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House meets at 12.00 noon

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TUESDAY ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business for Tuesday sittings is set out in [SOs 34 and 36, and sessional orders](#). The program is subject to change at any time by resolution of the House. Refer to the Clerk's Daily Running Sheet or [Assembly Live](#), or contact the Procedure Office, for more information.

House meets at 12.00 noon

Prayer

Acknowledgement of Country

Formal business:

- introduction of bills
- notices of motion
- petitions
- documents
- messages
- motions by leave
- government business program motion

Statements by members

Government business

Question time at 2.00 pm

Government business

General business subject to [SO 34](#)

Adjournment debate at 7.00 pm

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (James Newbury)*.
- 2 **TAKE NOTE OF PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care — *Resumption of debate (Luba Grigorovitch)*.
- 3 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — That this House recognises the Government's support for Victorians starting, or growing their families, and in the critical early years of their children's lives, by: (1) Delivering public IVF; (2) Establishing Victoria's first public egg and sperm bank; and (3) Expanding Victoria's Early Parenting Centre network — *Resumption of debate (Belinda Wilson)*.
- 4 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — That this House notes — (a) since the start of the Big Housing Build in November 2020, 7,600 homes are completed or underway, with Victoria on track to deliver over 12,000 much-needed social and affordable homes; and (b) the new \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund will deliver more than 1,300 additional homes — *Resumption of debate (Sonya Kilkenny)*.
- 5 **LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS** — That this House notes that: (1) The Government has removed 72 dangerous and congested level crossings; (2) In 2018 the Government promised to remove 75 level crossings by 2025, and is already two years ahead of schedule; and (3) The Government will remove a total of 110 level crossings by 2030 — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words — '(1) Notes that two successive Auditor-General's reports have found flaws with the business case put forward for Level Crossing Removals, leading to billions in budget blowouts; and (2) Calls on the Government to release costings for every level crossing removal project it has undertaken' — *Resumption of debate (Natalie Hutchins)*.
- 6 **EDUCATION STATE** — That this House recognises the work of the Andrews Labor Government to build the Education State by: (1) Making kinder free; (2) Delivering hundreds of new schools and school upgrades; (3) Supporting student wellbeing; (4) Implementing One VCE; and (5) Putting over 70 courses on the Free TAFE list — *Resumption of debate (Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (James Newbury)*.
- 2 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (James Newbury)*.

- 3 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (James Newbury)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS — NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICES RENEWED ON 17 AUGUST 2023

- 1 **TIM READ** — To move, That this House notes that manipulation of the electoral system through group voting tickets means that deals between political parties result in the election of candidates to the other place despite very low primary votes, and calls on the Government to implement long overdue electoral reform.
- 2 **SAM HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the decline in housing affordability and increase in rental costs that Victorians are facing; and (b) calls on the government to address housing affordability and introduce a cap on excessive rent increases.
- 3 **ELLEN SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes that burning coal, oil and gas are the single biggest cause of the climate crisis; and (b) calls on the Victorian Government to immediately commit that no new coal, oil or gas projects will be approved on Victorian land or waters.
- 4 **TIM READ** — To move, That this House notes the increasing proportion of Victorian prisoners who are unsentenced since changes to the *Bail Act 1977* in 2017 and 2018, particularly First Nations people and women, and calls on the Government to reinstate the presumption of bail for Victorians, and imprisonment as a last resort.
- 5 **SAM HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (a) notes around 25,000 people experience homelessness in Victoria, over 100,000 people are on the public housing waiting list; and (b) calls on the government to build 100,000 new public homes to help end homelessness and ensure everyone has a safe and secure place to call home.

NOTICES RENEWED ON 29 AUGUST 2023

- 6 **SAM HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls for a moratorium on privatisation until — (a) the completion of a parliamentary inquiry into the impacts of privatisation; and (b) legislation is passed to allow either House of Parliament to veto the privatisation of public assets.
- 7 **SAM HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the increasing number of Victorians living in poverty; and (b) calls on the federal government to scrap the stage 3 tax cuts and invest the money into raising the rate of income support.
- 8 **ELLEN SANDELL** — To move, That the ongoing resolution regarding the Lord's Prayer agreed on 4 October 1928¹ be rescinded.

¹ VP 38, 4 October 1928, p 69.

NOTICE RENEWED ON 17 OCTOBER 2023

- 9 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House requests the Honourable Robert Redlich AM KC to circulate to the Manager of Opposition Business, on behalf of the Opposition, correspondence sent to the Speaker in December 2022 regarding recommendations to enhance integrity, through parliamentary processes, in Victoria.

NOTICE RENEWED ON 1 NOVEMBER 2023

- 10 **MICHAEL O'BRIEN** — To move, That:

- (1) A Select Committee of five members be appointed to inquire into, take public evidence as required, report, and make recommendations, by 28 November 2023, on:
 - (a) matters referred to in the letter, dated 15 December 2022, from the Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC), the Hon Robert Redlich AM KC, to the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, including but not limited to:
 - (i) appropriate protocols and procedures to ensure the independence of performance audits of integrity agencies by the Integrity and Oversight Committee (IOC) and safeguards to prevent potential improper interference by committee members;
 - (ii) the adequacy of the legislative framework for integrity agency performance audits under the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011* and the *Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011*;
 - (iii) protocols for the handling of correspondence and reports passing between integrity agencies and the IOC;
 - (iv) whether it is appropriate for the IOC or an independent performance auditor to seek access to information relating to current IBAC operations;
 - (v) whether procedural fairness should be afforded to integrity agencies by the IOC; and
 - (vi) the structure, composition and operation of the IOC;
 - (b) the adequacy of IBAC's funding and its effect on IBAC's capacity to discharge its functions relating to serious police misconduct and public sector corruption;
 - (c) the appropriateness of provisions in IBAC's legislation that limit the ability of IBAC to undertake public examinations; and
 - (d) options for improving arrangements for the oversight of IBAC's operations by Parliament, the determination of IBAC's budget and IBAC's legislative charter.

- (2) The Committee will consist of two members from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House Government in the Assembly, two members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, and one members from among the remaining members in the Assembly as agreed to by these members.
- (3) The members will be appointed by lodgement of the names with the Speaker no later than 4.00 pm two business days after the Assembly agrees to this resolution.
- (4) The first meeting of the Committee must be held no later than 4.00 pm on the eighth business day after the Assembly agrees to this resolution.
- (5) The Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (6) Three members of the Committee will constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (7) The Chair of the Committee will be a non-Government member and the Deputy Chair will be a Government member, and in the absence of any such nominations for the Deputy Chair, the position may be filled by another member of the Committee.
- (8) The Committee will advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee orders otherwise.
- (9) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of the inquiry.
- (10) The Committee may commission persons to provide advice, including legal advice, to the Committee on any aspects of the inquiry.
- (11) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee will not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions.
- (12) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly, will have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly.

NOTICES RENEWED ON 14 NOVEMBER 2023

- 11 **ELLEN SANDELL** — To move, That this House agrees to the following changes to the standing and sessional orders to come into effect on the next sitting day:

- (1) Omit the **Wednesday** order of business in Standing Order 36 and insert:
 - 'Wednesdays**
 - Formal business
 - Disallowance motions (SO 151)
 - Statements by members (SO 40)
 - Statements on parliamentary committee reports (SO 41)
 - Government business
 - Question time (2.00 pm)

Government business continued
Non-government business (4.00 pm)
Government business continued
General business’.

- (2) Omit Standing Orders 37, 38 and 39 and insert:

‘37 Non-government business

Non-government business includes notices of motion and orders of the day moved by members who are not members of the party or coalition in government.

38 Order of consideration of non-government business

- (1) Before the House meets in any week, representatives of the non-government parties and independents may meet and agree which items of non-government business the House will consider that week.
- (2) On the first sitting day of the week:
 - (a) a member who is not a member of the party or coalition in government may move, without notice or leave, a motion specifying items of non-government business to have precedence on the next sitting day;
 - (b) the debate will last for 30 minutes or until six members have spoken, whichever is the shorter.
- (3) Over the course of a parliament, the specified items proposed by each non-government party and independent member must be proportional to the number of independent members and members representing non-government parties in the House.
- (4) If a motion is not moved or agreed to, the House will consider non-government business in the order it is set down on the notice paper under general business.

39 Time for non-government business

- (1) Every sitting Wednesday at 4.00 pm the House will consider non-government business for three hours.
- (2) At 4.00 pm every sitting Wednesday:
 - (a) unless a division is taking place, the Chair will interrupt the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;
 - (b) if a division is taking place when the time for interruption arises —
 - (i) the division will be completed without interruption and the result announced;
 - (ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted according to sub-paragraph (a); and

(c) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of non-government business and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

(3) Debate on each motion considered during general business will have an overall time limit of 90 minutes with the following speaking limits to apply:

Mover	15 minutes
Lead speaker in response from the Government	15 minutes
Any other member	10 minutes
Mover, in reply	5 minutes

At the end of the allocated time for the motion, the Chair will immediately put the questions on any amendments and the motion.

(4) The time limits for private members' bills under SO 131 apply to debate on bills during general business.'

(3) Omit 'the grievance debate or matter of public importance, as the case may be' in Standing Order 41 and insert 'statements by members'.

(4) Omit paragraphs (1) to (3) of Sessional Order 3 and insert:

'So much of Standing Orders 36 and 55 be suspended so as to enable the following order of business on:

Tuesdays

Formal business

Statements by members

Government business

Question time (2.00 pm)

Government business *continued*

General business.'

12 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House notes comments — (a) made by the Premier in response to the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Report Operation Daintree citing it as an 'educational' report; and (b) from the Ombudsman that the report was 'damning' rather than 'educational'.

NOTICES RENEWED ON 8 FEBRUARY 2024

13 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) notes allegations of unworked or partially worked 'ghost shifts' being invoiced to Victorian taxpayers by labour hire firms on Government infrastructure projects; and (b) calls on the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to comply with all independent investigations into corruption that has allegedly occurred on her watch.

- 14 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) notes that the Fair Work Ombudsman is investigating alleged coercion of First Nations workers by a CFMEU-aligned labour hire firm on Government infrastructure projects; and (b) calls on the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to comply with all independent investigations into corruption that has allegedly occurred on her watch.

NOTICES RENEWED ON 20 FEBRUARY 2024

- 15 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House notes the Minister for Education's remark that she was unaware of any schools actually qualifying for a \$10 million payroll despite almost 70 independent schools qualifying, who will consequently be hit with three additional taxes thanks to Labor's horror budget.
- 16 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That the Minister for Education provides the Legislative Assembly with the names of the 110 non-government schools that are on the Government's secret schools hit-list, a tax that was announced without any consultation and will hit schools with three additional taxes thanks to Labor's horror budget.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 15 AUGUST 2023

- 17 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the worrying, but deeply important, findings of the Australian Jewish University Experience Survey; (b) affirms our bipartisan commitment to fighting antisemitism; and (c) calls on the Minister for Education to bring university Vice-Chancellors, Jewish students and leaders together to work towards a solution.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 16 AUGUST 2023

- 18 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House —

(1) Notes that:

- (a) Knox City Council's kindergartens are closing;
- (b) Mornington Peninsula Shire is assessing the viability of its kindergartens; and
- (c) these actions are due to the State Government's funding model.

- (2) Condemns the Andrews Labor Government, which promised free kinder, for a cruel hoax on Victorians.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 29 AUGUST 2023

- 19 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House requests that the Member for Mill Park make a statement in the Legislative Assembly, apologising to the families of deceased loved ones, after two people who had sadly passed away were found to have had their membership to the ALP renewed.

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- 20 **JOHN PESUTTO** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government’s decision to blame ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Premier to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 21 **BRAD ROWSWELL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government’s decision to blame ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Treasurer to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 22 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion cost blowout; (b) notes the Deputy Premier’s responsibility for \$30 billion in infrastructure blowouts; and (c) calls on the Deputy Premier to release a budget update and guarantee that major projects have not blown out further.
- 23 **BRAD BATTIN** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Police to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 24 **TIM BULL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 25 **EMMA KEALY** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Agriculture to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 26 **PETER WALSH** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Regional Development to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 27 **RICHARD RIORDAN** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Housing to release a budget update and guarantee there are no further blowouts.
- 28 **TIM McCURDY** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Water to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 29 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Climate Action to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.

- 30 **BRIDGET VALLENCE** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Industry and Innovation to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 31 **SAM GROTH** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 32 **DANNY O’BRIEN** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 33 **MICHAEL O’BRIEN** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Attorney-General to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 34 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Ports and Freight to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 35 **DAVID HODGETT** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Planning to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 36 **JESS WILSON** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Assistant Treasurer to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.
- 37 **CINDY McLEISH** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Government’s cancellation of the Commonwealth Games, following a \$4.4 billion blowout; (b) notes the Government blames ‘broader inflationary pressures’, not specific to the Games; and (c) calls on the Minister for Small Business to release a budget update and guarantee no further blowouts.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 OCTOBER 2023

- 38 **SAM GROTH** — To move, That this House —
- (1) Acknowledges the new Premier of Victoria.
 - (2) Notes that the Premier was responsible for the humiliating Commonwealth Games cancellation, including:

- (a) a \$4 billion cost blowout;
- (b) \$600 million in cancellation costs; and
- (c) the shattering of Victoria's international reputation, which will take years to repair.

39 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House —

- (1) Acknowledges the new Premier of Victoria.
- (2) Notes the Premier's responsibility for nearly \$30 billion in major project blowouts, including:
 - (a) \$3.6 billion on the Metro Tunnel;
 - (b) three years and \$4.7 billion on the West Gate Tunnel; and
 - (c) \$13 billion on the North East Link.

40 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) notes that the Premier was responsible for the Suburban Rail Loop, which the Parliamentary Budget Office says will cost \$75 billion more than the Government promised; and (b) condemns the Premier for her mismanagement of this project.

41 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the former Premier's disdain for IBAC, the Victorian Ombudsman and anti-corruption agencies in general; (b) notes the current Premier's complicity in that toxic culture of secrecy; and (c) calls for the Premier to take meaningful action on the pile of corruption reports into the Andrews-Allan Governments.

42 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes that the lack of childcare availability, especially in regional Victoria, acts as a barrier for families to return to the workforce.

43 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House acknowledges a shortage of childcare places in regional Victoria is worsening the Labor Government's cost of living crisis.

44 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes current childcare regulations in Victoria need to be reassessed to improve availability of childcare for Victorian families, with an increased focus on family daycare and in-venue assessments conducted to ensure more flexibility for families without compromising child safety.

45 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House acknowledges that since 2014, the Labor Government has comprehensively failed to address and improve childcare accessibility and availability in Victoria, particularly in regional areas.

46 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House refers an inquiry into childcare availability to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and report no later than April 2024 and, in particular, the Committee is to examine areas of improvements for Victorian childcare regulations and services to address accessibility issues and identify more flexible childcare opportunities for all Victorian families.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 17 OCTOBER 2023

- 47 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for the continued politicisation of appointments to independent government positions, with at least 33 Labor former members appointed to over 55 positions, noting that despite earlier denials, Martin Pakula is now on the Labor gravy train.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 31 OCTOBER 2023

- 48 **BILL TILLEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Health Minister for committing \$225 million to a multi-storey tower at Albury Wodonga Health's Albury campus without a thorough geotechnical study or costings for additional foundations on abnormal ground on a site known to have highly reactive clay soils subject to high ground movement.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 1 NOVEMBER 2023

- 49 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That the Premier takes responsibility for the Government's policy chaos, over the last week alone, including delaying Denyer laws, a new growth tax, health tax chaos, palliative care cuts, scrapping mental health from WorkCover, hospital stay cuts, and the container deposit scheme mess.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 14 NOVEMBER 2023

- 50 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges residential care under this Labor government is a dangerous and unsafe place for children and young people; and (b) notes that children and young people in residential care continue to be targeted by predators and sexually exploited and abused.
- 51 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes the Commission for Children and Young People's data shows, from July 2021–March 2023, 423 sexual exploitation and abuse cases in residential care were reported involving 165 children, of which, 241 incidents involved children under 16, and 11 incidents involved nine children under 12.
- 52 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes children in residential care continue to go missing in high numbers because they feel unsafe.
- 53 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes Victoria Legal Aid data between 2019 and 2022 shows that every second young person in residential care is being criminalised, and that two-thirds of children aged 10 to 14 in residential care will have subsequent contact with the justice system.
- 54 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House acknowledges this government's failure to implement all recommendations of the Commission for Children and Young People in the Commission's June 2021 report Out of sight: Systemic Inquiry into Children who are Absent or Missing from Residential Care to address the safety of young people in residential care.
- 55 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes the Commissioner for Children and Young People's comments prior to the 2023 State Budget that 'it is clear that without stronger action, children in residential care remain at extreme risk of harm due to criminal activity'.

- 56 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the over-representation of Indigenous children in State care; and (b) notes comments by a social work expert that ‘The contemporary child protection system in Victoria continues to be plagued by systemic racism’.
- 57 **ROMA BRITNELL** — To move, That this House acknowledges this government, and its six child protection ministers, have failed in their duty to protect vulnerable children in Victoria.
- 58 **MICHAEL O’BRIEN** — To move, That this House — (a) reaffirms that no Victorian should face harassment on account of their faith; (b) condemns the intimidatory protest held in close proximity to a Caulfield synagogue on 10 November 2023; and (c) demands the reinstatement of Victoria Police’s full range of move-on and arrest powers.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 15 NOVEMBER 2023

- 59 **JESS WILSON** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the Greens’ refusal to support previous condolence motions for 1400 murdered Israelis; (b) notes the Greens’ use of the ‘from the river to the sea’ chant, which calls for the destruction of Israel; and (c) condemns the Victorian Greens for their undeniable contribution to rising antisemitism in Victoria.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 16 NOVEMBER 2023

- 60 **MATTHEW GUY** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Richmond for using a Remembrance Day Service as a platform for attacks on the Jewish community; (b) condemns her support for School Strike for Palestine, organised by those behind recent antisemitic violence in Caulfield; and (c) calls on the Member to apologise for undermining multiculturalism.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023

- 61 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House notes the importance of respecting the community and Parliament by transparently dealing with proposed bills and condemns the Minister for Energy for blatantly disregarding Victorians in the way she has refused to consult on the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023 and Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023.
- 62 **PETER WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Standing Committee to inquire into, consider and report by 31 December 2024, on Victoria’s *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (the Act) and its impact on Victoria’s development, and, in particular, the Committee should consider:

- (1) Whether the Act is achieving its stated objectives and purposes, in particular:
 - (a) s 3(g) of the Act in relation to timely processes and efficient assessments; and
 - (b) s 3(i) of the Act in relation to mechanisms enabling dispute resolution.
- (2) How the Act interacts with the objectives and purposes of related legislation, regulations and policy, such as the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018.

- (3) The impact of the Act on planning and building activities in Victoria, including but not limited to rezonings, subdivisions, planning processes, local government activities, farming, and other matters.
- (4) The interaction of the Act with legislation, regulations and policy related to matters such as planning and building activities in Victoria, including but not limited to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Building Act 1993*, the *Heritage Act 2017*, and Victoria's Housing Statement for 2024–34.
- (5) Any other related matters.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 30 NOVEMBER 2023

- 63 **SAM GROTH** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Richmond for intimidating loved ones of those killed and taken hostage by Hamas and for her involvement in the protests that shut down this House, demonstrating her complete contempt for the Victorian Parliament and the Victorian people.
- 64 **GABRIELLE DE VIETRI** — To move, That this House calls for — (a) an end to the indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian people; (b) an end to Israel's occupation of Palestine; and (c) the Victorian government to end military, economic, political and diplomatic ties with the Israeli Government until it complies with its obligations under international law.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024

- 65 **MICHAEL O'BRIEN** — To move, That this House notes the 33 per cent increase in residential aggravated burglaries over the 12 months to September 2023, and calls on the Allan Labor Government to not abolish the offence of 'committing an indictable offence whilst on bail', which will only weaken bail laws for repeat serious offenders.
- 66 **TIM McCURDY** — To move, That this House — (a) expresses concern at the Allan Labor Government's failure to act on the illicit tobacco crime wave gripping Victoria; and (b) directs the Allan Labor Government to introduce legislation by December 2024 to effectively regulate and eliminate illicit tobacco.
- 67 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House notes the release of ministerial diaries for December 2023 and calls on the Premier to explain why so many of her ministers, who earn \$368,000, are doing so little work, with one minister holding only one meeting in a month.
- 68 **JESS WILSON** — To move, That this House — (a) notes the 1,202 teacher vacancies across Victoria's public schools as of today; and (b) calls on the government to release the 2022 and 2023 Teacher Supply and Demand reports so teachers, parents and students can know the full extent of the education workforce gap.
- 69 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Minister for Energy for their abject failure over the Port of Hastings project chaos, noting that the Premier did not know basic details, and the Minister has wasted at least \$30,000 on an overseas junket.

- 70 **ELLEN SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (a) notes Israel’s invasion of Gaza has killed over 25,000 Palestinians, including over 10,000 children; (b) expresses deep concern that the Government signed a secretive MoU with Israel’s Ministry of Defence and provided funding to Elbit Industries; and (c) calls on the Labor Government to end these relationships.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 7 FEBRUARY 2024

- 71 **SAM HIBBINS** — To move, That this House notes — (a) Victorians are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to the high prices set by supermarkets; (b) the supermarket duopoly of Coles and Woolworths is increasing their profits; and (c) calls on the Victorian government to declare groceries a regulated industry to prevent supermarkets from price gouging.
- 72 **DAVID SOUTHWICK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Leader of the Greens for fanning the flames of hatred against the Jewish community by falsely suggesting that the Burgertory fire was an anti-Palestinian hate crime, contrary to all police evidence; and (b) calls on her, and all others who blamed the Jewish community, to apologise.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 8 FEBRUARY 2024

- 73 **JAMES NEWBURY** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker’s ruling of 8 February 2024 in relation to the Greens’ recent behaviour in the Parliament.

NOTICE GIVEN ON 5 MARCH 2024

- 74 **TIM BULL** — To move, That this House notes that after four years, important tourism infrastructure destroyed in the 2019–20 fires in East Gippsland remains unopened, and in some cases the projects have not commenced, and calls on the Victorian Labor Government to inquire into the reason the rebuild has been delayed so long.

GENERAL BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORDER RENEWED ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023

- 1 **SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS IN HURSTBRIDGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Eildon (16 May 2023) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly requests the Minister for Roads to increase safety measures for pedestrians in Hurstbridge, bearing 122 signatures — To be considered (*Cindy McLeish*).

ORDER RENEWED ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024

- 2 **COLLAPSE OF HOME CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (23 May 2023) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides support for people experiencing financial hardship following the collapse of home construction companies, bearing 305 signatures — To be considered (*Cindy McLeish*).

ORDERS MADE ON 29 AUGUST 2023

- 3 **SCHOOL ZONE AND CROSSING IN BIRREGURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*29 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly liaises with VicRoads and the Colac Otway Shire to support the proposal for a 40 km/h school zone and crossing on Main Street, Birregurra, bearing three signatures — To be considered (*Richard Riordan*).
- 4 **MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WATERWAY AND DRAIN NETWORKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Narracan (*29 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the responsible minister to undertake essential maintenance works across all state and local waterway and drain networks and develop a waterway management strategy, bearing 85 signatures — To be considered (*Wayne Farnham*).

ORDERS MADE ON 31 AUGUST 2023

- 5 **COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS AND THE LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*31 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the Department of Government Services to reinstate funding for the Community History Awards and the Local History Grants Program, bearing 84 signatures — To be considered (*Tim Bull*).
- 6 **CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS BETWEEN YARRA GLEN AND MANSFIELD** — Petition presented by the Member for Eildon (*31 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly through the Minister for Roads and Road Safety ensures road works and resurfacing are conducted to repair the Melba Highway, Goulburn Valley Highway and Maroondah Highway, bearing 1817 signatures — To be considered (*Cindy McLeish*).
- 7 **CONDITION OF VICTORIAN ROADS** — Petition presented by the Member for Eildon (*31 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fix Victorian roads and enable all damage to vehicles and tyres to be claimable from VicRoads, bearing 60 signatures — To be considered (*Cindy McLeish*).
- 8 **SURVIVORS OF VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Malvern (*31 August 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly advocates for survivors of voluntary placement to be acknowledged as out-of-home care leavers and Forgotten Australians, bearing 50 signatures — To be considered (*Michael O'Brien*).

ORDERS MADE ON 3 OCTOBER 2023

- 9 **CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING FOR BRIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Brighton (*3 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides capital works funding for Brighton Primary School in the 2024–25 budget, bearing 757 signatures — To be considered (*James Newbury*).
- 10 **ALLOW THE CORRECTION OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*3 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly introduces an amendment to the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996* to more easily allow individuals to correct their marriage certificate to their legally corrected gender and name, bearing 89 signatures — To be considered (*James Newbury*).

- 11 **24 HOUR POLICE STATION FOR DROUIN** — Petition presented by the Member for Narracan (*3 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the Government to take immediate action so that a 24 hours, seven days a week police station can operate within Drouin to protect the local and surrounding communities, bearing 753 signatures — To be considered (*Wayne Farnham*).

ORDERS MADE ON 17 OCTOBER 2023

- 12 **PROPOSED MIND AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT IN TORQUAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*17 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly requests the Government work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a more appropriate location for the 12-unit Mind Australia development, bearing 249 signatures — To be considered (*Richard Riordan*).
- 13 **DEVELOPMENT AT 26 SILVEREYE STREET TORQUAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*17 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a location for the 12-unit development that provides adequate outdoor space and parking, bearing 67 signatures — To be considered (*Richard Riordan*).

ORDERS MADE ON 31 OCTOBER 2023

- 14 **GREAT OCEAN ROAD CROSSING IN JAN JUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*31 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on VicRoads, the Department of Transport and Planning and the Surf Coast Shire Council to develop immediate engineering options for safe passage via a crossing and pathway in the vicinity of Strathmore Drive, Jan Juc, bearing 435 signatures — To be considered (*Richard Riordan*).
- 15 **ROAD CROSSING IN JAN JUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*31 October 2023*) — Requesting that the Government develops options for a safe way to cross the Great Ocean Road near Christian College Geelong Surf Coast Campus in Jan Juc, bearing 21 signatures — To be considered (*Richard Riordan*).

ORDER MADE ON 14 NOVEMBER 2023

- 16 **ACCESSIBLE TRAM STOPS ON SYDNEY ROAD** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*14 November 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs fully accessible tram stops on Sydney Road before the Upfield train line is closed for level crossing removals, bearing 1748 signatures — To be considered (*Tim Read*).

ORDER MADE ON 16 NOVEMBER 2023

- 17 **ONE-OFFICER POLICE STATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley (*16 November 2023*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately rule out any cuts to one-person police stations and provides additional support to Victoria Police to ensure these stations remain open, bearing 713 signatures — To be considered (*Tim McCurdy*).

ORDER MADE ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023

- 18 **POLICE AND PSO RESOURCES IN THE LATROBE VALLEY** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (29 November 2023) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to increase police and Protective Services Officer resources across the Latrobe Valley as a matter of urgency, bearing 872 signatures — To be considered (*Martin Cameron*).

ORDERS MADE ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024

- 19 **ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO EUTHANASIA IN HOMELESS ANIMALS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ashwood (6 February 2024) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly assists Government, animal welfare organisations, communities and individuals to collaborate to address euthanasia in homeless animals, bearing 127 signatures — To be considered (*Matt Fregon*).
- 20 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND FACILITIES FOR HAMILTON RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (6 February 2024) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures the Government takes immediate action to provide toilets, seating and shelter at Hamilton railway station, bearing 84 signatures — To be considered (*Emma Kealy*).

ORDERS MADE ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024

- 21 **NEERIM DISTRICT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Narracan (22 February 2024) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to maintain Neerim District Rural Primary School's operational status, collaborate with parents and locals to devise a strategy to restaff the school, and ensure the site remains available for community use, bearing 128 signatures — To be considered (*Wayne Farnham*).
- 22 **REDEVELOPMENT OF ROSEBUD HOSPITAL** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (22 February 2024) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Victorian Government to fund the redevelopment of the Rosebud Hospital to help fix the healthcare crisis on the southern Mornington Peninsula, bearing 3506 signatures — To be considered (*Sam Groth*).

ORDER MADE ON 5 MARCH 2024

- 23 **YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE SUNRAYSIA DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (5 March 2024) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement a range of changes to increase penalties and sentences for perpetrators of youth violence, hold their care givers accountable, and better support the victims of violent attacks, bearing 279 signatures — To be considered (*Jade Benham*).

ORDER MADE ON 6 MARCH 2024

- 24 **FLOODING OF TYERS ROAD CAUSEWAY AND CLOSURE OF LATROBE RIVER BRIDGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*6 March 2024*) — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund and deliver works to raise the Tyers Road causeway and install culverts to prevent further flooding, bearing 150 signatures — To be considered (*Martin Cameron*).

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

SPEAKER, DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

SPEAKER — Maree Edwards.

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Matt Fregon.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Juliana Addison, Jordan Crugnale, Daniela De Martino, Paul Edbrooke, Wayne Farnham, Paul Hamer, Lauren Kathage, Nathan Lambert, Alison Marchant, John Mullahy, Meng Heang Tak, Jackson Taylor and Iwan Walters.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (JOINT^φ) — Roma Britnell, Ben Carroll, Natalie Hutchins, Tim McCurdy, Cindy McLeish, Danny Pearson and Mary-Anne Thomas.

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Anthony Cianflone, Wayne Farnham, Alison Marchant, John Mullahy, Kim O’Keeffe, Dylan Wight and Jess Wilson.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE (JOINT^φ) — Brad Battin, Wayne Farnham, Luba Grigorovitch, Sam Hibbins, Emma Kealy, Nathan Lambert and Emma Vulin.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Martin Cameron, Jordan Crugnale, Daniela De Martino, Martha Haylett, David Hodgett and Nicole Werner.

HOUSE (JOINT^φ) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Tim Bull, Matt Fregon, James Newbury, Pauline Richards, Ellen Sandell and Jackson Taylor.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (JOINT^φ) — Jade Benham, Eden Foster, Paul Mercurio, Tim Read, Kim Wells and Belinda Wilson.

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Annabelle Cleeland, Chris Couzens, Chris Crewther, Ella George, Cindy McLeish, Meng Heang Tak and Jackson Taylor.

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D’Ambrosio, Melissa Horne, James Newbury, Danny Pearson, Mary-Anne Thomas, Peter Walsh and Kim Wells.

***PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE (JOINT^φ)** — Sarah Connolly, Mathew Hilakari, Lauren Kathage, Danny O’Brien and Meng Heang Tak.

***SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (JOINT^φ)** — Gary Maas, Kathleen Matthews-Ward and Dylan Wight.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE — Speaker, Ben Carroll, Matt Fregon, James Newbury, Pauline Richards, Ellen Sandell, David Southwick, Mary-Anne Thomas, Peter Walsh and Belinda Wilson.

^φ Joint committees include members of both Houses. For Council membership, see the Legislative Council notice paper.

* New entry.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Adopted by the House on 7 February 2023 and amended on 29 November 2023.

1 Days and times of meeting

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 12.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

2 Interruption of business for adjournment

Standing Order 32 be suspended and the following to apply:

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Speaker will interrupt the business before the House at:
 - (a) 7.00 pm each sitting Tuesday and Wednesday;
 - (b) 5.00 pm on any other sitting day.
- (2) If a division is taking place when the time for the interruption arises, the division will be completed and the result announced. If the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with. The Speaker will then interrupt business.
- (3) If the time for the interruption arises:
 - (a) at the same time as the completion time set by the government business program; or
 - (b) after the interruption for the completion time of the government business program, but before all business on the program has been dealt with —

all business on the government business program will be completed first. The Speaker will then interrupt business for the adjournment.
- (4) After the interruption:
 - (a) before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a minister may move that the sitting be continued. That motion must be put immediately without amendment or debate. If it is agreed to, the House will resume debate at the point at which it had been interrupted; or
 - (b) if a motion is not moved, the Speaker will immediately propose the question 'That the House now adjourns'. Any business under discussion and any other business not concluded at the time of the adjournment will be listed on the notice paper for the next sitting day. Any member speaking at the time of the interruption may, when debate resumes, continue his or her speech.

3 Order of business

- (1) So much of SOs 36, 38, 39, 41 and 55 be suspended so as to enable the following order of business on:

Tuesdays

Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
General business

Wednesdays

Formal business
Disallowance motions
Statements by members
Statements on parliamentary committee reports
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
Matter of public importance or grievance debate (4.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
General business

- (2) So much of SOs 38 and 39 be suspended so as to enable:
- (a) at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;
 - (b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:
 - (i) it will be completed without interruption and result announced;
 - (ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;
 - (iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);
 - (c) the Chair announces the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be;
 - (d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue his or her speech.

- (3) In SO 39(9) for 'statements on parliamentary committee reports under SO 41' read 'government business'.

Sessional order 4 deleted 29/11/2023

5 Who may ask oral questions without notice

Only non-government members may ask questions without notice under SO 55.

Sessional order 6 deleted 29/11/2023

7 Ministers' statements

After each oral question without notice and any related supplementary questions, any minister may seek the call to make a statement of up to two minutes.

Sessional order 8 deleted 29/11/2023

9 Duration of question time

Standing Order 55(2) is suspended and the following to apply:

Question time will last until five oral questions and related supplementary questions have been answered and up to five ministers' statements have been made and where a question is ruled out of order it is, for the purposes of this sessional order, deemed to have been answered.

Sessional order 10 deleted 29/11/2023

11 Content of answers

Standing Order 58(1)(a) is suspended and all answers to questions must be direct, factual, succinct and relevant.

12 Chair ordering member to withdraw — application during oral questions without notice and ministers' statements

Where:

- (1) a member is ordered to withdraw from the House under SO 124 during question time; and
- (2) question time ends before the end of the suspension period —

the member may return to the Chamber after question time but must serve the remainder of their suspension during the next question time, subject to SO 124(2).

Sessional order 13 deleted 29/11/2023

14 Notices of motion

Standing Orders 140(1) and 141 are suspended and the following to apply:

- (1) A member may only move a motion to discuss a subject if he or she has given notice of that motion on a previous sitting day.
- (2) Copies of all verbal notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before notices are called on by the Speaker.
- (3) Copies of all written notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before the conclusion of formal business.
- (4) All notices given by ministers must be verbal.
- (5) Verbal notices must be read to the House. They can only be given before the House proceeds to the business of the day as set out in the notice paper.
- (6) All notices, except notices given under paragraph (7) given by members who are not ministers, must be given in writing. Members may give notice by lodging a copy with the Clerks in accordance with paragraph (3).
- (7) A motion by a member expressing no confidence in the Premier and ministers, in the terms set out in s 8A of the *Constitution Act 1975*, may only be given verbally.
- (8) The Clerk must notify the Speaker of a notice of a motion by a member to disallow a statutory rule to which SO 151 applies, and the Speaker will report details to the House at the first convenient opportunity.

Sessional order 15 deleted 29/11/2023

Sessional order 16 deleted 29/11/2023

17 Electronic petitions

- (1) A person (the sponsoring petitioner) may lodge a request to start an electronic petition (e-petition) with the Clerk for publication on the Parliament's website.
- (2) Standing Orders 45 to 52 apply except in relation to the requirement for a petitioner's signature.
- (3) The sponsoring petitioner must provide the following information to the Clerk:
 - (a) the issue (maximum 200 words) and action requested (maximum 120 words);

- (b) their full name and address; and
 - (c) the name of the member sponsoring the e-petition.
- (4) Before the e-petition is published, the Clerk will review the wording of the e-petition to ensure it conforms with standing orders and confirm that the sponsoring member has agreed to sponsor the e-petition.
- (5) The sponsoring member must nominate a period (the posted period) that the e-petition will be available to sign on the Parliament's website and:
- (a) the posted period must be a minimum of one week and a maximum of six months from the date of publication;
 - (b) if the Assembly is due to expire under s 28(2) of the *Constitution Act 1975* within six months from the date of publication of an e-petition, the Clerk will determine the maximum posted period;
 - (c) the sponsoring member may request the Clerk to change the posted period before it ends, provided the maximum period is not exceeded.
- (6) A member must not sign an e-petition they have sponsored.
- (7) Once published, an e-petition cannot be altered but the sponsoring member may request the Clerk withdraw it.
- (8) Residents of Victoria may become signatories to an e-petition by electronically providing their name, address and signifying their intention to join the e-petition.
- (9) The Clerk will table the e-petition on the next sitting day after the posted period has ended.
- (10) E-petitions about the same issue and requesting the same action are not allowed simultaneously. However, once an e-petition has been tabled, a new e-petition can be started.

Sessional order 18 deleted 29/11/2023
