

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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

Mr PRESIDENT

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

That:

- (1) A joint select committee be established to inquire into and report on companion animal breeding practices in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) The current situation in New South Wales in comparison with other jurisdictions;
  - (b) Proposals to limit the number of animals allowed to be kept by breeders;
  - (c) Calls to implement a breeders' licensing system;
  - (d) The implications of banning the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores;
  - (e) Any legislative changes that may be required; and
  - (f) Any other related matter.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders of either House, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
  - (a) five members of the Legislative Assembly, of whom:
    - (i) three are Government members, being Mr Adam Crouch, Mr Alister Henskens, and Mr Adam Marshall;
    - (ii) one is an Opposition member, who shall be nominated in writing to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the Opposition Whip; and
    - (iii) one is an Independent member, being Mr Greg Piper.
  - (b) four members of the Legislative Council, of whom:
    - (i) two are Government members;
    - (ii) one is an Opposition member; and
    - (iii) one is a Crossbench member.
- (3) The Chair of the committee be Mr Adam Marshall and the Deputy Chair of the Committee be elected at its first meeting.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the committee, any five members of the committee will constitute a quorum, provided that at least one member of each House is present at all times.
- (5) The committee report by 31 August 2015.
- (6) This House requests the Legislative Council to agree to a similar resolution and name the time and place for the committee's first meeting.

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SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Mr Blair sought the leave of the House to move a motion to suspend standing orders to allow consideration of the Legislative Assembly's message forthwith.

No objection taken.

Leave granted.

Mr Blair moved, by leave and without notice: That standing orders be suspended to allow consideration of the Legislative Assembly's message forthwith.

Question put and passed.

Mr Blair then moved:

1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Wednesday 13 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding in New South Wales be Mr MacDonald, Mr Pearson, Mrs Taylor and Mr Veitch.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Thursday 14 May 2015 at 9.00 am in the Macquarie Room.

Debate ensued.

Dr Kaye moved: That the question be amended as follows:

1. Insert at the end of paragraph 1 "with the following amendments, in which amendments the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly is requested:
  - (1) In paragraph (2), omit 'nine members' and insert instead '10 members'.
  - (2) In paragraph (2) (b), omit 'four members of the Legislative Council' and insert 'five members of the Legislative Council'.
  - (3) In paragraph (2) (b) (iii), omit 'one is a crossbench member' and insert instead 'two are crossbench members'."
2. In paragraph 2, insert 'Dr Faruqi' before 'Mr MacDonald'.

Debate continued.

Question put: That the amendment of Dr Kaye be agreed to.

The House divided.

Ayes 17

Ms Barham	Dr Kaye	Mr Secord
Mr Buckingham	Mr Mookhey	Ms Sharpe
Ms Cotsis	Mr Moselmane *	Mr Shoebridge
Mr Donnelly *	Mr Pearson	Mr Veitch
Dr Faruqi	Mr Primrose	Ms Voltz
Mrs Houssos	Mr Searle	
		* Tellers

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Mr Ajaka	Mr Farlow	Mr Mason-Cox
Mr Amato	Mr Franklin *	Mrs Mitchell
Mr Blair	Mr Gallacher	Revd Mr Nile
Mr Borsak	Mr Gay	Mr Pearce
Mr Brown	Mr Green	Dr Phelps *
Mr Clarke	Mr MacDonald	Mrs Taylor
Mr Colless	Mrs Maclaren-Jones	
Ms Cusack	Mr Mallard	* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Wong

Mr Khan

Question resolved in the negative.

Original question put and passed.

Mr Blair then moved: That the following message be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly:

Madam SPEAKER

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

1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Wednesday 13 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales be Mr MacDonald, Mr Pearson, Mrs Taylor, and Mr Veitch.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Thursday 14 May 2015 at 9.00 am in the Macquarie Room.

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DON HARWIN  
President

Question put and passed.