NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HOUSE IN REVIEW



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Overview

The last sitting week before the winter recess saw the House pass the Appropriation bills for the 2015-2016 financial year. In addition, the House dealt with five other Government bills and considered a disallowance motion. All five bills were returned to the Assembly, two of them, the Public Health (Tobacco) Amendment (Ecigarettes) Bill and the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with amendments that were subsequently agreed to by the Assembly.

A number of interesting procedural matters arose during the week while the House was debating the various pieces of legislation that came before it, including an extensive ruling by the Deputy President and Chair of Committees which encompassed the ability of the Council to amend financial legislation (money bills), given during the committee stage of the Small Business Grants (Employment Incentive) Bill.

On Wednesday the House set the schedule for this year's inquiry into the Budget Estimates. The initial round of hearings will take place during the week of 31 August to 4 September 2015. The week of 6 to 9 October 2015 has been set aside for supplementary hearings.

The House also established a Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system. The genesis of the committee system as we know it today can be found in the establishment of a Select Committee some 25 years ago. The Select Committee established this week will seek to report to the House with recommendations to further enhance the work and role of committees. On the establishment of the Select Committee, the President acknowledged the importance of the Committee's task as the work of the committee system goes to the core of the role of the Council as a House of Review.

The House has now risen for the winter recess and will next sit on Tuesday 11 August 2015, unless recalled earlier.

2015-2016 Budget

On 23 June, Mr Gay tabled the 2015-2016 Budget Papers in the House.

Mr Gay commenced the take-note debate on the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016, and incorporated the Treasurer's budget speech (given earlier that day in the Assembly) into Hansard. Debate was adjourned until a later hour.

The Budget bills themselves were dealt with separately by the House on 25 June 2015. See discussion below.

Government business

Note: Government business includes Government bills introduced or carried by ministers in the Council.

Appropriation Bill 2015 and cognates Appropriation (Budget Variations) Bill 2015; and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2015

The bills originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The Appropriations Bill 2015 is the annual budget bill which appropriates sums out of the Consolidated Fund to provide for the expenditure of the Government in the financial year 2015-2016.

The cognate Appropriations (Parliament) Bill 2015 sets out the annual appropriations for the recurrent services and capital works of the Legislature, while the Appropriation (Budget Variations) Bill 2015 appropriates amounts out of the Consolidated Fund for the year 2013–14 for the purpose of giving effect to certain Budget variations required by the exigencies of Government.

Proceedings: The bills were received from the Legislative Assembly on 25 June 2015 and read a first time. As the bills were received after the cut-off date for Government bills, the Minister (Mr Gay) moved that the bills be considered urgent, allowing them to pass the House before the winter break. The motion was agreed to.

The Leader of the Government and the Leader of the Opposition spoke in debate on the second reading of the bills. The Leader of the Opposition requested that the question on the second reading of the bills be put separately and moved that the provisions of the Appropriation (Budget Variations) Bill be referred to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 for inquiry and report.

The Opposition amendment was negatived and the second reading of each bill was agreed to. The third reading of the bills was agreed to and the bills were returned to the Assembly.

Fair Trading Legislation (Repeal and Amendment) Bill 2015

The bill originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The bill repeals the Consumer Claims Act 1998 and re-enacts the substance of that Act – the consumer claims jurisdiction for the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal – in the Fair Trading Act 1987. The bill also repeals the Fitness Services (Pre-paid Fees) Act 2000 and the Home Fund Commissioner Act 1993, and provides for the repeal within five years of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1899.

Proceedings: Debate on the second reading of the bill commenced on 23 June 2015. The second reading speech of the Minister (Mr Ajaka) was incorporated into Hansard. That speech stated that the bill removes redundant and duplicative regulatory requirements, consistent with the Government's drive to reduce the regulatory burden on businesses and consumers by identifying unnecessary laws, regulations and fees which can be repealed from the statute books. The speech further noted that over the past four years, the Government had repealed over 220 legislative burdens while introducing only 47 to deliver a ratio of one on, five off.

The Opposition did not oppose the bill, but indicated that it was aware of significant stakeholder concerns held by the Tenant's Union and the Law Society that the repeal of the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1899* would result in the loss of some key tenant protections. The Opposition said that it would support the bill if the Government could provide assurances that it would address these stakeholder issues. The Christian Democratic Party supported the bill, noting that it was always willing to be associated with the reduction of red tape and the removal of outdated laws.

In reply, the Minister said that the issues raised by the Law Society and the Tenant's Union would be addressed during the statutory review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*, which would be completed prior to the repeal of the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1899*.

The second and third readings of the bill were agreed to and the bill was returned to the Assembly without amendment.

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Offences) Bill 2015

The bill originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The bill amends the Crimes Act 1900 to make the offence of sexual intercourse with a child aged under 10 years punishable by a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, and amends the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 to set standard non-parole periods for certain child sex offences.

Proceedings: Debate on the second reading of the bill commenced on 23 June 2015, but was interrupted for

Question Time, with the debate resuming the following day. The second reading speech of the Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Clarke), which was incorporated into Hansard, indicated that the bill delivers on a key election promise to introduce new laws to better protect and deliver justice for children, and will bring sentences in line with community expectations. The speech further noted that the bill implements key recommendations of the October 2014 report of the Joint Select Committee on Sentencing of Child Sexual Assault Offences, entitled 'Every Sentence Tells a Story'.

The Opposition did not oppose the bill, noting that the two proposals in the bill arose from the report of the parliamentary committee, which itself was supported by the Opposition members of that committee. The Opposition took the opportunity to note that the sentencing of child sex offenders was often a controversial and complex issue, and that the independence of the judiciary can be undermined by emotive media campaigns that continually call for harsher penalties. The Opposition further cautioned that a useful analysis of the appropriateness of the sentences given to child sex offenders cannot be provided by the use of statistics alone. While the Opposition did not believe that the bill would necessarily result in the imposition of harsher sentences, it did believe the bill would assist towards greater consistency in sentencing.

The Greens did not support the bill, arguing that the removal of the aggravation distinction for the offence of sexual intercourse with a child under 10 would create practical difficulties and have negative implications for the criminal justice system. The Greens described the bill as ad hoc and a superfluous gesture that would be unlikely to prove a useful deterrent to child sex offenders. The Greens moved an amendment to refer the bill to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice for inquiry and report.

The Christian Democratic Party stated that it was concerned with doing whatever was necessary to make the State safer for children and argued that the bill works towards this aim by creating a greater deterrent to the commission of child sex offences.

The Greens amendment to refer the bill to the Law and Justice Committee was negatived. The second and third readings of the bill were agreed to, and the bill was returned to the Assembly without amendment.

Public Health (Tobacco) Amendment (Ecigarettes) Bill 2015

The bill originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The bill amends the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 to prohibit the sale, including from vending machines, of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to persons under the age of eighteen. The bill broadly defines e-cigarettes and their accessories so as to capture any device that releases or generates an aerosol or vapour by electronic means for inhalation in a manner similar to the inhalation of tobacco from a tobacco product. The prohibition does not apply to legitimate stop-smoking aids that meet the definition of e-cigarette provided these are registered therapeutic goods or where there is an approval under the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act. The definition of e-cigarette includes devices and liquids that contain nicotine as well as those that do not contain nicotine.

Proceedings: Consideration of the bill in committee of the whole commenced on 24 June 2015 (see Vol 56/3 of *House in Review* for the second reading debate). Prior to the House resolving into committee, the House, on motion from the Opposition, gave an instruction that allowed consideration of amendments that regulated the sale, packaging, advertising and display of e-cigarettes and that amended the *Smoke-Free Environment Act 2000* to regulate the use of e-cigarettes in certain public places.

The Opposition, the Christian Democratic Party and the Government all circulated amendments that would see the sale, display packaging and advertising of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories regulated in the same way as tobacco products and smoking accessories. The Greens, Christian Democratic Party and the Government also all circulated an amendment to prohibit the use of ecigarettes in vehicles if a juvenile is present. As it was a Government bill, the Government was afforded priority and moved its amendments, which were agreed to.

The Greens also sought to amend the bill to provide the responsible Minister the ability to prohibit classes of ecigarette products. While supported by the Opposition, the amendment was negatived on the voices.

The Opposition then sought to amend the *Smoke-free Environment Act* to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in designated smoke-free areas. The amendment was negatived (Division16:21), with the Greens and the Animal Justice Party supporting the amendment, but the Government, Christian Democratic Party and Shooters and Fishers Party opposing the amendment.

The bill was reported to the House with amendments, including an amendment to the long title, read a third time and returned to the Assembly. The Assembly agreed to the amendments.

Small Business Grants (Employment Incentive) Bill 2015

The bill originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The bill establishes the Small Business Employment Incentive scheme to provide a grant of \$2000 to employers for each new full time employee that does not attract payroll tax. The grant will be available after the first anniversary of the hiring of a new employee.

Proceedings: The bill was received from the Legislative Assembly on 24 June 2015 and read a first time. Having reached the Council after the cut-off date for Government bills, the bill was declared urgent, allowing it to be dealt with on one day.

The second reading speech of the Parliamentary Secretary (Mr MacDonald) was incorporated into Hansard. In that speech, the Parliamentary Secretary indicated the grant scheme was closely modelled on the existing jobs action plan which was recently extended by the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme (Jobs Action Plan) Amendment (Extension) Bill 2015, but with some differences to ensure that small business employers are given greater incentive to hire new employees and create new job positions. The Parliamentary Secretary advised that the key improvements in this scheme were the extension to the registration period for employers to 60 days, the fact that new employees are not limited to one position and can be moved within their company to ensure flexibility, and the inclusion of apprentices and trainees as eligible employees under the scheme.

The members of the Government and the Christian Democratic Party supported the bill. The Opposition and the Greens did not oppose the bill, but were critical that the scheme was not targeted to specific areas of concern; that the grant amounts were inadequate; and that the Government was not looking at alternate methods of reducing unemployment rates such as funding education and training institutions. The Opposition foreshadowed that it would seek to amend the bill to increase the grant incentive amounts for the employment of youth and mature age workers, apprentices, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders and for those who work in regional or rural areas of the State.

The second reading was agreed to.

In the committee stage the Opposition moved its amendments to increase the applicable grant amount where specific categories of potential employees are employed.

A point of order was taken regarding the constitutionality of the Opposition's amendments, arguing that the amendments would have material effect on a 'money bill' of a kind that fell within the ambit of section 5A of the *Constitution Act 1902.* The Chair of Committees gave an expansive ruling, based on precedent and informed commentary, on the parameters of the Council's ability to amend 'money bills' stating that it was within the Council's power to amend money bills. The Chair further noted that in this case the amendments fell within the scope of section 5B of the Constitution Act, and ruled that they were in order.

The Government did not support the amendments, arguing there was insufficient time to analyse their fiscal implications and that it was imperative that the bill was passed prior to the winter recess. Despite being attracted to the principle upon which the amendments were based, the Christian Democratic Party opposed the amendments on the same grounds as those of the Government. The Greens supported the amendments, noting the vulnerability of the proposed categories of persons who would benefit from the increased incentive grants.

The amendments were negatived. (Division 16:21) with the Opposition, the Greens and the Animal Justice Party voting in favour, and the Government, Christian Democratic Party and the Shooters and Fishers Party voting against the amendments.

The bill was reported to the House without amendment, read a third time and returned to the Assembly.

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2015

The bill originated in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary: The bill makes minor amendments to various Acts and regulations, repeals various Acts and provisions of Acts and instruments, and makes other provisions of a consequential or ancillary nature.

Proceedings: Debate on the second reading of the bill commenced on 24 June 2015. In his second reading speech, the Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Clarke) indicated that the bill consists of amendments of a minor nature and foreshadowed that the Government would be amending the bill to remove provisions regarding the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, following objections to those provisions by the Shooters and Fishers Party. The remainder of the Parliamentary Secretary's speech was incorporated into Hansard.

The Opposition and the Christian Democratic Party did not oppose the bill on the grounds that the bill makes minor and uncontroversial changes. The Opposition noted concerns that had been raised by the shadow Attorney General in the Assembly relating to amendments affecting the University of Western Sydney and the Aboriginal Land Council and sought further clarification on the purpose and impact of those amendments. The Christian Democratic Party also sought confirmation from the Parliamentary Secretary that the Aboriginal Land Council had been consulted on the amendment to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*. In reply, the Parliamentary Secretary confirmed that the Aboriginal Land Council supported the amendment.

In the committee stage, the Government amendments to remove the provisions relating to the *Prevention of Cruelty* of Animals Act 1979 were agreed to.

The bill was reported to the House with amendments, read a third time and returned to the Assembly. The Assembly agreed to the amendments.

Bills introduced and read a first time

The following bill from the Assembly was introduced, read a first time, and its second reading set down for the first sitting day after the winter recess:

(1) Child Protection Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

Disallowance of delegated legislation

Note: The Legislative Council may disallow pieces of delegated legislation such as statutory rules and instruments under Part 6 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* or under the provisions of the primary act.

Disallowance of items [14] and [38] of Schedule 1 of the Gaming Machines Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulation 2015 (Dr Kaye, The Greens):

Summary: The regulation makes a number of miscellaneous amendments to the Gaming Machine Regulation 2010. Item 14 increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the amount above which prize money must be paid by crossed cheque or electronic funds transfer. Item 38 increases from \$200 (or on application \$1,000) to \$5,000,

the amount that can be held in a player account or stored on a Smartcard.

Proceedings: The House agreed to proceed with the disallowance motion on 25 June 2015. In speaking to the motion, Dr Kaye emphasised that it was seeking to disallow only two items from the regulation, and that the Greens acknowledged that the regulation contained a number of positive elements. The Greens argued that the two items would only serve to exacerbate issues with problem gambling while increasing the revenue of the club gaming industry. The Greens argued that the raising of the monetary limits would simply provide problem gamblers with the inescapable opportunity to immediately gamble away any winnings they might make. The Christian Democratic Party supported the motion, arguing that there was no basis for such a dramatic increase in the safeguard monetary limits, and that the only beneficiaries would be the liquor and gaming industries.

The Government opposed the motion, arguing that the items in the regulation were part of a public and transparent commitment that it made prior to the 2015 State election. The Government also noted that it had, through the regulation and other means, implemented a range of gambling harm minimisation initiatives. The Opposition also opposed the motion, noting that the monetary limits being increased by items [14] and [38] had been set more than a decade ago. The Opposition did not believe the new limits would see an increase in the incidence or volume of problem gambling and said it was not aware of any stakeholder opposition to these elements of the regulation.

The motion was negatived on the voices. Items [14] and [38] of the regulation remain in force.

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) International Women's Day 2015 (Mrs Maclaren-Jones)
- (2) Ramadan and Eid (Mr Moselmane)
- (3) Coffs Coast Advocate '#Terror At Home' campaign (Dr Faruqi)
- (4) Standing Committee on Law and Justice Reference (as by leave amended, Mr Veitch)
- (5) Monaro Committee for Cancer Research (Mrs Taylor)
- (6) Byron Beach Café (Ms Barham)
- (7) Tourist category 'Visiting Friends and Relatives' (Ms Barham)

- (8) Select Committee on the Legislative Council committee system (Mr Veitch)
- (9) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 referral of document (Mr Borsak)
- (10) National Day of the Republic of Poland (Mr Clarke)
- (11) Philippine National Day Ball (Mr Donnelly)
- (12) Depilex Smile Again Foundation (Dr Faruqi)
- (13) CanRevive Inc. 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner (Mr Donnelly)
- (14) Sydney Koreatown Festival 2015 (Mr Clarke)
- (15) 67th anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence (Mr Clarke)
- (16) Mr Phillip Toyne AO (Mr Veitch)
- (17) The Matildas (Dr Faruqi)
- (18) Fourth annual Sydney Chithirai Festival (Mr Clarke)
- (19) University of Notre Dame (Mr Donnelly)
- (20) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Conference (Mr Clarke)
- (21) Philippine Freedom Ball Gala Dinner and Dance (Mr Donnelly)
- (22) National TAFE Day (Dr Kaye)
- (23) HIV/AIDS Legal Centre (Mr Shoebridge)
- (24) Wheelchairs for Kids (Mr Moselmane)
- (25) NSW Environmental Defenders Office (Ms Sharpe)
- (26) 'Change the Record' campaign (Mrs Houssos)
- (27) Order for papers 2015-2016 Budget (Mr Searle)
- (28) Order for papers 2015-2016 Budget finances (Mr Searle)
- (29) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 reference (Ms Barham)
- (30) Gay hate crime (Mr Khan)
- (31) Australian Middle East Media (Mr Moselmane)
- (32) 15th Annual Egyptian Cultural Festival of Sydney (Mr Clarke)
- (33) Hawkesbury Environment Network community renewable energy program (Dr Kaye)
- (34) Joint Festival of Holi and Harmony Day (Mr Clarke)
- (35) Australian Egyptian Council Forum seminars (Mr Clarke).

Petitions

Petitions received

- Satellite renal unit at Young Health Service 3,985 signatures (presented Mr Veitch)
- (2) Belongil Beach rockwalls 103 signatures (presented Ms Barham)
- Regulation halving recreational fishing bag limits
 339 signatures (irregular, presented Mr Brown)
- (4) Draft plan of management of the Berowra Valley National Park – 685 signatures (presented Dr Faruqi).

Reports tabled

Auditor-General: Performance Audit report, entitled 'Government Advertising: Department of Premier and Cabinet, Destination NSW, Sydney Opera House, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services', dated June 2015.

Police Integrity Commission: 'Protea Report 2015', dated June 2015.

Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption: 'Report pursuant to the Premier's reference: Section 77A Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988', dated June 2015.

Auditor-General: Performance Audit report, entitled Implementing performance audit recommendations: Department of Premier and Cabinet, The Treasury, NSW Ministry of Health, Department of Education and Communities, Transport for NSW, NSW Police Force', dated June 2015.

Auditor General: Performance Audit report, entitled 'Efficiency and effectiveness in tax collection: Office of Finance and Services, Office of State Revenue', dated June 2015.

Auditor General: Financial Audit report, entitled 'Volume Three, 2015, focusing on Additional Entitlements for Members of Parliament', dated June 2015.

Inspector of Custodial Services: 'Making Connections: Providing family and community support to young people in custody', dated June 2015.

Independent Commission Against Corruption: Investigation into the conduct of a university manager and others in relation to false invoicing', dated June 2015.

Parliamentary Budget Office: Post-Election Report of the Parliamentary Budget Office', dated 11 June 2015.

Committee activities

Standing Committee on Law and Justice: The House referred to the committee an inquiry into remedies for the serious invasion of privacy in New South Wales.

Select Committee on the Legislative Council Committee System: The House established the committee to inquire into the Legislative Council committee system. **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3:** The House referred to the committee an inquiry into reparations for the Stolen Generations in New South Wales.

Select Committee on the Closure of Public Schools in New South Wales: The House established the committee to inquire into the closure of public schools in New South Wales.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3: Inquiry into registered nurses in New South Wales nursing homes (self reference).

Social Issues Committee: Inquiry into service coordination in communities with high social needs (ministerial reference).

Committee membership

The following appointments were reported to the House:

Standing Committee on Law and Justice: Mrs Maclaren-Jones as a member and chair in place of Mr Farlow.

Select Committee on the Legislative Council Committee System:

Mr Farlow, Mr Khan, Mr Pearce and Dr Phelps were nominated as the Government members on the committee, with Mr Farlow nominated as chair.

Mr Donnelly and Mr Veitch were nominated as the Opposition members on the committee, with Mr Veitch nominated as deputy chair.

Dr Kaye, Revd Mr Nile and Mr Pearson nominated for the two Crossbench positions on the committee. The President informed the House that if agreement cannot be reached among Crossbench members the membership will be determined by ballot at the next sitting of the House.

Committee report tabled

Legislation Review Committee: 'Legislation Review Digest No. 1/56", dated 23 June 2015.

Committee reports debated

Committee on Children and Young People: The House concluded the take-note debate on Report No. 4/55 entitled 'Volunteering and unpaid work placements among children and young people in NSW', dated November 2014.

Joint Select Committee on loose-fill asbestos insulation: The House concluded the take-note debate on the report entitled 'Loose-fill asbestos insulation', dated December 2014.

Select Committee on the planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region: The House continued the take-note debate on the report entitled 'The planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region', dated December 2014.

Government responses

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1: The House received a response to Report No. 41 entitled 'Review of the inquiry into allegations of bullying in WorkCover NSW', tabled 11 December 2014.

Select Committee on the planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region: The House received a response to the interim report entitled "The planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region', tabled 5 December 2014 and the final report entitled "The planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region', tabled 3 March 2015.

Joint Select Committee on loose-fill asbestos insulation: Correspondence was received concerning the response to the report entitled 'Loose-fill asbestos insulation', tabled 17 December 2014, which was due on 17 June 2015.

Inquiry activities

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Inquiry into local government in New South Wales. The committee announced an online questionnaire to seek input from interested members of the community. Alternatively, individuals and organisations who wish to provide more detailed responses can make submissions, with a closing date of 5 July 2015. The committee will hold three hearings in Sydney on 27 July and 10 and 24 August, and conduct regional site visits to Cobar, Wagga Wagga and Armidale on 17 and 18 August.

Inquiry into vocational education and training in New South Wales. The closing date for submissions is 14 August 2015. The committee intends to hold hearings and site visits from September.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Inquiry into the progress of the Ombudsman's investigation 'Operation Prospect'. The second hearing will be held on 26 June. The report is due to be tabled on 20 July 2015.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Inquiry into Stolen Generations in New South Wales. The closing date for submissions is 27 September 2015.

Inquiry into registered nurses in New South Wales nursing homes. The closing date for submissions is 23 July 2015.

Social Issues Committee

Inquiry into service coordination in communities with high social needs. The closing date for submissions is 16 August 2015.

Budget Estimates

The House resolved the timetable for the initial round of hearings for Budget Estimates 2015-2016. Initial hearings will be held 31 August-4 September 2015, and supplementary hearings 6-9 October.

Adjournment debate

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Cooma Universities Centre (Mrs Taylor); Violence against women (Mr Searle); Right to farm policy (Mr Brown); Anglosphere (Dr Phelps); Mental health (Mr Wong); Operation Protea (Mr Shoebridge).

Wednesday 24 June 2015

Indo-Australian relations (Mr Mookhey); Tribute to Kay Hull (Mr Franklin); For the Love of Wildlife registered charity (Mr Borsak); Liberal Party fundraising (Mr Donnelly); Tribute to David Stevens (Ms Cusack).

Thursday 25 June 2015

Environmental protection (Dr Faruqi); CDB and South East Light Rail project (Mr Mallard); State budget (Mrs Houssos); Child sex trafficking (Mr Green); Whitlam Government (Mr Clarke); East Hills election campaign (Ms Voltz).

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