Food Collective, Medowie,
 - (xx) Furniture/home décor: FAB Furniture, Taylors Beach,
 - (xxi) Gift store: Boho Luxe Trader, Nelson Bay,
 - (xxii) Hair salon: Forever Hair & Beauty Medowie,
 - (xxiii) Hardware: Tanilba Bay Home Timber and Hardware,
 - (xxiv) Health and medical: Central Health Alliance, Williamtown,
 - (xxv) Hotel or bottle shop: McCauley's Bottle Shop, Salamander Bay,
 - (xxvi) Jewellery: Matthews Jewellers, Salamander Bay,
 - (xxvii) Learning, training or recruitment: Tomaree Community College,
 - (xxviii) Legal services: Sawers and Levonpera, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xxix) Newsagency: Nextra, Market Place Raymond Terrace,
 - (xxx) Pharmacy: Amcal Max, Salamander Bay,
 - (xxxi) Real estate sales: Portside Real Estate, Tanilba Bay,
 - (xxxii) Real estate property management: Century 21 Curtis and Blair Medowie,
 - (xxxiii) Restaurant Australian cuisine: Little Beach Boathouse, Nelson Bay,
 - (xxxiv) Restaurant international cuisine: the Poyers, Lemon Tree Passage,
 - (xxxv) Shopping complex: MarketPlace, Raymond Terrace.
 - (xxxvi) Takeaway food: Angeez, Food on the Run, Raymond Terrace,
 - (xxxvii) Technology industry: Desire Audio Visual, Nelson Bay,
 - (xxxviii) Tourist attraction: Oakvale Farm and Fauna World, Salt Ash
 - (xxxix) Specialised services: Mister Minit, Salamander Bay,
 - (xl) New business (first year): the Pet Shed, Medowie,
 - (xli) Overall Business of the Year: Tackle World Port Stephens, Nelson Bay, and

- (e) dignitaries that attended the event, included:
- (i) Mr Scot MacDonald MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and the Hunter,
 - (ii) Ms Kate Washington MP, Member for Port Stephens,
 - (iii) Meryl Swanson MP, Federal Member for Paterson,
 - (iv) Mayor Ryan Palmer, Mayor of Port Stephens,
 - (v) Cr Chris Doohan, Deputy Mayor of Port Stephens,
 - (vi) Mr Chad Watson, Fairfax Newcastle/Hunter Group Managing Editor,
 - (vii) Ms Anna Wolf, Port Stephens Examiner Editor,
 - (viii) owners and representatives from major sponsors: Peter Mazoudier Sea Breeze Hotel; Shane Cleary from Murray's Brewery; Damien Cooper from DJ Cooper Accounting; Holly Baker from Forever Hair and Beauty; Peter Clough from Tomaree Business Chamber; and James Gregoratos from Wests Club Nelson Bay.

2. That this House congratulates and commends the winners of the Port Stephens Examiner's 2017 Business Awards and the event organiser, Ms Tracey Marjoram.

Question put and passed.

15 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY (Formal Business)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones moved, according to notice: That this House notes that:

- (a) Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated each year on 18 August to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the nearly 60,000 Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War, and
- (b) a Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrance Service was held on Friday 18 August 2017 at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, attended by:
- (i) Colonel Michael Miller, Official Secretary to the Governor,
 - (ii) Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO, Former Governor of New South Wales,
 - (iii) the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, representing the Premier and the Minister for Veterans Affairs,
 - (iv) Mr David Coleman MP, representing the Prime Minister of Australia,
 - (v) the Honourable Lynda Voltz MLC, representing the Leader of the Opposition,
 - (vi) the Honourable Linda Burney MP, representing the Federal Leader of the Opposition,
 - (vii) Colonel Ian Langford, representing the Chief of Army,
 - (viii) Captain Michael Spruce, representing the Commander Australian Fleet,
 - (ix) Group Captain Nick Osbourne, representing the Air Commander Australia,
 - (x) Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs,
 - (xi) Ms Billie Moore, Consul General of New Zealand,
 - (xii) Ms Valerie Fowler, Consul General of the United States of America,
 - (xiii) Lieutenant Colonel Doug Humphreys of the Veterans' Review Board,
 - (xiv) Mr Ken Foster OAM JP, National President, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Inc,
 - (xv) Mr Greg Cant, President, Vietnam Veterans Association NSW,
 - (xvi) Mr Andy Forsdike, Vice-President, Vietnam Veterans Association NSW,
 - (xvii) Mrs Pam Forsdike, Secretary, Vietnam Veterans Association NSW.

Question put and passed.

16 PAN PACIFIC BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS (Formal Business)

Mr Franklin moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Pan Pacific Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships were held from 12 to 13 August this year,
 - (b) this is the most prestigious jiu-jitsu event in the southern hemisphere attracting competitors from around the world, and
 - (c) six Byron Bay athletes competed in the championships, all of whom won medals.
2. That this House congratulates:
 - (a) gold medal winners:
 - (i) two-time world champion, Milli McCourt,
 - (ii) current world champion, Chilli Harel,
 - (iii) Raz Harel,
 - (iv) Bryce McCourt, and
 - (b) silver medal winners:
 - (i) Skylah McCourt,
 - (ii) Indi McCourt.
3. That this House acknowledges Daniel Almeida for his hard work and commitment in coaching and preparing the team for the championships.
4. That this House wishes the team the best of luck for the upcoming Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Summer Australian Open.

Question put and passed.

17 DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIAN AUSTRALIANS (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Friday 27 October 2017, at the cultural centre of the Indian Consulate-General in Sydney, the Dementia Support Group for Indian Australians Inc was officially launched followed by a forum on dementia,
 - (b) the event was co-sponsored by:
 - (i) Mr B Vanlalvawna, Consul-General for India in Sydney,
 - (ii) the Federation of Indian Associations of NSW Inc,
 - (iii) the Dementia Support Group for Indian Australians Inc,
 - (c) those who spoke at the event included:
 - (i) Mr B Vanlalvawna, Consul-General for India in Sydney,
 - (ii) Mrs Anju Kalra, founder and President of the Dementia Support Group for Indian Australians and a prominent dementia specialist,
 - (iii) Dr Yadhu Singh, President of the Federation of Indian Associations of New South Wales Inc,
 - (iv) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (v) Councillor Reena Jethi, The Hills Shire Council,
 - (vi) Ms Susan McCarthy from Dementia Australia,
 - (vii) Ms Cecilia Milani from Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care
 - (viii) Ms Terrie Leoleos from the Ethnic Communities Council of New South Wales,
 - (ix) Dr Manish Bhutada,

- (x) Professor Nihal Agar, Chairman of the Hindu Council of Australia,
 - (xi) Mr Zahid Jamil, public officer for the South Asian Muslim Association of Australia,
 - (xii) Mrs Harinder Kaur, President of Harmon Foundation,
 - (xiii) Mr Jay Raman, Vice President of Sri Om Foundation, and
- (d) others who attended as special guests included:
- (i) Superintendent Rob Critchlow, The Hills Local Area Command,
 - (ii) Mrs Shubha Kumar, President of the India Club Inc and Dr Aksheya Kumar, Chairman of the India Club Inc,
 - (iii) Mr Peter Doukas, Chair of the Ethnic Communities Council (ECC) of New South Wales,
 - (iv) Mr Jack Passaris OAM, Deputy Chair of ECC,
 - (v) Ms Mary Karras, Chief Executive Officer of ECC,
 - (vi) Ms Marta Terracciano, Secretary of ECC,
 - (vii) Mr Abbas Alvi, Treasurer of ECC,
 - (viii) Rekha Rajvanshi, Vipul Goyal, Narinder Parmar and Satish Mathur, executive members of the Dementia Support Group for Indian Australians Inc,
 - (ix) more than 120 representatives of numerous Indian-Australian community organisations and media outlets.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates and commends all those who were instrumental in the formation of the Dementia Support Group for Indian Australians Inc, and
- (b) wishes the newly formed group success in creating greater awareness of the issue of dementia and the need for support of sufferers of dementia as well as their carers.

Question out and passed.

18 RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS DAY AND POLICE MEMORIAL (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Thursday 28 September 2017, a ceremony was held at Blacktown Police Station to:
 - (i) unveil a Police Memorial to honour the memory of Sergeant 1st Class William Riley, and Sergeant 3rd Class Maurie McDiarmid who were killed in the line of duty on 30 September 1971,
 - (ii) celebrate “Retired Police Officers Day” which honours the contribution, sacrifice and ongoing legacy of retired New South Wales police officers who have provided diligent and ethical service over many years,
- (b) those who attended included:
 - (i) Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Field Operations Jeffrey Loy APM,
 - (ii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice, representing the Honourable Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services,
 - (iii) Councillor Stephen Bali, Mayor of Blacktown City Council,
 - (iv) North West Metropolitan Region Commander, Acting Assistant Commissioner John Duncan,
 - (v) Superintendent Gary Merryweather, Blacktown Local Area Command,
 - (vi) relatives of the late Sergeant William Riley and Sergeant Maurie McDiarmid,
 - (vii) Mr Robert Heinrich, General Manager, Blacktown RSL,
 - (viii) Mr Barry Wilson, President, Seven Hills RSL,
 - (ix) Mr Joseph Bayssari, General Manager, Seven Hills RSL,

- (x) Paul Biscoe, President of the Retired Police Officers' Association,
 - (xi) members of the NSW Police Force Band,
 - (xii) numerous serving or retired Officers of the Police Force, and
- (c) those who comprised the co-ordination team for the event included:
- (i) Chief Inspector Bob Fitzgerald, master of ceremonies,
 - (ii) Bernadette de Belle, acting executive officer, Blacktown Local Area Command,
 - (iii) Jason Wehbe, official photographer,
 - (iv) Senior Constable Nick Waterhouse, VIP co-ordinator,
 - (v) Constable Belinda Tasioulas, VIP co-ordinator,
 - (vi) Leading Senior Constable Alex Bogaski, traffic parking co-ordinator,
 - (vii) Senior Constable Daniel Said, traffic parking co-ordinator.
2. That this House:
- (a) extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Sergeant 1st Class William Riley and the late Sergeant 3rd Class Maurie McDiarmid, on the occasion of the unveiling on Thursday 28 September 2017 of a memorial at Blacktown Police Station in honour of their memory, and
 - (b) on the occasion of the celebration of “Retired Police Officers Day” 2017, extends its gratitude and admiration to all retired NSW Police Officers for their years of diligent, ethical and dedicated service to the people of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

19 LENNOX HEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Formal Business)

Mr Franklin moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the annual general meeting of the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce was held on 24 October 2017,
 - (b) the following members were elected:
 - (i) President Zain Peart,
 - (ii) Vice-President Jason Shrieves,
 - (iii) Secretary Angela Proudman,
 - (iv) Treasurer Sue Brennan, and
 - (c) committee members elected were Aga Deblaise, Jason Dwyer, Rosie Kaplan and Craig McFadden.
2. That this House congratulates this talented team of local volunteers, eager to kick start 2018 with new ideas and vision for the Lennox Head business community.
3. That this House encourages all local chambers of commerce across the state to continue working to represent their business community's interest to local, state and federal governments.

Question put and passed.

20 NATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Thursday 28 September 2017, a reception, hosted by the Consul-General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney Mr Sang Soo Yoon and his wife Mrs Hee Young Shin, to celebrate the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea was held at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney and attended by several hundred members and friends of the Korean-Australian community,
 - (b) the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea commemorates the establishment of the Choson Kingdom in 2333BC marking the beginning of Korean society and celebrates the culture and achievements of the Korean people, and
 - (c) those who attended as guests included:
 - (i) the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier,
 - (ii) the Honourable Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services,
 - (iii) the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property,
 - (iv) the Honourable Matt Kean MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation,
 - (v) the Honourable Scott Farlow MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council,
 - (vi) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (vii) Ms Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight,
 - (viii) Mr Damien Tudehope MP, Member for Epping,
 - (ix) Mr Sumasy Singin, Consul-General of Papua New Guinea,
 - (x) Ms Nancy Benitez Paez, Consul-General of Colombia,
 - (xi) Mr Carlos Henrique Moojen De Abreu E Silva, Consul-General of Brazil,
 - (xii) Mr Melih Karalar, Consul-General of Turkey,
 - (xiii) Mr Keizo Takewaka, Consul-General of Japan,
 - (xiv) Mr Yayan Ganda Hayat Mulyana, Consul-General of Indonesia,
 - (xv) Mr Willem Cosijn, Consul-General of The Netherlands,
 - (xvi) Mr Paulo Domingues, Consul-General of Portugal,
 - (xvii) Mr Juan Manuel Molina Lamothe, Consul-General of Spain,
 - (xviii) Mr Conrado Silveira Rodriguez, Consul-General of Uruguay,
 - (xix) Mr Richard Broinowski, NSW President, Australian Institute of International Affairs,
 - (xx) Mr Kim Ellis, Director and Chief Executive, Centennial Parkland,
 - (xxi) the Honourable Warwick Smith, Chairman NSW, ANZ,
 - (xxii) Mr Troy Lennon, Classmate/History Editor, The Daily Telegraph,
 - (xxiii) representatives from various Korean-Australian community organisations.
2. That this House:
 - (a) congratulates and extends best wishes to the Republic of Korea and its citizens and also to the Korean-Australian community on the occasion of the celebration of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, and
 - (b) commends the Korean-Australian community for its ongoing and positive contribution to the State of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

21 MS MACINLEY BUTSON (Formal Business)

Mr Field moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) 17-year-old inventor and scientist Macinley Butson has recently been named the 2018 NSW Young Australian of the Year,
 - (b) this nomination stems from her invaluable contribution to the scientific and medical community while still being enrolled in year 12 at the Illawarra Grammar School,
 - (c) in 2017, Ms Butson made history as the first Australian to win the top medicine prize at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair,
 - (d) one of Ms Butson's many innovative ideas is the "Smart Armour", a shield for breast cancer patients to wear on their non-treated breast while undergoing radiation treatment, and
 - (e) Ms Buston will represent New South Wales in Canberra on 25 January 2018 when the final four Australians of the Year are decided upon.
2. That this House calls on the Government to acknowledge Macinley Butson's extraordinary achievement to science and medicine.

Question put and passed.

22 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF BAHA'U'LLAH (Formal Business)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones moved, according to notice: That this House notes:

- (a) a 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of Baha'u'llah was held at the Baha'i House of Worship in Ingleside on Sunday 15 October 2017,
- (b) that members of the Baha'i faith have been active in Australia since 1920 and the Baha'i community now numbers some 4,500 people across New South Wales,
- (c) that Sydney is home to one of eight Continental Houses of Worship around the world for the Baha'i faith,
- (d) that the Baha'i faith promotes unity and equality by teaching the essential worth of all religions
- (e) that the Baha'i faith was founded by Baha'u'llah in 1863, and
- (f) that those in attendance at the 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of Baha'u'llah included:
 - (i) the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, representing the Premier, the Honourable Gladys Berijikian MP,
 - (ii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (iii) Ms Sophie Cotsis MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Luke Foley MP,
 - (iv) representatives of the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly.

Question put and passed.

23 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA CELEBRATORY DINNER (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Saturday 12 August 2017, the Council of Indian Australians Inc held a celebratory dinner and cultural performance at the Bowman Hall Blacktown, attended by several hundred members and friends of the Indian-Australian community to mark the 71st anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of India and to promote harmony between the Indian-Australian and wider Australian communities, and
- (b) those who attended as guests included:
- (i) the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier,
 - (ii) Ms Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, representing Mr Luke Foley MP, Leader of the Opposition,
 - (iii) the Honourable Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services,
 - (iv) Mr B. Vanlalvawna, Consul-General for India in Sydney,
 - (v) the Honourable Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Women and Ageing,
 - (vi) the Honourable Matt Kean MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation,
 - (vii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and Mrs Marisa Clarke,
 - (viii) Dr Geoff Lee MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism,
 - (ix) Mr Julian Leaser MP, Federal Member for Berowra,
 - (x) Ms Julia Finn MP, Member for Granville,
 - (xi) Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone,
 - (xii) Mr Mark Taylor MP, Member for Seven Hills,
 - (xiii) Mr Damien Tudehope MP, Member for Epping and Mrs Diane Tudehope,
 - (xiv) Councillor Reena Jethi, The Hills Shire Council, representing the Honourable David Elliott MP, Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veteran Affairs,
 - (xv) Councillor Yvonne Keane, The Hills Shire Council,
 - (xvi) Councillor Susai Benjamin, Blacktown City Council,
 - (xvii) Councillor Moninder Singh, Blacktown City Council,
 - (xviii) Dr Hari Harinath, Chairman of Multicultural NSW.
2. That this House congratulates the Council of Indian Australians Inc for its ongoing cultural and charitable initiatives in New South Wales and particularly its Executive for organising this event, comprising:
- (a) Mr Mohit Kumar, President,
 - (b) Mr Nitin Shukla, Vice-President,
 - (c) Mr Sanjay Deshwal, Secretary, and
 - (d) Dr Vishal Behl, Treasurer.
3. That this House extends its congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of India and to the Indian-Australian community on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of India.

Question put and passed.

24 TOUKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Formal Business)

Mr MacDonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) the outstanding work of the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre, a registered charity which provides a range of recreational activities and services including Lakes Food Care, NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme), an OpShop, drop-in services, a client assistance program, a community cafe, frozen meals, laundromat, showers, a work for the dole program, a youth drop in service, art programs for children and adults, a community visitor's scheme and many other community programs,
 - (b) that the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre also partners with various other organisations to provide services, such as Together for Toukley, Wyong Interagency, Central Coast Connect Day, the Community Builders Network, the Central Coast Neighbourhood Centre Alliance, Surfside Church and St Vincent De Paul,
 - (c) the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre is run by a hardworking volunteer committee consisting of:
 - (i) Beverley Hopkins, Chairperson,
 - (ii) Gregg Gibbons, Vice Chairperson,
 - (iii) Elizabeth Walker, Secretary,
 - (iv) Gail Rixom, Treasurer,
 - (v) Pam Stair, ordinary member,
 - (vi) Vicki Davidson, ordinary member,
 - (vii) Pauline Lyall, ordinary member,
 - (viii) Karin McGann, ordinary member, and
 - (d) Toukley Neighbourhood Centre operates with four part-time staff members funded by the Departments of Community Services, Social Services and Fair Trading plus the two social enterprises (LFC and Op Shop) together with a dedicated team of volunteers.
2. That this House acknowledges and commends the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre, its board of management, staff and volunteers for their outstanding service to the community.

Question put and passed.

25 INDO-AUSTRALIAN BAL BHARATHI VIDYALAYA GALA FUNCTION CENTRE (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Sunday 17 September 2017, the Indo-Australian Bal Bharathi Vidyalaya (IABBV) Hindi School Inc held a gala function at the Thornleigh West Public School Community Hall to celebrate Hindi Day (Hindi Divas),
 - (b) the gala function was attended by several hundred members and friends of the Indian-Australian community,
 - (c) Hindi Day celebrates that on 14 September 1949, Hindi was adopted as the official language of India by India's Constituent Assembly and is now the second most spoken language in the world,
 - (d) those who attended the gala function as special guests included:
 - (i) the Honourable Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services, and Mrs Wendy Williams,
 - (ii) the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property,

- (iii) Ms Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight,
 - (iv) Mr B. Vanlalvawna, Consul-General of India in Sydney,
 - (v) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (vi) Dr Geoff Lee MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism,
 - (vii) Mr Damien Tudehope MP, Member for Epping and Mrs Diane Tudehope,
 - (viii) Mr Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra,
 - (ix) Dr Hari Harinath OAM, Chairman of Multicultural NSW and Mrs Gayatri Harinath,
 - (x) Acting Assistant Commissioner John Duncan, NSW Police Commander - North West Metropolitan Region,
 - (xi) Mr Albert Vella, President of the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools,
 - (xii) Mrs Sheba Nandkedyar, Chair, Australia India Business Council,
 - (xiii) Professor Nihal Agar AM, Chairman of the Hindu Council of Australia,
 - (xiv) Kamahl AM, entertainer,
 - (xv) Mr Neville Roach AO,
 - (xvi) Mr Gambhir Watts OAM, President of Bhavan Australia,
 - (xvii) Mr Gurdeep Singh, former councillor of Hornsby Shire Council,
 - (xviii) Mr Pranaj Kumar, CEO of State Bank of India,
 - (xix) Mr Raj Dutta, former councillor of Strathfield Municipal Council,
 - (xx) Mr Tilak Kalra, President, Australian Hindi Indian Association,
 - (xxi) Mr Dave Passi, President, Indian Seniors Group Hornsby,
 - (xxii) Mr Peter Kirkwood, PCYC,
 - (xxiii) Mr Bob Walker, President, ACIA,
 - (xxiv) Ms Cate Chapple, Principal, Saturday School of Community Languages,
 - (xxv) Ms Kathryn Methvyn, Principal, Parramatta North Public School,
 - (xxvi) Mr Vijai Dwivedi, President, Hindi Samaj,
 - (xxvii) Mr Santram Bajaj, former President of the Australian Hindi Indian Association,
 - (xxviii) Mrs Saba Abdi and Mrs Rekha Rajvanshi, Founders of ILASA,
 - (xxix) members of the Indian ethnic media,
 - (xxx) students of the IABBV Hindi School and their parents,
 - (xxxii) teachers at the IABBV Hindi School and representatives of numerous Indian-Australian community organisations,
 - (xxxii) members and friends of the Indian-Australian community, and
- (e) IABBV Hindi School, which was established 30 years ago, is a non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers and is the first structured Hindi language institution in Sydney founded by its current President Mrs Mala Mehta OAM.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates the IABBV Hindi school on the occasion of its gala function held to celebrate the proclamation of Hindi Day by India's Constituent Assembly on 14 September 1949, and
- (b) commends the ongoing good work of the IABBV Hindi School in Sydney, its teachers and students.

Question put and passed.

26 DEEPAVALI FAIR AT HARRIS PARK (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Saturday 7 October 2017, a Deepavali fair organised by the Council of Indian Australians Inc was held in Harris Park to celebrate the Indian Festival of Deepavali, attended by several thousand members and friends of the Indian-Australian community, and
- (b) those who attended as special guests included:
- (i) the Honourable Alex Hawke MP, Federal Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, representing the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister,
 - (ii) Ms Julie Owens MP, Federal Member for Parramatta, representing the Honourable Bill Shorten MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition,
 - (iii) Dr Geoff Lee MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism, representing the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier,
 - (iv) Ms Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, Roads, Maritime and Freight,
 - (v) Mr B. Vanlalvawna, Consul-General of India in Sydney,
 - (vi) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (vii) Councillor Andrew Wilson, Mayor of Parramatta City Council,
 - (viii) Councillor Phillip Ruddock, Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council,
 - (ix) Mr Julian Leaser MP, Federal Member for Berowra,
 - (x) Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone,
 - (xi) Mr Mark Taylor MP, Member for Seven Hills,
 - (xii) Ms Julia Finn MP, Member for Granville,
 - (xiii) Councillor Moninder Singh, Blacktown City Council,
 - (xiv) Councillor Susai Benjamin, Blacktown City Council,
 - (xv) Councillor Steven Issa, Parramatta City Council.

2. That this House commends:

- (a) the Council of Indian Australians particularly its Executive, for organising a successful celebration of the Indian Festival of Deepavali in Harris Park and thus contributing to the cultural life of Sydney, comprising:
- (i) Mr Mohit Kumar, President,
 - (ii) Mr Praful Desai, Vice-President,
 - (iii) Mr Sanjay Deshwal, Secretary,
 - (iv) Dr Vishal Behl, Treasurer, and
- (b) the Indian-Australian community for its ongoing contribution to the cultural, social and economic life of the State.

Question put and passed.

27 THIRD BATTLE OF YPRES (Formal Business)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) the Third Battle of Ypres was fought in Flanders, Belgium in 1917 and was a major offensive of the Allied Forces that included the battles of Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Poelcapelle and the First Battle of Passchendaele, and
- (b) these battles lasted for 102 days and saw 300,000 casualties, including 38,000 Australians.

2. That this House further notes that:

- (a) on Tuesday 26 September 2017 a Commemoration of the Centenary of the Third Battle of Ypres was held at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney, and

- (b) those in attendance at the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Third Battle of Ypres included:
- (i) Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO, former Governor,
 - (ii) Mrs Andree Kerremans, Consul of the Embassy of Belgium, Canberra,
 - (iii) the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, representing the Honourable David Elliott MP, Minister for Veterans Affairs,
 - (iv) Lieutenant Colonel Paul Simadas RFD, Headquarters Australian Army Cadets, representing the Australian Army,
 - (v) Captain Steven Bowater, representing Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer, Fleet Commander,
 - (vi) Wing Commander David Mason, representing Air Vice-Marshal Steven Robertson DSC AM, Air Commander Australia,
 - (vii) Mr Harry Allie BEM, Chair of the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Commemoration Services Committee,
 - (viii) Mr Ron Brown, President of the National Serviceman's Association (NSW),
 - (ix) Lieutenant Colonel Colin Dunston RFD, Past President of Sydney Legacy,
 - (x) Mrs Diane Vogt, representing the President, NSW War Widows Guild of Australia.

Question put and passed.

28 NATIONAL DAY OF GREECE (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Sunday 29 October 2017, the Order of the Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of NSW (AHEPA NSW) held its annual celebration of the National Day of Greece at the AHEPA Hall Rockdale attended by members and friends of the Hellenic-Australian community,
- (b) those who attended as special guests included:
- (i) Dr Stavros Kyrimis, Consul-General for Greece in Sydney,
 - (ii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (iii) Mr Mark Coure MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure,
 - (iv) Councillor Alexandria Luxford, Deputy Mayor, Randwick City Council,
 - (v) members of the Hellenic Sub-Branch of the RSL NSW,
 - (vi) Mr John Kallimanis, President, Grand Lodge of AHEPA NSW and Mrs E Kallimanis,
 - (vii) Dr Panayiotis Diamadis, Secretary of AHEPA NSW,
 - (viii) Miss Sianne Tsandidis, master of ceremonies for the event,
 - (ix) Mrs Charoulla Themistocleous, representing hellenic students at Earlwood Public School,
 - (x) Mrs Anna Skribias, representing Clemton Park Public School,
 - (xi) Mrs Maria Anthony, President, Pontoxeniteas Brotherhood of NSW,
 - (xii) Mr Peter Tsigounis, President, Pan-Lakonian Federation,
 - (xiii) Mr Paul Theodorakopoulos, representing "O Kosmos" Australian Hellenic newspaper and 2MM Australian Hellenic Radio,
 - (xiv) Mr Kostas Kapodistrias, "Galaxias" Australian Hellenic Radio,
 - (xv) Mr George Giakoumidis, "Voice of AHEPA" program Radio 2NBC,
 - (xvi) Mrs Litsa Diakovasili, "AHEPA NSW" program 1638AM Australian Hellenic Radio,
 - (xvii) Mrs Hrisoula Tzambazi, Pan-Thracian Association of NSW "Demokritos",
 - (xviii) Hellenic students from Sans Souci Public School and Canterbury Boys High School,
- (c) the program included:

- (i) speeches from Mrs Christalla Koureas and students from Sans Souci Public School about studying Hellenic language, history and culture using electronic tablets donated by the Order of AHEPA NSW,
 - (ii) speeches from Mrs Nectaria Melas and Canterbury Boys High School students Dimitris Makapagal and Peter Mandatis about the re-introduction of Modern Greek into their curriculum,
 - (iii) recitation of a poem written by Mr Fanis Nikolareas to mark the final official appearance at a function at AHEPA Hall of Dr Stavros Kyrimis, Consul-General for Greece prior to his departure from Sydney following the completion of his term in Sydney,
 - (iv) presentation of the Order of AHEPA NSW's highest award to Dr Stavros Kyrimis for his services to the Australian Hellenic community and to the Order of AHEPA NSW,
 - (v) an exhibition of photographs, caricatures and newspaper articles on Greece during the World War II period, including the support given by the Australia and New Zealand military forces in assisting the Greeks against invasion by the Axis powers, and
- (d) the National Day of Greece also known as "Oxi" or "No" Day, signifies the day in 1940 when Greece refused to agree to military occupation by Fascist Italy resulting in an unsuccessful invasion of Greece by Italy and a subsequent successful invasion and occupation of Greece by Nazi Germany.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates and commends the Order of AHEPA NSW, particularly its President Mr John Kallimanis Secretary, Dr Panayiotis Diamadis and Executive Members for organising and hosting the Annual Celebration of the National Day of Greece and for their ongoing work for the Australian Hellenic community, and
- (b) extends greetings and best wishes to members of the Order AHEPA NSW and also to the wider Australian Hellenic community, on the occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the National Day of Greece, also known as "Oxi" Day.

Question put and passed.

29 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS CONFERENCE (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on Sunday 27 August 2017, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held a conference of its Harbour Stake Diocese at the Stake Centre of the Church at Greenwich attended by more than one thousand members,
- (b) those who attended included the following officials of the Church:
 - (i) Elder Keith P Walker of the Eighth Quorum of the Seventy,
 - (ii) President Bardia Paki, Stake President of the Harbour Stake,
 - (iii) John Biddle, First Counsellor of the Harbour Stake,
 - (iv) Will Wolfgramm, Second Counsellor of the Harbour Stake,
 - (v) President Philip Howes, President of the Sydney North Mission,
 - (vi) Dalin Hamilton, Stake Director of Public Affairs,
 - (vii) Carolin Croker, Assistant Director,
 - (viii) Jing Xu, Assistant Director,
 - (ix) David Meredith, High Council,

- (c) the conference was also attended by the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice, and
 - (d) the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly referred to as the Mormons, has approximately 15 million members worldwide and over 135,000 members throughout Australia, each of whom is encouraged to contribute to the wellbeing of their local community.
2. That this House:
- (a) extends its best wishes and greetings to members of the Harbour Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the occasion of their annual conference held on Sunday 27 August 2017, and
 - (b) commends the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for its ongoing program of humanitarian and charitable activities for the benefit of the community.

Question put and passed.

30 MS EMMA GIBSON (Formal Business)

Mr MacDonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) at the recent New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Group Training Awards, Ms Emma Gibson of Singleton was named Woman in Non-traditional Trade Apprentice of the Year,
 - (b) the award recognised Ms Gibson's outstanding performance and her passion for developing her career in engineering, which is generally considered a non-traditional industry for women, and
 - (c) the award tops off an illustrious four-year apprenticeship for Ms Gibson, who was also:
 - (i) named Woman in Non-traditional Trade Apprentice of the Year at the 2017 Hunter Valley Training Company Excellence Awards,
 - (ii) named 2016 Hunter Manufacturing Awards' Apprentice of the Year,
 - (iii) presented with a tradesperson scholarship at the 2015 National Association of Women in Construction Awards.
2. That this House congratulates and commends Ms Emma Gibson on her award of 2017 Woman in Non-traditional Trade Apprentice of the Year and extends its best wishes for a successful career in the future.

Question put and passed.

31 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYDNEY SANSKRIT SCHOOL (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) on Sunday 5 November 2017, the Sydney Sanskrit School celebrated the 11th anniversary of its founding as a Community Language School at a function held at Marsden Road Public School Liverpool, attended by several hundred members and friends of the Indian-Australian community,

- (b) those who attended as special guests included:
 - (i) Mr Chandru Appar, Consul for Trade and Commerce of the Consulate General of India Sydney,
 - (ii) Professor Nihal Agar, President of the Hindu Council of Australia,
 - (iii) Dr Geoff Lee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism,
 - (iv) Mr Paul Lynch MP, Member for Liverpool and Shadow Attorney General,
 - (v) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (vi) Mr Albert Vella, President of the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools,
 - (vii) Mrs Manisha Gazula, Principal of Marsden Road Public School,
 - (viii) representatives of numerous Indian-Australian community organisations,
 - (c) the Sydney Sanskrit School was founded by the School of Vedic Sciences (Australia) Inc and is the first Sanskrit language community school in the southern hemisphere, and
 - (d) the Sanskrit language, which authorities designate as one of the world's oldest languages, is a classical language in a similar way to Latin and Ancient Greek and has important liturgical dimensions and is used particularly in poetry, music, yoga and science.
2. That this House congratulates the Sydney Sanskrit School's President Karthik Subramanian, its Principal and one of the founders Mrs Meena Srinivasan together with its teachers and students on the occasion of its recent function celebrating its establishment 11 years ago.

Question put and passed.

32 AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS (NEW SOUTH WALES) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

- 1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Friday 13 October 2017, the Australian Red Cross (New South Wales) held its 103rd Annual General Meeting in Sydney,
 - (b) those who attended as guests included:
 - (i) His Excellency the Honourable T.F. Bathurst AC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales (keynote speaker),
 - (ii) Mr Michael Legge, National President, Australian Red Cross and keynote speaker,
 - (iii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice representing the Honourable David Elliott MP, Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veteran Affairs,
 - (iv) Ms Judy Slatyer, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Red Cross and keynote speaker,
 - (v) Mr Sam Hardjono, Chair of NSW Divisional Advisory Board,
 - (vi) volunteers and members of the Australian Red Cross and representatives of other community organisations, and
 - (c) those who were presented with awards for service to the Australian Red Cross included:
 - (i) Outstanding Service Award: Rose Bransdon-Parkes, Margaret Dawson and Gloria Gallaher,
 - (ii) Distinguished Service Award: Sam Hardjono and Helen Lesley,
 - (iii) Distinguished Staff Service Award: Stephen Cashel,
 - (iv) Distinguished Team Award: Save-a-Mate, Trauma Teddies Greater Sydney, Archives Team, Red Ribbon Committee, Trauma Teddies Tamworth, Andrew Horne, Jawoon Kim, and Hannah Turnbull,

- (v) Emma Geelan Award: George Hawrylin, special mention to Jennifer Kelly and Kristine Freeman,
 - (vi) Yvonne Kennedy Memorial Award: Edwina Doe, special mention to Jean Vickery,
 - (vii) John Fries Memorial Trophy: Sue Roden, special mention to Judi O’Brie.
2. That this House notes that the Australian Red Cross (NSW):
- (a) provides vital support for vulnerable people living in the community and is part of an international humanitarian movement that helps tens of millions of people around the world each year, and
 - (b) is guided by the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality.
3. That this House:
- (a) congratulates those who received awards for service to the Australian Red Cross (NSW) at its 103rd Annual General Meeting held in Sydney on 13 October 2017,
 - (b) congratulates those who assist the Australian Red Cross (NSW) both as employees or as volunteers, and
 - (c) commends the Australian Red Cross (NSW) for its outstanding and exemplary service to the people of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

33 MR BEN MCDONALD (Formal Business)

Mr MacDonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) at the recent New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Group Training Awards, Cessnock resident, Ben McDonald was bestowed the top honour of being named Apprentice of the Year,
 - (b) Mr McDonald, who is 25 years old, originally enrolled in a teaching degree at university after his HSC, but subsequently decided to study to become an electrician, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather,
 - (c) in 2012 Mr McDonald applied for an electrical apprenticeship through HVTC Hunter, before accepted a position with host employer Peabody at its Jerry’s Plains site,
 - (d) Mr McDonald achieved a Certificate III Electrotechnology – Electrician, having trained at the HVTC Skills Centre in Rutherford,
 - (e) HVTC CEO, Sharon Smith made the following comments regarding Mr McDonald: “He is a fantastic ambassador for the vocational education and training sector. Ben is incredibly focussed, both personally and professionally, and has a bright future ahead of him. He has now accepted a permanent position with Peabody and they are to be credited for their role in making sure our young people secure quality employment outcomes”, and
 - (f) Mr McDonald has received numerous awards and scholarships during his four-year apprenticeship, including the 2017 Hunter Region Training Awards Apprentice of the Year.

2. That this House congratulates and commends Mr Ben McDonald on his award of 2017 Apprentice of the Year and extends its best wishes to him for a successful career in the future.

Question put and passed.

34 INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA RECEPTION AT WALSH BAY (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) on Tuesday 15 August 2017, the Consul General of India in Sydney Mr B. Vanlalvawna and his wife Dr Rosy Khuma hosted a reception at Pier One Sydney Harbour Walsh Bay to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the Independence Day of India which was attended by several hundred members and friends of the Indian-Australian community, and
 - (b) those who attended as guests included:
 - (i) the Honourable Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services, representing the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier,
 - (ii) the Honourable David Elliott MP, Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veteran Affairs, and Mrs Nicole Elliott,
 - (iii) the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property,
 - (iv) Ms Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight,
 - (v) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice and Mrs Marisa Clarke,
 - (vi) the Honourable Matt Kean MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation,
 - (vii) Dr Geoff Lee MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism,
 - (viii) Mr Jonathan O’Dea MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Treasurer,
 - (ix) the Honourable Daniel Mookhey MLC,
 - (x) Mr Damien Tudehope MP, Member for Epping,
 - (xi) Mr Mark Taylor MP, Member for Seven Hills,
 - (xii) Members of the NSW Consular Corps,
 - (xiii) Ms Sheba Nandkedyar, Chair, Australia India Business Council,
 - (xiv) Ms Patricia Forsyth, Executive Director, Sydney Business Chamber,
 - (xv) presidents of various Indian-Australian organisations including the United Indian Association, Federation of Indian Associations of NSW, Council of Indian Australians Inc, India Club Inc and the Mangalore Catholic Society of Sydney.
2. That this House:
- (a) congratulates and extends best wishes to the Government and People of the Republic of India and to the Indian-Australian community on the celebration of the 71st Anniversary of Independence Day, and
 - (b) commends the Indian-Australian community for its ongoing contribution to the social, cultural and civic life of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

35 MRS WENDY ARCHER AM (Formal Business)

Mr MacDonald moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Port Stephens resident, Mrs Wendy Archer AM, announced on Saturday 4 November 2017 that after 15 years as President of New South Wales Netball Association Ltd, she will be retiring in March 2018,
 - (b) Mrs Archer has served with distinction on the Board of the New South Wales Netball Association since 1999, having held the position of Vice President for four years from 1999 to 2002,
 - (c) Mrs Archer also served on a number of sub-committees including the NSW Umpires' and Appointments Committee, Board Performance and Remuneration Committee and Netball NSW Board of Strategic Development Committee,
 - (d) since 2003, Mrs Archer has served as the Delegate to Netball Australia and the NSW Olympic Council,
 - (e) during her time as President, Mrs Archer spearheaded the campaign for a new home for netball, achieving the building of the \$35 million Centre of Excellence – Netball Central at Olympic Park which was officially opened on 6 February 2015,
 - (f) in honour of her outstanding service to netball in New South Wales, Mrs Archer was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2005 and was bestowed Life Membership of New South Wales Netball Association Ltd in 2016,
 - (g) Mrs Archer is a past President of the Port Stephens Netball Association, is a life member and patron of the Association and has held numerous executive and committee positions over 32 years, including various positions at club level, and
 - (h) Mrs Archer is a highly respected National A Badged umpire having umpired for many years at the elite level and holds a Level 1 Sports Administrator's Certificate.
2. That this House acknowledges and commends the outstanding service to netball of Mrs Wendy Archer AM, particularly while providing strong leadership of New South Wales Netball Association over the last 15 years as its President.

Question put and passed.

36 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAHA'U'LLAH (Formal Business)

Mr Clarke moved, according to notice:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Sunday 15 October 2017, the Australian Baha'i community celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the birth of its founder Baha'u'llah with a special interfaith service and reception at the Baha'i House of Worship at Ingleside, which was attended by members and friends of the Baha'i community,
 - (b) those who attended as guests included:
 - (i) Mr Jason Falinski MP, Federal Member for Mackellar, representing the Prime Minister, the Honourable Malcom Turnbull MP,
 - (ii) the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip in the Legislative Council representing the Premier, the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP,
 - (iii) Ms Sophie Cotsis MP, Shadow Minister for Women, Disability Services and Multiculturalism and Ageing, representing Mr Luke Foley MP, Opposition Leader,
 - (iv) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,

- (v) Mr Julian Leeser MP, Federal member for Berowra,
 - (vi) Councillor Phillip Ruddock, Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council and former Federal Attorney General and Special Envoy for Human Rights,
 - (vii) Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak, Deputy Mayor of Waverley Council,
 - (viii) the Honourable John Dowd AO QC, former Justice of the Supreme Court and former Attorney General,
 - (ix) Mr Abdul Majid Yousfani, Consul-General of Pakistan in Sydney,
 - (x) Mrs Daniela Stan, Consul of Romania in Sydney,
 - (xi) representatives and members of the diverse faith communities of New South Wales,
- (c) Baha'i community leaders who attended included:
- (i) Mr Taraz Nadarajah representing the Baha'i Continental Board of Counsellors for Australasia,
 - (ii) four members of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Australia: Mr Mathew James, Professor Fariborz Moshirian, Mrs Saloomah Mohebbaty and Mr Shahram Noorgostar,
 - (iii) Ms Ida Walker, National Director of Public Discourse for the Australian Baha'i community who was the master of ceremonies and lead organiser, and
- (d) beliefs and values upon which the Baha'i faith is founded include:
- (i) there is only one God called by different names around the world,
 - (ii) the world's major religions come from God, part of one evolving eternal faith,
 - (iii) mankind is one family, destined to live in peace and harmony,
 - (iv) every human being is inherently noble,
 - (v) women and men are equal,
 - (vi) religion and science must be in harmony,
 - (vii) individuals should investigate truth for themselves.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates members of the Australian Baha'i community on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of their founder Baha'u'llah, and
- (b) commends members of the Australian Baha'i community for their commitment to interfaith harmony and for their ongoing and positive contribution to the cultural, religious and social life of the State.

Question put and passed.

37 COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—REPORT

Mr Khan (on behalf of the Chair) tabled Report No. 4/56 of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption entitled "Protections for people who make voluntary disclosures to the Independent Commission Against Corruption", dated November 2017.

Ordered: That the report be printed.

Mr Khan moved, according to standing order: That the House take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Motion made (Mr Khan speaking) and question: That this debate be now adjourned until next sitting day—put and passed.

38 PETITION**Opposition to Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017**

Mr Donnelly presented a petition from 199 citizens of New South Wales opposing the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017, stating that assisted suicide involves helping an individual take his or her own life and involves the conscious and deliberate killing of another human being, that the law in this state has traditionally upheld respect for human life and the passing of a law that codifies and legalises assisted suicide and euthanasia would fundamentally undermine that respect and radically change the nature of the doctor-patient relationship, that the bill poses a particular danger to the frail, aged, sick, mentally impaired, vulnerable and disabled in the state, that such a bill cannot create and enforce safeguards or provide guarantees against potential abuse and exploitation, that such laws if passed will be amended over time liberalizing the application of assisted suicide and euthanasia as featured in a number of overseas jurisdictions where such laws operate, that every citizen of this state should have access to the best possible care at the end of their life, that palliative care is the primary means through which such care is delivered, and must be available across the state, and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017.

Petition received.

39 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**40 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5—INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT—REFERENCE**

The Chair (Mr Brown), according to paragraph 2(2) of the resolution establishing the portfolio committees, informed the House that on 15 November 2017 Portfolio Committee No. 5—Industry and Transport resolved to adopt the following terms of reference:

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 5 - Industry and Transport inquire into and report on the expenditure, performance and effectiveness of the Roads & Maritime Services' Windsor Bridge replacement project, and in particular:
 - (a) the current Windsor Bridge, including its maintenance regime, renovation methods and justification for demolition,
 - (b) the replacement bridge project, including:
 - (i) options presented to the community
 - (ii) post construction strategic outcomes, including traffic benefits, transport and network service capacity
 - (iii) economic, social and heritage impacts
 - (iv) flood immunity benefits
 - (v) project assessment process
 - (vi) planning and procurement strategies and associated project costs
 - (vii) cost benefit analysis process, and
 - (c) any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by 29 June 2018.

41 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS—ORDER OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mrs Maclaren-Jones moved, according to sessional order: That standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow the moving of a motion forthwith relating to the conduct of business of the House this day.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Maclaren-Jones then moved:

1. That the order of private members' business for today be as follows: private members' business item no. 1520 outside the order of precedence standing in the name of Mr Khan relating to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017.
2. That debate on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017 take precedence of all other business on the Notice Paper for this day until concluded or adjourned.

Question put and passed.

42 VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2017

Order of the day read for resumption of the adjourned debate of the question on the motion of Mr Khan: That this bill be now read a second time.

Statement by President—Visitors to the Public Gallery

The President made a statement concerning the rules for visitors to the public gallery.

Debate resumed.

Mr Secord, by leave, spoke for a further three minutes.

Debate continued.

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

43 QUESTIONS

44 PETITION—MINISTER'S RESPONSE

Mr Farlow, according to sessional order, tabled a ministerial response from the Hon Mark Speakman, Attorney-General, to a petition presented by Mr Donnelly on 12 October 2017 concerning the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017.

Ordered: That the document be printed.

45 PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS ADVISER—REPORT

The President, according to the terms of the agreement made with the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, tabled the annual report of the Parliamentary Ethics Adviser for year ended 30 June 2017.

The President left the Chair at 3.30 pm until the conclusion of the joint sitting to be held in the Legislative Council Chamber for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of the Honourable Gregory Pearce MLC.

The House resumed at 4.01 pm.

46 VACANT SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The President announced that at a joint sitting of the two Houses held this day, Ms Natalie Peta Ward was elected to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of the Honourable Gregory Pearce.

The President then tabled the Minutes of Proceedings of the joint sitting.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the document be printed.

Mr Franklin moved: That the President inform His Excellency the Governor that Ms Natalie Peta Ward was elected to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of the Honourable Gregory Pearce.

Question put and passed.

According to sessional order, proceedings interrupted half an hour after the conclusion of questions for adjournment.

The House continued to sit.

According to resolution of the House this day, consideration of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017 given precedence.

47 VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2017

Order of the day read for resumption of the interrupted debate of the question on the motion of Mr Khan: That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Mr Donnelly, by leave, spoke for a further three minutes.

Debate continued.

Mr Khan, by leave, spoke for a further three minutes.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 19

Mr Blair	Mr Khan	Mr Shoebridge
Mr Buckingham	Mr Mallard	Mrs Taylor
Mr Fang	Mr Pearson	Mr Veitch
Dr Faruqi	Dr Phelps	Ms Voltz
Mr Field	Mr Primrose	Ms Walker
Mr Franklin *	Mr Searle	
Mr Graham *	Ms Sharpe	* Tellers

Noes 20

Mr Amato	Mr Farlow	Mr Mason-Cox
Mr Borsak	Mr Green	Mr Mookhey
Mr Brown	Mr Harwin	Mr Moselmane *
Mr Clarke	Mrs Houssos	Revd Mr Nile
Mr Colless	Mr MacDonald	Mr Secord
Ms Cusack	Mrs Maclaren-Jones *	Mr Wong
Mr Donnelly	Mr Martin	* Tellers

Question resolved in the negative.

48 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Harwin moved: That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 11.43 pm until Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 2.30 pm.

49 ATTENDANCE

All members present, except Mrs Mitchell.

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

Authorised by the Parliament of New South Wales