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## Overview

In a busy week for the Legislative Council nine bills were considered, seven of which were government bills and two were private members' bills. In addition, the House debated several important motions, including the 20th anniversary of the 'Bringing them home' report, the retirement of the Honourable Mike Gallacher, and a private members' motion condemning institutions which failed to protect children from sexual abuse by their members and leadership..

The House stands adjourned until Tuesday 30 May 2017.

# Motion to disallow Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Amendment (Approved Persons) Regulation 2017

On Wednesday 24 May 2017 Mr Searle (ALP) moved a motion to disallow the Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Amendment (Approved Persons) Regulation 2017. The Regulation prescribes various corporations as approved persons that may provide customer service functions on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of Service NSW.

Speaking to the motion Mr Searle noted that the private companies listed in the Regulation will have access to a wide range of private and personal information concerning individual citizens which is held by Service NSW. He noted that concerns have been raised in relation to aspects of the conduct of these companies, and that private, for-profit organisations are not subject to the same oversight and accountability requirements as government agencies. He argued that the Government could have appointed additional providers through an open tender process rather than by regulation, and that the Government's ultimate objective is the privatisation of Service NSW.

The Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Farlow) opposed the motion, noting that since 2013 Service NSW had retained the services of a sole external provider, and could now bring on other business partners to increase efficiency and responsiveness to customer demands. The Christian Democratic Party also opposed the motion.

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party supported the motion arguing that increasing the number of companies with access to personal details such as licensing information could lead to a lessening of the privacy and security of firearms license holders and other citizens. The Greens also supported the motion arguing that positive outcomes for Service NSW in the past have been achieved by public servants, not private companies, and that specific services could be tendered out if necessary.

The motion was negatived on the exercise of the President's casting vote following a division in which the votes were equal (18:18).

## Government business

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

# <u>Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line between Rosewood and Tumbarumba) Bill 2017</u>

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The bill authorises the closure of the railway line between McEachern Lane, Rosewood, and Albury Street, Tumbarumba, the removal of the railway tracks and the sale or disposal of the land, although the authority to sell the land does not necessarily mean its actual sale.

The Government stated that the purpose of the bill was to close the non-operational railway line between Rosewood and Tumbarumba in order to progress the development of a rail trail along that corridor. The Government noted that the rail line has not been in operation since 1974 and that the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail Project had been announced in 2015 as a pilot rail trail with a \$4.8 million grant from the Restart NSW-Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The Government said that while it was unlikely that the railway line would ever be required for future rail services, the arrangements for the rail trail will ensure that the corridor can be resumed by Transport for NSW if the need arises. The Government also said that there had been detailed planning and consultation with relevant stakeholders regarding the impacts and operation of the rail trail.

While the Opposition noted that it supported the establishment of rail trails, it emphasised that not all unused rail corridors are suitable for that purpose. The Opposition also noted the importance of gaining the support of adjacent landowners and ensuring that their concerns were addressed. In relation to the bill, the Opposition argued that it would serve as a template for future rail trail proposals, and therefore it was important to ensure that it was absolutely fit for purpose.

Debate was interrupted.

## Liquor Amendment (Reviews) Bill 2017

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

In January 2014 the Parliament passed the *Liquor Amendment Act*, which introduced a package of reforms to tackle alcohol-related violence. The reforms included lockout and alcohol sale restrictions for licensed premises in nominated precincts and state-wide restrictions on take-away alcohol sales. In 2016, former High Court Justice the Hon Ian Callinan was appointed to review the effectiveness and impact of the liquor reforms.

The bill amends the *Liquor Act 2007* and other gaming and liquor legislation to implement miscellaneous reforms arising out of the Callinan review and various departmental reviews. Some of the reforms arising out of the reviews were implemented by the *Liquor Amendment Regulation 2016*, and the bill implements those reforms which require legislative change. Primarily, the bill makes a number of changes to the Three Strikes Disciplinary scheme, including that in the case of licensed premises other than a club, a strike is incurred by the licensee or manager rather than by the premises. The bill also extends until 1 June 2018 the freeze on the granting of liquor licences for premises in a prescribed precinct.

In the second reading debate, the Government stated that the package of reforms contained in the bill implemented its remaining liquor law reforms. The Government argued that these reforms would further improve the regulation of the liquor industry and support business certainty and viability, while at the same time promoting effective measures to minimise risks of alcohol-related violence and harm in the community.

The Opposition did not oppose the bill, however it did note that not all the advice of Mr Callinan that the Government asserted the bill was based upon had been made public.

The Greens opposed the bill, arguing that it weakened the Three Strikes Disciplinary scheme. The Greens noted that Mr Callinan had also conducted a separate review specifically of the three strikes policy and that the provisions in the bill were purported to be based on the recommendations of that review. The Greens were critical of the Government for not making those recommendations public. The Greens also expressed concerns regarding the ability of the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority to adequately enforce compliance and to review licence applications.

The Christian Democratic Party supported the bill, referring to the success of the reforms to tackle alcohol-related violence to date, while also noting that there would be community concern at any potential reduction in their effectiveness.

The bill was read a second time (Division 28:6). The third reading was then agreed to and the bill returned to the Legislative Assembly.

# Protection of the Environment Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2017

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The bill amends a number of Acts relating to environmental protection administered by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) including the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991*, the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997* and the *Radiation Control Act 1990*. Among other things, the bill ensures that the exercise of powers by authorised officers is consistent regardless of the Act under which they are conducting an investigation, modernises aspects of the regulation of waste licences, removes the requirement that environment licence reviews be advertised in a newspaper and instead requires them to be advertised on the EPA website, and gives the Land and Environment Court the jurisdiction to hear proceedings for offences and to hear appeals against decisions of the EPA.

In his second reading speech, Mr Franklin (Parliamentary Secretary) said that the bill would better align the environmental legislation of the EPA and provide it with improved and more efficient regulatory tools to address a range of environmental issues.

The Opposition supported the bill, noting that illegal dumping was an increasing concern in the community and that the bill sought to strengthen the regulation of the waste disposal industry. The Opposition raised privacy concerns about the use of drones by authorised officers during investigations, and also raised concerns about the continuation of reporting of consultative committees in the State of the Environment Report.

The Greens supported the majority of the provisions in the bill, particularly those relating to the prosecution of groundwater offences. The Greens argued that the requirement that licence reviews be advertised on the EPA website was not adequate and foreshadowed they would move an amendment to broaden the requirement beyond just the website. The Christian Democratic Party supported the bill while noting there was a need to balance the necessary powers given to authorised officers carrying out investigations and the basic rights of landowners. The CDP also called on the Government to address privacy concerns regarding the use of drones by EPA officers.

In reply, the Parliamentary Secretary advised that the use of drones in no way expanded the current entry powers of EPA authorised officers and that the limitations pertaining to the physical entry of an officer applied equally to a drone. The Parliamentary Secretary also advised that reporting of consultative and education activities would continue.

The second reading was agreed to.

In the committee stage the Greens amendment, while supported by the Opposition, was defeated (Division 15:18). The bill was read a third time and returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

# Universities Legislation Amendment (Planning Agreements) Bill 2017

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The bill was split from the Statue Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 during the last sitting of the House (see previous edition of House in Review) and considered in Committee of the Whole this week. The bill authorises university governing bodies to enter into voluntary planning agreements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 without the approval of the Minister for Education. However, the bill provides that Ministerial approval will still be required in the case of an agreement over any lands acquired by the University from the State at less than market value.

The Government stated that the bill clarifies the power of university governing bodies to enter into voluntary planning agreements, and argued that it was necessary to ensure that universities are properly equipped to meet the growing needs for higher education graduates, and to continue to be able to attract international students. The Government asserted that the provisions in the bill arose from a request from the New South Wales Vice Chancellor's Committee.

The Opposition stated that while it was not inherently opposed to the legislation it was not able to support the bill as the reasons for the bill were not clear. The Opposition called on the Government to disclose the information it has received from the Vice-Chancellor's Committee as to the need for the bill. The Greens opposed the bill on the grounds that it sought to provide universities the ability to become property developers, and that it would allow a university to overdevelop one part of its campus in breach of local planning controls, height controls, and floor space ratio controls.

The second reading of the bill was agreed to (Division 17:16), with the Christian Democratic Party joining the Government in supporting the bill while the Opposition, The Greens and the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers opposed the bill. The bill was read a third time and returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

## Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

House of origin: Legislative Council

The bill amends the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* and other laws in respect of the categorisation of firearms, firearms and weapons amnesties, ammunition controls, licences and permits and administrative arrangements.

In his second reading speech, the Minister (Mr Blair) explained that the bill amends existing legislation to bring it into line with the updated National Firearms Agreement (NFA). The Minister noted that a Joint Commonwealth - New South Wales review into the Martin Place siege recommended an update to the 'technical' elements of the NFA, and that this bill implements these recommendations. The Minister argued that the bill does not change the 20 year long Australian approach to firearm control, including: firearm owners must still be licensed; individuals must still have a genuine reason to possess a firearm; personal protection is still not a genuine reason to acquire a firearm licence; firearms must still be registered; and Permits to Acquire are still needed for each additional firearm. The Minister noted that with the implementation of the bill firearm laws in the State will reflect the new National Firearms Agreement.

In addition, the bill implements other measures that were in consideration at the same time as the NFA update, including the categorisation of lever-action shotguns, issues arising from court decisions, and recommendations by the New South Wales Firearms Registry. The Minister argued that the bill retains the

balance between not criminalising legitimate firearm owners and keeping the public safe from firearms in the wrong hands.

The second reading was adjourned for five calendar days.

# Mining and Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

House of origin: Legislative Council

The bill amends certain mining and petroleum legislation to make further provision with respect to ancillary mining activities, enforceable undertakings and the administration and enforcement of that legislation.

In his second reading speech the Minister (Mr Harwin) said that the bill builds on previous reforms of the resources regulatory framework, and was an example of the Government's commitment to continuous improvement in the safe and sustainable development of the resources sector. Minister Harwin argued that the bill would enhance environmental protections, strengthen compliance and enforcement powers, improve the rigour of the titles administration framework, and introduce a streamlined approval process for ancillary mining activities in order to create a more fit-for-purpose regulatory framework.

Debate was adjourned for five calendar days.

# Electronic Transactions Legislation Amendment (Government Transactions) Bill

House of origin: Legislative Council

The bill amends various acts and regulations to provide for the electronic service and publication of documents and the use of electronic forms, and amends the Road Transport Act 2013 to provide for a trial of digital driver licences.

The Parliamentary Secretary (Mrs Taylor) stated that the bill enables electronic transactions between government and citizens and business in areas where electronic mechanisms are currently unavailable or unclear, and enables the government to deliver faster and more efficient services through digital channels. The proposed changes include allowing certain documents to be served by email instead of personally or by post, allowing certain information to be verified electronically instead of by statutory declaration, and amending legislative references to photocopied documents.

The second reading was adjourned for five calendar days.

Motions

### Retirement of the Honourable Mike Gallacher

On Wednesday 24 May 2017, the House debated a motion marking the retirement of the Honourable Mike Gallacher. Mr Gallacher was elected to the Legislative Council on 17 April 1996 and served until his resignation on 6 April 2017. During his time as a member of the House, he served as Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council and Vice President of the Executive Council. He also served as a Minister of the Crown following the 2011 State election.

The motion called on the House to note the retirement of Mr Gallacher from the Legislative Council after nearly 21 years of service, and to congratulate him on his contribution in various roles as a member of the Council.

Members from all sides of the House spoke in support of the motion. Members spoke to their personal recollections of their dealings with Mr Gallacher and their impressions of him. Various members noted Mr Gallacher's achievements as a Minister, his commanding presence in the Chamber, his formidableness as an opponent, his decency and the respect he gave to and received from all sides of the House, his leadership skills and willingness to guide and mentor new members. Members also acknowledged Mr

Gallacher's new role as Chief Executive Officer of Ports Australia and wished him and his family the best for the future.

The motion was agreed to.

# 'Bringing Them Home' Report Twentieth Anniversary

The motion called on the House to note that 26 May 2017 marks 20 years since the 'Bringing them home' report by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission was tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament; that the report followed a two-year national inquiry into the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families; and that during the inquiry, hundreds of people taken as children from their families told their stories for the first time. The motion also called on the House to acknowledge that the report shone a spotlight on the intergenerational impact of forcible removal on the children and grandchildren of the stolen generations.

On the motion being moved, members and officers stood in their places as a mark of respect and observed one minute's silence in recognition of the members of the stolen generations.

In speaking to the motion, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Mrs Mitchell) acknowledged the unprecedented trauma inflicted upon those families who had their children forcibly removed for no other reason than being Aboriginal. The Minister noted that 'Bringing them home' rightly called for reparations, acknowledgment and apology, measures of restitution and rehabilitation, monetary compensation and guarantees against repetition, and that it has taken far too long for successive governments to respond to the challenges raised in the report. The Minister announced a suite of actions by the Government to address these issues, including a fast-tracked financial reparations scheme for survivors of the stolen generations that will commence on 1 July 2017.

The Minister acknowledged the importance of the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 inquiry into Reparations for the Stolen Generations in New South Wales. The catalyst for the establishment of that inquiry was the lack of action taken since the release of 'Bringing them home'. The report of the GPSC 3 inquiry made a number of recommendations which have become the template for the Government's suite of actions. The Minister also acknowledged her predecessor, the Honourable Leslie Williams, for her work regarding reparations for the stolen generations and developing the Government's response to the recommendation of the GPSC 3 report.

Members from the Opposition, Government, The Greens and the Christian Democratic Party all spoke in support of the motion. Members from all parties reflected on the scale of the on-going impact of forcible removals, the resilience of the stolen generations, the length of time taken to respond to 'Bringing them home', and the need to continue to do more to assist Aboriginal communities to heal and strengthen.

The motion was agreed to.

#### 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.

Bills

# Local Government Amendment (Amalgamation Referendums) Bill 2017 (Mr Borsak, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers)

The object of the bill is to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to provide that plebiscites are to be held to determine whether the electors of the local government areas amalgamated during 2016 wish the amalgamations to be reversed, and that certain proposed amalgamations of local government areas are not to proceed unless approval for his has been provided by the electors at a referendum.

Debate resumed from 11 May 2017, when the bill was introduced (see previous *House in Review* for details).

The Government opposed the bill, arguing that the process followed in the 20 council mergers that have taken place to date followed all of the requirements under the *Local Government Act*, and that the inclusion of referendums would have been a costly, duplicative step for no additional benefit. The Government argued that the decision on each merger was carefully considered and had taken into account extensive community consultation.

The Opposition supported the bill, arguing that the community was angry at the mergers that have taken place and disturbed by the threat of further mergers. The Opposition criticised the merger process, including the failure of the Government to release the KPMG documents upon which merger decisions had purportedly been based. The Opposition contended that in all cases a decision to merge or de-merge local councils must rest with the electorate. The Opposition foreshadowed that it would seek to make a single, technical amendment to the bill in the committee stage.

After contributions from two members, debate was adjourned.

# Local Government Amendment (Disqualification from Civic Office) Bill 2017 (Mr Primrose, Australian Labor Party)

The object of the bill is to disqualify property developers and real estate agents from holding the office of councillor or mayor of a local council, or, in the case of a county council, the office of chairperson or member.

Debate resumed from 30 March 2017, when the bill was introduced (see earlier *House in Review* for details).

The Government opposed the bill on the grounds that it was fundamentally deficient and would not be able to achieve its stated objectives as the proposed ban would be easy to circumvent. The Government argued that by proposing to ban a class of persons from participation the bill left itself open to legal challenge. The Government further argued that, rather than a ban, the best way to address the risks posed by property developers and real estate agents sitting on councils was to strengthen regulations around the conduct, including conflict of interest disclosure requirements, of all councillors.

The Greens supported the bill, and argued that it was clear that the community overwhelmingly wanted action to prevent property developers and real estate agents from sitting on local councils. The Christian Democratic Party did not support the bill, agreeing with the Government position that it was unsound to impose a ban on a class of persons. The CDP said that the electorate was the ultimate judge and that it should be left to to disqualify an individual on the basis of that individual's conduct and performance.

Members of the Opposition spoke in support of the bill, noting that property developers and real estate agents had long been identified as a class of persons that had a heightened conflict of interest when serving on local councils, and that they had, as a class of persons, been prevented in law from making political donations.

The Opposition, The Greens, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers and the Animal Justice Party supported the second reading of the bill, while it was opposed by the Government and the Christian Democratic Party. The ensuing division resulted in an equality of votes (19:19). The second reading of the bill was defeated on the casting vote of the President.

Motions

### Roman Catholic Church in Australia

Debate resumed from 23 February 2017 (see earlier House in Review for details).

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Searle, argued that the House should send a clear message to the wider community that it condemns the failure of churches and other bodies in our society to act against child sexual abuse. Mr Searle moved an amendment to the motion and to the amendment of Mr Shoebridge that

widened the motion beyond the Catholic Church to a wider array of named religious and community organisations.

Leading for the Government, Minister Harwin stated that preventing abuse and protecting children and other vulnerable people in our community is a key priority for the Government, and informed the House of the initiatives taken by the Government to support survivors of child sexual abuse and the reforms introduced to prevent institutional child sexual abuse in the future. The Minister also moved an amendment to that of Mr Searle, condemning any and all institutions that fail to protect children from sexual abuse, and removing specific reference to any particular institution in the motion.

In reply, Mr Pearson noted that his motion named the Catholic Church because of the severity and egregiousness of the child abuse that occurred in that church, some ten times greater than other organisations. However, he observed that in the final determination he would not oppose the motion if, as he expected, the House agreed to the Opposition amendments or the Government amendment because of the need to send a message from the House. The various amendments were all agreed to, either on the voices or on division, and the final motion, as amended, was agreed to.

## Motions taken as formal business

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

- (1) Ballina Meals on Wheels (Mr Franklin)
- (2) Duke of Edinburgh Award (Mrs Maclaren-Jones).
- (3) Briefing on electronic voting (Mr Shoebridge).
- (4) 20th anniversary of 'Bringing Them Home' report (Mr Moselmane).
- (5) Maronites on Mission Australia charity dinner (Mr Clarke).
- (6) Ms Lorraine Vass, Friends of the Koala (Ms Sharpe).
- (7) Opening of the Honorary Consulate of Bosnia and Herzegovina reception (Mr Clarke).
- (8) Transplant Australia New South Wales Branch dinner (Mr Donnelly).
- (9) 2017 Annual Dionysios Solomos Awards (Mr Clarke).
- (10) Festival of Lag Baomer (Mr Clarke).
- (11) Incarceration rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (Mr Moselmane).
- (12) 2017 Sydney Chithirai Festival (Mr Clarke).
- (13) 2017 National Indigenous Human Rights Awards—Eddie Mabo Award for Achievements in Social Justice (Mr Moselmane).
- (14) 2017 National Day of Serbia celebratory reception (Mr Clarke).
- (15) 2017 National Indigenous Human Rights Awards—Dr Yunupingu Human Rights Award (Mr Moselmane).
- (16) Mark Hughes Foundation (Mr Clarke).
- (17) 2017 National Indigenous Human Rights Awards—Anthony Mundine Award for Courage (Mr Moselmane).
- (18) National Palliative Care week (Mrs Taylor).
- (19) Shakti Australia inaugural InteGreat Women's Conference (Dr Faruqi).

(20) Country Women's Association of New South Wales annual conference (Mrs Taylor).

## Petitions received

(1) Opposition to abortion law reform bills – 3,329 signatures (presented Mr Donnelly).

#### Committee activities

Committee reports tabled

**Legislation Review Committee:** 'Legislation Review Digest No. 37/56', dated 23 May 2017.

Select Committee on Off-Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in New South Wales: 'Off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in New South Wales', dated May 2017.

Committee reports debated

# General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2:

The House concluded the take note debate on Report No. 45 entitled 'Budget Estimates 2016-2017', dated December 2016.

Standing Committee on Social Issues: The House concluded the take note debate on Report No. 51 entitled 'Childhood overweight and obesity', dated December 2016.

## General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3:

The House concluded the take note debate on Report No. 36 entitled 'Inner city public primary school enrolment capacity and redevelopment of Ultimo Public School', dated February 2017.

## General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5:

The House continued the take note debate on Report No. 45 entitled 'Commercial fishing in New South Wales', dated February 2017.

## Inquiry activities

## Select Committee on Human Trafficking

The committee has received 28 submissions and held two hearings. Further hearings will take place on 29 May and 15 June. The committee is due to report by September 2017.

# Standing Committee on Law and Justice

First review of the Dust Diseases and Lifetime Care and Support schemes

The committee has received ten submissions for the review of the Lifetime Care and Support scheme and six submissions for the Dust Diseases scheme. The committee will conduct two public hearings in Sydney on 2 and 28 June 2017.

## **Standing Committee on State Development**

Inquiry into regional development and a global Sydney

Submissions to the inquiry close on 4 June. A Sydney hearing will be held on 19 June and regional visits will be conducted in August and September 2017. The committee is due to report by April 2018.

Defence industry in New South Wales

Submissions to the inquiry close on 18 June. A Sydney hearing will be held on 3 August and regional visits will be conducted in August and September 2017. The committee is due to report by June 2018.

# Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services

Inquiry into road tolling

The committee held its third and final public hearing on 22 May 2017. The report will now be drafted.

## Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education

Inquiry into students with disability or special needs in New South Wales schools

The committee has received 413 submissions to date and has held four public hearings. The next hearing will take place on 8 June 2017 in Lismore, to be followed by the final hearing in Sydney on 23 June 2017.

## Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Legal Affairs

Inquiry into museums and galleries

The report is currently being drafted and is due to be tabled on 15 June 2017.

Emergency services agencies

The closing date for submissions is 23 July 2017 and the committee intends to hold public hearings in late 2017.

# Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Inquiry into water augmentation for rural and regional New South Wales

The committee has received over 100 submissions and last week held regional hearings in Moree, Tamworth and Orange. Further hearings will be held in Sydney on 2 and 5 June 2017.

# Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment

Inquiry into energy from waste technology

The closing date for submissions is 28 May 2017 and the committee intends to conduct hearings in the latter half of the year.

## Reports tabled

**Auditor General**: 'Medical equipment management in NSW public hospitals: NSW Health', May 2017.

## Adjournment debate

## Tuesday 23 May 2017

Byron Writers Festival (Mr Franklin); Australian citizen test (Mr Wong); Central western New South Wales (Mr Green); Tribute to Peter Bonsall-Boone (Mr Khan); Digital data (Mr Graham); National Broadbank Network (Mr Buckingham).

## Wednesday 24 May 2017

Q Fever (Mr Secord); Animal Rights Awareness Week (Mr Pearson); The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser (Mr Amato); Local government amalgamations (Mr Primrose); Death of Stephen Smith (Mr Shoebridge); Empire Day (Dr Phelps).

## Thursday 25 May 2017

Hospital privatisation (Ms Walker); RSL Youth Commemorative Choir (Mrs Maclaren-Jones); Returned and Services League (Ms Voltz); Firearms regulation (Mr Borsak); National Palliative Care Week (Mr Donnelly); Abortion law reform (Mr Clarke).

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