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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable M F Reynolds) read prayers.

Mr Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which this Parliament is assembled and the Custodians of the sacred lands of our State.

ASSENT TO BILLS

Letter from the Governor was reported, informing the House that Her Excellency had, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 9 November 2007—

- A Bill for an Act to amend the Mental Health Act 2000 and other Acts administered by the Minister for Health, and for related purposes (Mental Health and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 54 of 2007)
- A Bill for an Act to provide for salaries and allowances payable to judges and other particular office holders, and for other purposes (Judicial Remuneration Act 2007 – Act No. 55 of 2007)
- A Bill for an Act to amend Acts administered by the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 56 of 2007)

Paper: Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—

- Letter, dated 9 November 2007, from Her Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker advising of assent to Bills on 9 November 2007

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – PHOTOGRAPHER IN CHAMBER

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘I advise Members that I have given approval for a photographer from The Courier-Mail to take photographs in the Chamber this morning in accordance with the guidelines of the House which allow head and shoulder photographs to be taken. Some Members have indicated to me their concerns in that regard. I have had a word with the photographer in that regard this morning.’

SPEAKER’S RULING – RULES RELATING TO QUESTIONS

Mr Speaker made the following ruling—

‘Honourable Members—

Given the manner in which questions are being asked, I believe it is important that I remind Members about the rules relating to questions. My comments today relate to both questions on notice and without notice.

Standing Order 115 clearly outlines the general rules applying to both types of question. I have today instructed that a copy of Standing Order 115 be distributed to each Member in the Chamber. I would urge all Members to take the time to read the Standing Order and ensure they frame their questions more carefully, having regard to the rules.

I note that the Standing Order provides, amongst other things, that questions shall be brief and relate to one issue and shall not contain arguments, inferences or imputations, nor ask for opinions.

In recent weeks, I have made comments about needless preambles in questions without notice. I note that this problem also occurs with questions on notice.'
All Members should take note that in respect of questions without notice, I will now feel at liberty to sit down a Member who recites an overly lengthy preamble and move directly to the next Member’s question. Members need to ask questions, not make speeches.

In respect of questions on notice, I have instructed the Clerks at the Table to simply edit unnecessary preamble and debate.

I am also becoming concerned at the number of sub-questions in questions on notice. I will rule out of order or use my powers to modify questions that relate to more than one issue or contain unreasonable sub questions.

Questions are a vital part of parliamentary proceedings, especially to its scrutiny and accountability functions. It is important that Members ask questions in accordance with the rules. The Clerks at the Table are able to assist Members with the drafting of questions to ensure that they are in order.’

PETITIONS

The following paper Petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Members indicated, were received—

Mrs Stuckey, from 111 petitioners, requesting the House to open an oncology unit at Gold Coast Hospital.

Mr Moorhead, from 451 petitioners, requesting the House to provide a second railway line crossing close to Bethania Railway crossing.

Mr Wellington, from 629 petitioners, requesting the House to reroute, wherever possible, the proposed South East Queensland Water Grid Northern Pipeline Inter-connector Stage Two, adjacent to the M1 highway.

Mr Pitt, from 7,592 petitioners, requesting the House to establish a cardiac surgical facility in Cairns.

The following ePetition, sponsored by the Member indicated, was received—

Mr Stevens, from 77,074 petitioners, requesting the House to call a referendum to introduce daylight savings.

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—

2 November 2007—
Department of Housing – Annual Report 2006-07
Department of Housing – Financial Statements 2006–07
Residential Tenancies Authority – Annual Report 2006-07
Residential Tenancies Authority – General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2007
Queensland Building Services Authority – Annual Report 2006-07
Building and Construction Industry Payments Agency – Annual Report 2006-07
Department of Public Works – Annual Report 2006–07
Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Board of Architects – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland State Archives – Annual Report 2006-07
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Research Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Toowoomba Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07

5 November 2007—
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to a paper petition (877-07) presented by Mr Dempsey from 281 petitioners requesting the installation of traffic lights at the entrance to the IGA shopping complex on Queen Street, North Bundaberg
6 November 2007—
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to a paper petition (857-07) presented by Ms van Litsenburg from 1,028 petitioners regarding local government amalgamation in the Redcliffe City area
Copy of Extraordinary Queensland Government Gazette, Vol. 346, No. 55, published on 1 November 2007 appointing Mr Michael Choi MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Council – Annual Report 2006-07
Mining Safety and Health Advisory Council – Annual Report 2006-07
Boards of Examiners (Statutory certificates of competency for safe mine management) – Annual Report 2006-07

7 November 2007—
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to a paper petition (928-07) presented by Miss Simpson from 60 petitioners regarding local government reform
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to an ePetition (853-07) sponsored by Mr English from 40 petitioners regarding local government structural reform

8 November 2007—
Response from the Premier (Ms Bligh) to a paper petition (892-07) presented by Mr Moorhead from 79 petitioners regarding the Service Delivery and Performance Commission review of Goprint
Department of Mines and Energy – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Health – Annual Report 2006-07
Gold Coast Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07

9 November 2007—
Response from the Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) to a paper petition (915-07) presented by Ms Darling from 53 petitioners regarding the position of Principal at Sandgate State School
Response from the Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) to a paper petition (913-07) presented by Mr Pearce from 346 petitioners regarding the allocation of teachers to one-teacher schools
Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Ipswich Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
PA Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Redcliffe Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Sunshine Coast Health Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Prince Charles Hospital Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Prince Charles Hospital Foundation – Financial Statements 2006-07
Queensland Institute of Medical Research – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Institute of Medical Research – Financial Report 2006-07

12 November 2007—
Response from the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (Ms Spence) to a paper petition (914-07) presented by Mr Moorhead from 1082 petitioners regarding a facility for car enthusiasts to meet
Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards – Annual Report 2006-07
Chiropractors Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Dental Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Medical Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006–07
Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Optometrists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Osteopaths Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Pharmacists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Physiotherapists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Podiatrists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Psychologists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Nursing Council – Annual Report 2006-07
Department of Education and the Arts – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Art Gallery – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Museum – Annual Report 2006-07
Library Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Training Ombudsman – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Performing Arts Trust – Annual Report 2006-07
Australian Agricultural College Corporation – Annual Report 2006-07
Training and Employment Recognition Council – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Tertiary Education Foundation – Annual Report 2006-07
Non-State Schools Accreditation Board – Annual Report 2006-07
Queensland Studies Authority – Annual Report 2006-07
Dumaresq-Barwon Border Rivers Commission – Annual Report 2006-07
Surveyors Board of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
SunWater – Annual Report 2006-07
SunWater – Statement of Corporate Intent 2006-07
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to a paper petition
(933-07) presented by Mr McArdle from 105 petitioners regarding council amalgamations

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

Water Act 2000—
Water Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007, No. 263

Taxation Administration Act 2001—
Taxation Administration Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 264

Education Legislation Amendment Act 2006—
Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 265

Education Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007, No. 266

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—
Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Amendment Regulation (No. 1)
2007, No. 267

Water Act 2000—
Water Resource (Gulf) Plan 2007, No. 268 and explanatory notes for No. 268

Water Act 2000—
Water Resource (Mitchell) Plan 2007, No. 269 and explanatory notes for No. 269

Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007—
Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 270

Fair Trading Act 1989—
Interim Prohibition Order pursuant to s 85A(1) prohibiting the supply of dangerous goods or
undesirable goods (‘Bindeez’ bead toys which are little beads that join with a spray of water)

Liquor Act 1992—
Liquor Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007, No. 271 and explanatory notes for No. 271

Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004—
Local Government (Community Government Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2007, No. 272

Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004—
Mines and Energy Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007, No. 273

Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991—
Uniform Civil Procedure Amendment Rule (No. 3) 2007, No. 274

Appeal Costs Fund Act 1973, Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003, Coroners Act 2003,
Justice and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 275

MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK
The Clerk tabled the following ministerial papers—

Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations (Mr Mickel)—
Department of Employment and Industrial Relations – Annual Report 2006-07
President of the Industrial Court of Queensland in respect of the Industrial Court of Queensland,
Queensland Industrial Relations Commission – Annual Report 2006-07
Workers’ Compensation Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP) – Annual Report 2006-07

MINISTERIAL PAPERS
The following ministerial papers were tabled—

Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara)—
Environmental Protection Agency – Annual Report 2006-07
Statutory Authorities reporting to the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism – Annual Report 2006-07
The National Trust of Queensland – Annual Report 2006-07
Wet Tropics Management Authority and State of the Wet Tropics – Annual Report 2006-07

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.4113)
Ministerial statements were made.

Paper: Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations (Mr Mickel), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Quarterly Report to the Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations (1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007) – Activities carried out by the Queensland Workplace Rights Office

Statements continued.
Statements concluded.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – WATER AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL AND SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND WATER (RESTRUCTURING) BILL – COGNATE DEBATE
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That, in accordance with Standing Order 129, the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) Bill be treated as cognate Bills for their remaining stages—
(a) one second reading debate but separate questions being put in regard to the second readings;
(b) the consideration of the Bills in detail together; and
(c) one third reading debate but separate questions being put for the third readings and long titles.
Question put and agreed to.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION (INDIGENOUS REGIONAL COUNCILS) AMENDMENT BILL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL – COGNATE DEBATE
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That, in accordance with Standing Order 129, the Local Government and Other Legislation (Indigenous Regional Councils) Amendment Bill and the Local Government Amendment Bill be treated as cognate Bills for their remaining stages—
(a) one second reading debate but separate questions being put in regard to the second readings;
(b) the consideration of the Bills in detail together; and
(c) one third reading debate but separate questions being put for the third readings and long titles.

Question put and agreed to.

**SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – PAPERS**

Chair of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mrs Sullivan) tabled the following papers—

*Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—*
  - Alert Digest No. 12 of 2007
  - Report No. 34 – Annual Report 2006–07

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE** ([Record of Proceedings p.4123](#))

Questions without notice were asked.

*Papers:* Premier (Ms Bligh) tabled the following papers—
  - Extract from *Hansard*, dated 3 October 1989, in relation to a motion regarding the Wolfdene Dam

Questions continued.

**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST** ([Record of Proceedings p.4134](#))

Matters of public interest were debated.

*Paper:* Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
  - Document titled *Mr Rudd’s Influence in the Goss Labor Government*

Debate continued.

*Papers:* Mrs Menkens, by leave, during her speech, tabled the following papers—
  - Copy of a document titled *Appendix 1 – Certificates of analysis for salt samples from Cheetham Salt’s Bowen facility*
  - Five photographs of evidence of damage caused by Cheetham Salt’s Bowen facility

Debate continued.

**GENE TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENT BILL** ([Record of Proceedings p.4145](#))

Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry (Ms Boyle) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gene Technology Act 2001* and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Ms Boyle moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr McArdle moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

**DRUGS MISUSE AMENDMENT BILL** ([Record of Proceedings p.4146](#))

Attorney–General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Drugs Misuse Act 1986* and the *Drugs Misuse Regulation 1987* and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Shine moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr McArdle moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.
WATER AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL AND SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND WATER (RESTRUCTURING) BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.4147)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debates on the motions of the Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland (Mr Wallace) and the Treasurer (Mr Fraser) – That the Bills be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of a graph titled Borrowing to asset ratio in government trading enterprises
Debate continued.

Distinguished visitor—
Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of Mr Bob Scott, former Member for Cook.

Debate resumed.

Distinguished visitors—
Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of delegates from the Ministry of Land and Resources, Peoples’ Republic of China.

Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Springborg.

AUDITOR–GENERAL – REPORT
Mr Speaker tabled the following report—
Auditor–General of Queensland—
Report to Parliament No. 7 for 2007 – Addressing Skills Shortages in Queensland

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – ANNUAL REPORT
Mr Speaker tabled the following report—
Office of the Governor—
Annual Report 2006–07

WATER AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL AND SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND WATER (RESTRUCTURING) BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.4175)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debates on the motions of the Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland (Mr Wallace) and the Treasurer (Mr Fraser) – That the Bills be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Hopper, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Document titled Enviro Save Water System installation instructions
Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Stevens, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Non–conforming petition requesting a police helicopter
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT  (Record of Proceedings p.4210)
Acting Leader of the House (Mr Fraser) moved – That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 10.36 pm.

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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