Pairs

Ms Cotsis Mr Gay
Mr Primrose Ms Cusack
Mr Wong Mr Mason-Cox

Question resolved in the negative.

Original question put and passed.

19 DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY RULE—ITEMS [14] AND [38] OF SCHEDULE 1 OF THE GAMING MACHINES AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) REGULATION 2015

Question: That the motion of Dr Kaye proceed as business of the House—put and passed.

Dr Kaye moved: That the matter proceed forthwith.

Question put and passed.

Dr Kaye then moved, according to notice: That, under section 41 of the Interpretation Act 1987, this House disallows items [14] and [38] of Schedule 1 of the Gaming Machines Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulation 2015, published on the NSW Legislation website on 29 May 2015.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

20 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Mr Green moved, according to notice:

- 1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the closure of public schools in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the actual or potential closure or recess process relating to the following public schools:
 - (i) Martins Creek Public School,
 - (ii) Wollombi Public School,
 - (iii) Pearces Creek Public School,
 - (iv) Eraring Public School,
 - (v) Ellangowan Public School,
 - (vi) Wollar Public School,
 - (vii) Bellimbopinni Public School,
 - (viii) Bylong Upper Public school,
 - (ix) Blackville Public School,
 - (x) Rouchel Public School, and
 - (xi) any other rural public schools,
 - (b) the processes, policies, procedures, accountability, and decision making surrounding the closure of schools in New South Wales,
 - (c) factors considered in determining the suitability of alternative schools in the case of a closure.
 - (d) the transparency of the consultation process surrounding school closures,

- (e) the impact on local school communities affected by school closures,
- (f) the role of cost-benefit analyses in the closure process, if applicable, and
- (g) any other related matter.
- 2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
 - (a) three government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) three crossbench members, Mr Borsak, Mr Green and Dr Kaye.
- 3. That the Chair of the committee be Mr Green and the Deputy Chair be Mr Borsak.
- 4. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:
 - (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
 - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.
- 5. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
 - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
 - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
 - (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
- 6. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and

- (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.
- 7. That the committee report by Thursday 22 October 2015.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21 MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

Cognate bills—

(1) Appropriation Bill 2015

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill with the long title "An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Fund sums for the recurrent services and capital works and services of the Government for the year 2015-16" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly 25 June 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK

Speaker

(2) Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2015

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill with the long title "An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Fund sums for the recurrent services and capital works and services of the Legislature for the year 2015-16" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly 25 June 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK

Speaker

(3) Appropriation (Budget Variations) Bill 2015

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill with the long title "An Act to appropriate 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" presents the bill to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly 25 June 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK

Speaker

Mr Gay moved, according to sessional order: That

- (a) these bills be dealt with forthwith, and
- (b) consideration of the bills take precedence of all other items on the Notice Paper until concluded.

Question put and passed.