



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

2019

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

1 **MEETING OF THE HOUSE**

The House met at 9.30 am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair, read the prayer and acknowledged the traditional owners, thanking them for their custodianship of country.

2 **NOTICES OF MOTIONS (GENERAL NOTICES)**

3 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the interrupted debate, on the motion of Mr Kevin Anderson, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Mr Nathaniel Smith obtained an extension of time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Kevin Anderson moved, That this bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

4 CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN BILL

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Gareth Ward, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Ms Tania Mihailuk obtained an extension of time.

Mr Mark Coure speaking—

It being 12.45 pm, debate interrupted.

Ordered, That the resumption of the debate stand an order of the day for a later hour.

5 REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE ENTITLED "LEGISLATION REVIEW DIGEST NO. 4/57", DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Question proposed—That the House take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

INCORPORATION IN HANSARD: Mr David Mehan, in accordance with Standing Order 271, obtained leave to incorporate material into Hansard.

Question put and passed.

6 MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—REFERENCE TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

The Temporary Speaker (Ms Sonia Hornery) reported the following message from the Legislative Council:

Mr SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Thursday 12 September 2019, the Hon John Sidoti MP, Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans, appeared before Portfolio Committee No 5 as part of its inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020,
 - (b) during the course of the hearing Minister Sidoti was extensively asked:
 - (i) whether he was truthful in his returns submitted for inclusion in the Pecuniary Interests Register pursuant to the Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983, particularly in relation to properties he and, or his family, had an interest in at Rouse Hill and Five Dock,
 - (ii) whether his private interests conflicted with his public duties as a Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Secretary and Minister, particularly in relation to

properties he and, or his family, had an interest in at Rouse Hill and Five Dock,

- (iii) if confidential information about land use planning and zoning was made available to Mr Sidoti whilst he served as Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, and
 - (iv) whether or not he abided by his obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct.
- (2) That under section 73 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, this House refers to the Independent Commission Against Corruption for investigation and report:
- (a) the issues raised in the Budget Estimates inquiry hearing for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans on 12 September 2019,
 - (b) whether or not the pecuniary interest disclosure regime, the Code of Conduct for Members, and the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct are sufficient to ensure that a Member of Parliament's private interests and public duty do not conflict and do not present an unacceptable perception of a conflict of interest in the mind of the public, and
 - (c) whether or not any reforms are required to ensure public confidence is maintained in the conflict of interest arrangements for Members of Parliament.
- (3) That a message be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly informing it that the Legislative Council has this day agreed to the resolution, and according to section 73 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, requesting that the Legislative Assembly pass a similar resolution.

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 President

Ordered by the Temporary Speaker (Ms Sonia Hornery), That the Legislative Council message be taken into consideration at a later hour.

The Temporary Speaker (Ms Sonia Hornery) left the Chair at 12.59 pm.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2.15 pm.

7 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr Andrew Constance informed the House that the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education would answer questions today in relation to portfolios of Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans.

8 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

9 NOTICE OF MOTION FOR PUBLIC INTEREST DEBATE

The Speaker announced receipt of a notice of motion for the public interest debate regarding rural healthcare (Mrs Helen Dalton).

10 QUESTION TIME

Following a request from Mr Adam Crouch pursuant to standing order 131 (3), the Premier provided additional information.

Following a request from Mr Christopher Gulaptis pursuant to standing order 131 (3), the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade provided additional information.
Following a request from Ms Felicity Wilson pursuant to standing order 131 (3), the Minister for Energy and Environment provided additional information.

Following a request from Mr Nathaniel Smith pursuant to standing order 131 (3), the Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence provided additional information.

11 **PETITIONS**

The Clerk announced that the following members had each lodged petitions for presentation signed by 500 or more persons:

Mr Nathaniel Smith—from certain citizens requesting the Legislative Assembly ensure appropriate design is applied to residential infill dwellings in the village of Thirlmere.

12 **ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL**

Mr Andrew Constance moved, pursuant to notice, That a bill be now introduced for an Act to amend the Road Transport Act 2013, and the regulations under that Act, with respect to licence disqualifications, written-off vehicles and testing for alcohol and drug use of persons involved in off-road motor vehicle accidents.

Question put and passed.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mr Andrew Constance moved, That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Ms Jenny Aitchison) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a future day.

13 **CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the interrupted debate, on the motion of Mr Gareth Ward, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Gareth Ward moved, That this bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

14 **PUBLIC INTEREST DEBATE—RURAL HEALTHCARE**

Mrs Helen Dalton moved, pursuant to notice, That this House:

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- (1) Notes there is a rural healthcare crisis across New South Wales.
- (2) Acknowledges this crisis contributes to a growing gap in life expectancy between rural and urban residents in New South Wales.
- (3) Calls on the Government to immediately commission an independent needs analysis of all regional hospitals, to determine gaps in services and funding.
- (4) Calls on the Government to commit to increase regional health funding to address the gaps highlighted by the independent needs analysis.

Upon which Mr Brad Hazzard moved, That the motion be amended by omitting all words after "House", with a view to inserting:

- (1) Notes the Government is investing unprecedented amounts of funding in regional and rural health care to support residents who live outside of major cities.
- (2) Notes there are challenges across all regional areas in Australia in delivering health services.
- (3) Notes the Government has done more than any government in history to increase the number of health staff working in the regions and to improve technology initiatives to support regional health staff in delivering for local communities.

Question proposed—That the amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

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Mr Anderson, Mr Ayres, Mr Barilaro, Ms Berejiklian, Mr Bromhead, Mr Clancy, Mr Conolly, Mr Constance, Mr Coure, Mrs Davies, Mr Dominello, Mr Elliott, Mr Evans, Ms Gibbons, Mr Greenwich, Mr Griffin, Mr Gulaptis, Mrs Hancock, Mr Hazzard, Mr Henskens, Mr Johnsen, Mr Kean, Dr Lee, Ms Lindsay, Mr Marshall, Mr O'Dea, Mrs Pavey, Mr Perrottet, Mr Piper, Ms Preston, Mr Provest, Mr Roberts, Mr Saunders, Mr Sidgreaves, Mr Sidoti, Mr Singh, Mr Smith, Mr Speakman, Mr Stokes, Mr Taylor, Mr Toole, Mrs Tuckerman, Ms Upton, Mr Ward, Mr Williams and Ms Wilson.

Tellers: Ms Cooke and Mr Crouch.

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Ms Aitchison, Mr Atalla, Mr Bali, Mr Barr, Mr Butler, Ms Car, Ms Catley, Mr Chanthivong, Ms Cotsis, Mr Crakanthorp, Mr Daley, Mrs Dalton, Mr Dib, Ms Doyle, Ms Finn, Mr Harris, Ms Harrison, Ms Haylen, Mr Hoenig, Ms Hornery, Mr Kamper, Mr Lalich, Ms Leong, Mr Lynch, Dr McDermott, Dr McGirr, Ms McKay, Ms Mihailuk, Mr Minns, Dr O'Neill, Mr Park, Mr Parker, Ms Saffin, Mr Scully, Ms Smith, Ms Tesch, Ms Voltz, Mr Warren, Ms Washington and Mr Zangari.

Tellers: Mr Mehan and Ms Watson.

In the Chair: Mrs Williams.

Question—That the motion as amended be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr Ryan Park sought leave to move a motion to suspend standing orders to permit the consideration forthwith of the Legislative Council message regarding reference to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, dated 18 September 2019.

Leave not granted.

- 16 **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**
- 17 **COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENTS**
- 18 **ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned, pursuant to standing and sessional orders, at 8.23 pm until tomorrow, at 9.30 am.

Attendance: All members present except Mr Donato.