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Overview

As foreshadowed in the previous edition of *House in Review*, the House met on Wednesday 2 July for the purpose of holding a joint sitting with the Legislative Assembly (see item below).

As the House met solely for the purpose of the joint meeting it did not proceed to business listed on the Notice Paper. However, the House did deal with routine formalities, such as the reporting of messages, the giving of notices of motion, and the adjournment debate.

The House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 12 August 2014, which is the week preceding the initial round of Budget Estimates hearings, unless recalled earlier.

Vacancy in the representation of the State in the Senate

On 1 July 2014, the President of the Senate wrote to the Governor of New South Wales advising that there was now a vacancy in the representation of the State of New South Wales in the Senate through the resignation of the Hon Bob Carr.

On 2 July 2014, the Acting President reported a message from Her Excellency the Governor notifying the House of the vacancy in the Senate arising from the resignation of the Hon Bob Carr.

Shortly after, the Acting President reported a message from the Legislative Assembly requesting that the Council fix the time and place for a joint sitting for the purpose of sitting and voting together to elect a replacement for the Hon Bob Carr.

In accordance with section 15 of the Commonwealth Constitution, a joint sitting of the two Houses was subsequently held at which Ms Deborah O'Neill was elected to fill the vacated seat.

25th Usher of the Black Rod appointed

The Acting President informed the House that, on 30 June 2014, Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, appointed Ms Susan Jane Want as Usher of the Black Rod.

Private members' business

Note: Private members' business is business introduced by members of the House other than Government ministers. There are two types of private members' business: private members' bills and private members' motions.

Motions taken as formal business

The following items of private members' business were agreed to as formal business without amendment or debate:

- (1) 72nd anniversary of Japanese midget submarines entering Sydney Harbour (Revd Mr Nile)
- (2) Hon Barry O'Keefe AM QC (Revd Mr Nile)
- (3) Boar War Memorial project (Revd Mr Nile).

Reports tabled

Auditor General:

- (1) Performance Audit report entitled 'Making the most of government purchasing power - telecommunications: Office of Finance and Services, Department of Education and Communities, Forestry Corporation of NSW, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Essential Energy, Sydney Trains', dated June 2014.
- (2) Financial Audit, Volume Three 2014, focusing on Parliamentary Entitlements, dated July 2014.

Independent Commission Against Corruption: Report entitled 'Investigation into the conduct of certain City of Ryde councillors and others', dated June 2014.

Committee activities

Note: Committee activities includes committee references, reports tabled, debate on committee reports, government responses received and any other significant committee activity in the House.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No.2

The Acting President informed the House that Mrs Pavey had been elected Chair.

Committee report tabled

Select Committee on the sale of Currawong property at Pittwater: Report entitled "Sale of the Currawong Property at Pittwater", dated June 2014.

Adjournment debate

Wednesday 2 July 2014

Women's services (Ms Sharpe); Barangaroo development (Mr Shoebridge); Hockey (Mr Blair); Australian Labor Party candidate preselection (Ms Fazio); Human trafficking (Mr Green); State budget (Mr Pearce).

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