



# Legislative Council Daily Summary

Wednesday, 10 June 2009

## LEGISLATION

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For full text of bills and other associated documents please see [www.parliament.vic.gov.au](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au)

The following bills received its Second Reading:

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2009

## COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED

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No Committee Reports were tabled

## SPECIAL REPORTS TABLED

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- Auditor-General's Report on Connecting Courts — the Integrated Courts Management System, June 2009
- Auditor-General's Report on Effectiveness of Drought Assistance Measures, June 2009
- Auditor-General's Report on Implementing Victoria Police's Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence, June 2009
- Ombudsman's Report on Conflict of Interest and Abuse of Power by a Building Inspector at Brimbank City Council, June 2009

*A full list of all papers tabled pursuant to Statute is available in the Minutes of the Proceedings.*

## PETITIONS

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- Gaming Machine Entitlements — Mr Atkinson (40 signatures)
- Equal Opportunity Act — Mr Atkinson (212 signatures)

## MOTIONS

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The following motions were agreed to in the House:

- That this House expresses its opposition to the Federal Government's proposed changes to the Youth Allowance and the Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship scheme.

— Mr Hall

- That this House —
  - (1) notes with extreme displeasure the refusal of the Government and the Leader of the Government on behalf of the Government to comply with the Resolutions of the Council of 10 September 2008, 15 October 2008, 4 February 2009 and 1 April 2009 to provide certain documents specified in those Resolutions relating to the Public Transport Tender;
  - (2) again reaffirms its view that the Council is fully entitled to scrutinise the activities of the Executive and demand accountability for all aspects of Executive behaviour;
  - (3) condemns the Government for its apparent belief that it is not accountable to the people of Victoria through their elected representatives in the Parliament of Victoria;
  - (4) does not accept the arguments of the Leader of the Government in support of his decision to not produce the said documents and regards the continual and persistent obstruction of its business by the Leader of the Government, on behalf of the Government, as unacceptable and an affront to the full and effectual exercise of its rightful and important functions;
  - (5) accordingly adjudges the Leader of the Government guilty of a further contempt of the Council for his failure, on behalf of the Government, to table or lodge with the Clerk the public transport tender documents specified in the Resolution of the Council of 10 September 2008;
  - (6) orders the Leader of the Government, on behalf of the Government, to lodge the said documents with the Clerk by 12 noon on Thursday, 11 June 2009; and
  - (7) in the event that the said documents are not lodged with the Clerk by 12 noon on Thursday, 11 June 2009, suspends the Leader of the Government from the service of the Council from 2.00 p.m. for the remainder of the day's sitting. Provided that if the documents are subsequently lodged with the Clerk at any time during the period of suspension, the suspension will immediately cease to have effect.

— Mr Barber

**The following motion was defeated in the House:**

- That this House notes the failure of the Minister for Planning to consult with industry, councils or land holders in the Urban Growth Boundary investigation area before announcing the imposition of a \$95,000 per hectare growth areas infrastructure contribution which will —
  - (1) hurt business and investment in Victoria at a time that our economy is in serious trouble;
  - (2) destroy the lives of many Victorians who will be forced to pay exorbitant amounts in taxation on land that they may have lived for generations; and
  - (3) be a blatant grab for cash by a government that has squandered years of economic growth.

— Mr Guy

**Notice was given of the following motion:**

- **MRS KRONBERG** — That this House notes with concern that the Brumby Government continues to actively discriminate against the many people who once lived in Marysville on a part-time basis before Black Saturday, and notes that —
  - (1) the part-time residents (many of whom are enrolled to vote in the Eastern Metropolitan Region) have been frustrated in their attempts to communicate with the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority and they are concerned that their needs will never be recognised;
  - (2) many of these part-time residents of Marysville are now retired and live on fixed incomes and have limited means to raise funds to re-build;
  - (3) many are under-insured and they are unable to bridge the gap between their insurance cover and the cost of rebuilding, in accordance with the new building regulations for fire-prone areas;
  - (4) many part-time residents have a deep, almost spiritual attachment to Marysville and have suffered great loss and experienced trauma;
  - (5) the part-time residents of Marysville have been very restrained and concerned about this issue, as they did not want to appear to be clamouring for funds, ahead of victims of the conflagration, whose only home has been lost;
  - (6) as the year wears on, they are now utterly despairing that they will not ever be able to live in Marysville again;
  - (7) Marysville as a community needs these residents to return to ensure the economic viability of the town;
  - (8) the fullness of public support for fire victims in general only serves to underpin their request for support to rejoin the community of Marysville;
  - (9) a recent survey of part-time residents facing this problem has revealed that many were looking for financial assistance and many were waiting to see how Marysville will develop;
  - (10) 31% of part-time residents surveyed saw themselves as future full-time residents; and
  - (11) it is important that these part-time residents, many of whom have regularly spent three to four days per week in Marysville, are not forgotten.

**The following notices of intention to make a statement on a report or paper were given:**

- Ombudsman's Report on Conflict of Interest and Abuse of Power by a Building Inspector at Brimbank City Council, June 2009 (Mr Finn).
- Auditor General's Report on Effectiveness of Drought Assistance Measures, June 2009 (Mr P.R. Davis).
- Environment and Natural Resources Committee's Report on Melbourne's Future Water Supply, June 2009 (Mr Scheffer).
- Auditor General's Report on Connecting Courts — the Integrated Courts Management System, June 2009 (Mrs Kronberg).

## **ALSO IN THE COUNCIL**

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**Question Time**

**Members' Statements**

**Adjournment debate**

**The next sitting is on Thursday, 11 June 2009 at 9.30 a.m.**

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