That the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be withdrawn.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Reintroduction

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (12.50 pm): by leave, without notice: I move—

That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

- the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, introduced on 13 September 2016 and discharged and withdrawn today, be reintroduced following the presentation of a message from the Governor; and
- 2. in accordance with section 26B(3)(d) of the Constitution of Queensland 2001, the reintroduced Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, having already been referred to and reported on by the Transportation and Utilities Committee, be set down on the notice paper for its second reading immediately after its reintroduction and first reading without further referral to a portfolio committee.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Message from Governor

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (12.51 pm): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

MESSAGE

HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2016

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, PAUL de JERSEY AC, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—

A Bill for an Act to amend the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 and the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 for particular purposes.

GOVERNOR

Date: 11 October 2016

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Crawford): The message from His Excellency recommends the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The contents of the message will be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the message for the information of members.

Date: 11 October 2016

Tabled paper: Message, dated 11 October 2016, from his Excellency the Governor, recommending the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

Introduction

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (12.51 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 and the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994 for particular purposes. I table the bill and explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

Tabled paper: Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016, explanatory notes.

Further, I table a copy of the *Hansard* extract of the explanatory speech I delivered when introducing the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 on 13 September 2016.

Tabled paper: Extract from Hansard, dated 13 September 2016, speech by the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, introducing the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I adopt this explanatory speech for the introduction of the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 that I am introducing today.

First Reading

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (12.52 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: In accordance with the motion agreed to by the House earlier today, the bill is set down on the notice paper for its second reading. >

YOUTH JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION (INCLUSION OF 17-YEAR-OLD PERSONS AMENDMENT BILL

Resumed from 15 September (see p. 3581).

Second Reading

Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (12.53 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Youth Justice and Other Legislation (Inclusion of 17 year old Persons) Amendment Bill 2016, introduced into parliament on 15 September 2016, brings 17-year-olds into the youth justice system. However, the bill does more than simply include 17 year-olds in the youth justice system. It is a catalyst for change in the way we respond to young people who offend and for open and honest discussion about this important matter. Importantly, this bill will commence on proclamation 12 months after its passing to ensure a measured approach to the transition of 17 year-olds from the adult prison system to the youth justice system.

This bill is not a debate about whether young people who commit crimes should face the criminal justice system. Of course, young people who commit offences must be held accountable by the police, the courts and more broadly by society. Any decision of the courts in relation to an offence by a young person must weigh up the punishment for the offence, the deterrence against re-offending and to those who may consider committing similar offences, rehabilitation and of course community safety. This will occur whether the young person is tried as an adult or as a youth.

What this bill is about is how we treat those young people who find themselves in the criminal justice system. In applying a justice reinvestment model, what we achieve in the long term is a reduction in offending, recidivism and an increase in community safety. How we respond to young people speaks to our values as a community, and our obligations to care for and protect young people and to take the necessary steps to ensure our community's safety. The depth of concern expressed by community members about the inappropriateness of imprisoning 17 year-old young people in adult prisons confirms the importance of these values in our society.

The bill was referred to the Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee, with the committee tabling their report on 27 October 2016. I would like to thank the committee for their work in considering this bill. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of those stakeholders who made submissions on the bill to the committee. The committee received 15 submissions. It is telling that the views presented by every submitter to the committee indicated overwhelming support for the objectives and policy intent of the bill. The support was so encouraging, I would like to share some of that sentiment with parliament now.

Associate Professor Terry Hutchinson, a member of the Crime and Justice Research Centre in Queensland University of Technology's Faculty of Law, welcomes the introduction of this bill as does the UQ Pro Bono Centre at the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, where 14 individual lecturers personally endorsed the submission. The Queensland Family and Child Commission 'welcomes the objective to include 17 year-olds in the youth justice system and has consistently recommended this occur in previous submissions to parliamentary committees and Queensland government'.

The Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland wrote that it has `long advocated for the removal of 17 year olds from the adult criminal justice system to the youth justice system and supports the objectives of the bill'. The Anglican Church of Southern Queensland's Social Responsibilities Committee `offers its support to the bill, and welcomes the commitment of this government to ensuring the safety of 17 year olds in detention by removing them from adult prisons'. The Salvation Army also