



# PROCEDURAL DIGEST

Legislative Assembly

FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT, FIRST SESSION

NO. 7/2016: 23 – 25 AUGUST 2016

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*This document provides a summary of significant procedural events and precedents in the Legislative Assembly. It is produced at the end of each sitting period. Where applicable the relevant Standing Orders are noted.*

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## BILLS

### ***Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016***

On 23 August 2016 debate resumed on second reading of the *Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016*. After the Leader of the Opposition, the Premier and 41 other Members had spoken in the debate, which lasted for almost 12 hours, the bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly.

After considering an additional item of business the House adjourned at 3.47 am

The lengthy debate on the bill and the late adjournment of the House were facilitated by a suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders to alter the Routine of Business so as to not call on Private Members' Statements and to permit the House to sit past 10.00 pm.

*Votes and Proceedings: 23/8/2016, p. 816, pp. 819-25.*

*Hansard (Proof): 23/8/2016, pp. 34-131.*

**Standing Orders 97, 188, 203 and 365.**

## BUSINESS

### ***Ministerial Statement about Vietnam War Veterans and the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan***

On 24 August 2016 the Minister for Veterans Affairs made a statement about Vietnam War Veterans and the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Mr Guy Zangari MP also addressed the House, on behalf of the Opposition and the Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs (a Member of the Legislative Council), in relation to the matter.

*Votes and Proceedings: 24/8/2016, p. 830.*

*Hansard (Proof): 24/8/2016, pp. 28-30.*

**Standing Order 103.**

## MEMBERS

### ***Photograph of the House in session***

On 23 August 2016 the Speaker advised Members that a photograph of the House in session would be taken the next day at 2.15 pm, immediately before Question Time, and requested that Members be in the Chamber promptly to minimise any delays to House proceedings.

*Hansard (Proof): 23/8/2016, p. 15.*

### ***Leave of absence for Ms Tanya Davies MP***

On 25 August 2016 the Leader of the House moved that Ms Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa, be granted a leave of absence for the current session due to maternity. The motion was passed on the voices.

*Votes and Proceedings: 25/8/2016, p. 840.*

**Standing Order 28.**

## VACANCIES

### ***Joint sitting to elect a Member of the Legislative Council***

On 24 August 2016 Members of the Legislative Assembly attended the Legislative Council Chamber for a joint sitting to elect a person to fill the seat in the Legislative Council vacated as a result of the death of Dr John Kaye.

At the conclusion of the election the Legislative Assembly Members returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber and a Temporary Speaker reported that Mr Justin Field had been elected to fill the vacancy.

*Votes and Proceedings: 24/8/2016, p. 828.*

(Procedural note: In the NSW Parliament casual vacancies in the Legislative Council are filled by a person elected at a joint sitting of both Houses called by the Governor. If the casual vacancy was previously filled by a member of a political party, only another member of that party may be elected to fill the vacancy. This is specified by section 22D of the [Constitution Act 1902](#).)