



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE PAPER No. 61

Thursday, 18 April 2024

### Echuca regional sitting

*The President takes the Chair at 9.30 am.*

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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*Pursuant to an order of the Council on 21 March 2024*

- At 9.30 am** Lord's Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country  
Proclamation to be read by the Clerk  
Community members to address the Council from the floor of the House (two addresses)  
Messages  
Formal business  
Members' statements (up to 15 members)  
Government business
- At 11.30 am** Questions  
Lunch break (90 minutes)  
Government business (continues)
- At 5.00 pm** Adjournment (up to 20 members)

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

**230 MICHAEL GALEA** — To move —

That this House notes that the Allan Labor Government —

- (1) is committed to building the Education State, so that every Victorian can receive a great education and every community has access to a great school;
- (2) is building 100 new schools, with 75 due to open next year; and
- (3) has delivered almost 2,000 other projects that upgrade or expand existing schools, improving conditions and creating new learning opportunities for students.

*[Notice given on 1 November 2023 — Listed for 20 days].*

**235 JOHN BERGER — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) commends the report by Safe Work Australia, *Decision Regulation Impact Statement: Prohibition on the use of engineered stone*;
- (2) recognises that engineered stone poses an unacceptable risk to workers;
- (3) stands with the workers who have been affected by silicosis;
- (4) acknowledges the work that the union movement has played in bringing this issue to light, in particular the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union; and
- (5) notes the effort of the Allan Labor Government to work with other states and the Commonwealth to explore a ban on importing engineered stone and to work with businesses and the union movement to eliminate silicosis.

*[Notice given on 1 November 2023 — Listed for 20 days].*

**241 JACINTA ERMACORA — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the Allan Labor Government is supporting our TAFE and training sector to deliver a pipeline of skilled workers for skill shortages and Government priorities;
- (2) since 2014, the Government has invested more than \$4 billion to rebuild the TAFE and training system to ensure Victorians have access to pathways from high quality training through to great jobs and rewarding career pathways;
- (3) the Allan Labor Government has signed the new five-year National Skills Agreement with the Federal Government, securing \$3.1 billion for Victoria's TAFE and training sector, showing the Federal Government's strong commitment to TAFE as part of the deal, which includes working with the states to establish the national network TAFE Centres of Excellence, involving partnerships between TAFEs, universities, jobs and skills councils, industry and adult education institutions;
- (4) in January, the Government changed the eligibility restrictions for free TAFE so that all Victorians can access fee-free training, even if they already hold a qualification and this has opened the door for more people to consider a career change, no matter what training they have done before; and
- (5) as of September 2023, over 153,000 students have benefited from free TAFE and of those students, more than 88,000 were women and 43,000 were from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

*[Notice given on 2 November 2023 — Listed for 19 days].*

**251 MICHAEL GALEA — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges the Allan Labor Government's commitment to ensuring that 40 per cent of the state's electricity is from renewable sources by 2025, 65 per cent by 2030 and 95 per cent by 2035;
- (2) notes that because of the Government's ambitious policies, a total of 187 energy generation, storage and transmission projects have already received planning approval, representing 14 gigawatts of energy generation and 5 gigawatts of storage and almost \$28 billion in investment;
- (3) further notes that there are another 130 projects in the planning pipeline, with the potential for a further 30 gigawatts of energy generation, including a growing list of offshore wind projects;

- (4) commends the Victorian Labor Government's decision to bring back the State Electricity Commission (SEC);
- (5) further acknowledges that —
  - (a) the SEC will be critical in securing the investment and workforce we need to accelerate the energy transition and reach net zero emissions by 2045; and
  - (b) investment into more renewables generates lower energy bills for Victorian households.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**253 SHEENA WATT — To move —**

That this House notes the Allan Labor Government's commitment to the electricity transition through —

- (1) turbocharging the transition to renewable energy through the Victorian Renewable Energy Targets of 40 per cent by 2025, 65 per cent by 2030, and 95 per cent renewable electricity by 2035;
- (2) emission reduction targets of 28 to 33 per cent by 2025, 45 to 50 per cent by 2030, 75 to 80 per cent by 2035, and net zero by 2045;
- (3) energy storage targets of at least 2.6 gigawatts of energy storage capacity by 2030, and at least 6.3 gigawatts by 2035;
- (4) offshore wind targets of at least 2 gigawatts of offshore generation capacity by 2032, 4 gigawatts by 2035, and 9 gigawatts by 2040;
- (5) bringing back the State Electricity Commission (SEC) through an initial \$1 billion investment towards delivering 4.5 gigawatts of power through renewable energy projects;
- (6) supporting household electrification, including making all new homes that require a planning permit all-electric from 1 January 2024 which will reduce ongoing household energy bills; and
- (7) further incentivising electrification through incentives such as the Solar Homes Program, Victorian Energy Upgrades program, as well as the SEC becoming a trusted voice to assist Victorians to electrify.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**255 TOM McINTOSH — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges that the Allan Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to bring back the State Electricity Commission (SEC);
- (2) notes that the SEC —
  - (a) is back with the release of the SEC ten-year strategic plan;
  - (b) will invest an initial \$1 billion towards delivering 4.5 gigawatts of power through new renewable energy and storage projects;
  - (c) will become a trusted voice in home electrification, piloting simple and effective solutions to make it easier for homes to go all-electric;
  - (d) will deliver lower energy bills for Victorians by supporting renewable investment and household electrification;
  - (e) will support the creation of 59,000 jobs, including 6,000 apprentices and trainees;
  - (f) will support the transition to renewable energy, and our target of 95 per cent renewable electricity generation by 2035; and

- (3) further notes the Allan Labor Government will establish the SEC Centre of Training Excellence.

[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].

**278 JACLYN SYMES** — To move —

That until the end of the Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, the following Sessional Order be adopted, to come into operation on the next sitting day:

**Time limits**

In Standing Order 5.03, Time limits — *Adjournment debate (Standing Order 4.11)*, for '3 minutes' substitute '2 minutes'.

[Notice given on 30 November 2023].

**298 SHEENA WATT** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) commends the release of the Allan Labor Government's landmark *Listening to women's voices* report;
- (2) acknowledges that the report showed —
  - (a) close to half of all Victorian women are impacted by issues related to their periods, pregnancy or birth complications;
  - (b) close to one in three Victorian women are affected by perimenopause or menopause;
- (3) notes the Allan Labor Government's further commitments to making sure women's health gets the focus and funding it deserves, including —
  - (a) working to establish 20 new comprehensive women's health clinics;
  - (b) opening an additional nine sexual and reproductive health hubs;
  - (c) doubling the number of endometriosis and associated surgeries, delivering around 10,800 extra laparoscopies over the next four years;
- (4) commends the Allan Labor Government's new *Inquiry into Women's Pain*, the next stage of the Labor Government's nation-leading \$153 million women's health transformation, which will —
  - (a) examine systemic issues and solutions and hear directly from women across Victoria; and
  - (b) be led by a panel of experts and overseen by the Women's Health Advisory Council.

[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].

**320 MICHAEL GALEA** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) commends the Allan Labor Government for its commitment to inclusive education;
- (2) notes that —
  - (a) more students with disability and additional needs will have the support they deserve thanks to a funding boost by this Government, delivering —
    - (i) inclusive play areas;
    - (ii) sensory gardens; and
    - (iii) outdoor learning spaces;
  - (b) 37 schools are sharing in more than \$9 million to create facilities suitable for students of all abilities, as part of Round 9 of the Labor Government's Inclusive Schools Fund;
  - (c) since its establishment, around 420 creative projects have been funded through the transformational program; and

- (3) further notes the Allan Labor Government is investing nearly \$1.6 billion in the Disability Inclusion program to better respond to the needs of students with disability, ensuring they can participate and achieve their full potential at school and beyond.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**321 LEE TARLAMIS — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) commends the Allan Labor Government for ensuring more Victorian students are starting their day on a full stomach, thanks to the School Breakfast Clubs program;
- (2) notes —
  - (a) the School Breakfast Clubs program provides free nutritious breakfasts, lunches, snacks and take-home food packs for those in need;
  - (b) 1,000 primary, secondary and specialist schools across Victoria participate in the program;
  - (c) that since its introduction it has provided its 40 millionth meal;
- (3) further notes the Breakfast Club program has led to greater social outcomes for students and the school community by —
  - (a) improving student engagement and concentration;
  - (b) building stronger staff-student relationships;
  - (c) enhancing social skills; and
  - (d) lifting academic performance.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**322 SONJA TERPSTRA — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) commends the Allan Labor Government's work to address the fundamental causes of economic inequality for women through significant reforms as outlined in *Our equal state*, Victoria's gender equality strategy and road-map for the next four years of action in gender equality;
- (2) acknowledges —
  - (a) the nation-leading Best Start, Best Life initiative, a \$9 billion plan to reform early childhood education which will get up to 13,300 extra women back into the workforce and increase economic participation over the next decade while boosting the State's economy by up to \$4.8 billion each year by 2032;
  - (b) the work being done by the Allan Labor Government to increase the participation of women in the workforce by supporting more women to enter and succeed in the male-dominated energy and manufacturing industries; and
  - (c) that economic inequality needs a whole of government response, which is why the Allan Labor Government has introduced the Gender Responsive Budgeting Unit within the Department of Treasury and Finance to ensure outcomes for women are measured as part of budget decision-making processes every year.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**323 JACINTA ERMACORA — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) commends the Allan Labor Government's rollout of the Victorian Community Pharmacist Statewide Pilot which allows trained community pharmacists to provide —
  - (a) a resupply of select oral contraceptive pills without a prescription for women;

- (b) antibiotics for uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women;
- (c) treatment for mild, common skin conditions from March, with Victorians no longer requiring an appointment at a busy GP clinic for treatment;
- (2) acknowledges the Allan Labor Government's work to expand the role of community pharmacists to provide Victorians with access to affordable primary care, close to home;
- (3) notes the efficacy of the Allan Labor Government's Community Pharmacist Pilot which has —
  - (a) provided more than 3,500 treatments since it began in October 2023;
  - (b) provided around 2,000 patients with antibiotics to treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections, allowing quick and effective treatment from a pharmacist for this unplanned, painful and often distressing condition;
  - (c) allowed around 1,200 women to attend their local pharmacist for a resupply of the oral contraceptive pill, removing the need to book a GP appointment;
  - (d) supported more than 400 Victorians who have sought travel health and vaccination consultations;
  - (e) expanded access to these treatments from more than 730 approved pharmacies across Victoria, 27 per cent of which were in rural and regional Victoria; and
- (4) further commends the efficacy of the pilot where 97 per cent of patients are very satisfied with the service they received, and most did not need to seek further healthcare.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**325 JOHN BERGER — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that the —
  - (a) Allan Labor Government introduced the nation leading Veterans Card – Victoria on 1 July 2023;
  - (b) Veterans Card – Victoria is available to all current and former Australian Defence Force personnel and assists them with —
    - (i) \$100 of light vehicle registration;
    - (ii) free trailer and caravan registration;
    - (iii) free marine licences;
    - (iv) fishing licence exemptions;
    - (v) free transport on ANZAC and Remembrance Days;
    - (vi) access to veteran employment programs;
- (2) further notes how the Allan Labor Government is backing Victoria's veterans community by —
  - (a) delivering grant programs which support veterans' community infrastructure, local war memorials, and welfare and commemoration activities;
  - (b) funding the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize, to educate young Victorians on the importance of Australia's peacekeeping and wartime history; and
  - (c) getting more veterans into meaningful employment opportunities through the Veterans Employment Target and the work of the Veteran Employment Advocate, now-retired, Major General David McLachlan AO.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**370\* SONJA TERPSTRA** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) celebrates the recent five-year anniversary of the ‘Free TAFE’ initiative that has changed lives, removed financial barriers, and reduced cost-of-living pressures for 156,000 Victorians and counting;
- (2) recognises that ‘Free TAFE’ removes the single biggest barrier to vocational training for Victorians in priority courses, saving students almost \$431 million in tuition fees as of February 2024;
- (3) thanks the workers at Victorian TAFEs, our teachers, and professional staff, who support students and deliver quality courses that our economy needs;
- (4) notes that —
  - (a) four new courses have been added to the ‘Free TAFE’ list from this year, the Diploma of Youth Work, Certificate IV in Kitchen Management, Diploma of Hospitality Management, and Certificate III in Tourism, taking the total number of free TAFE courses to more than 80;
  - (b) the Victorian Government has rebuilt our skills and training system since inheriting a shattered TAFE system in 2014, demonstrating our commitment to vocational education and public education;
  - (c) the Allan Labor Government has established the architecture to meet skills demands head on, the Victorian Skills Authority, Apprenticeships Victoria, and the Office of TAFE Coordination and Delivery, to support a joined-up TAFE network;
  - (d) of the more than 156,000 students who have enrolled in free TAFE courses, more than —
    - (i) 87,000 were women;
    - (ii) 40,000 were from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and
- (5) condemns the previous Baillieu-Napthine Government for the savage cuts and campus closures that brought our TAFE and training system to its knees.

*[Notice given on 21 March 2024 — Listed for 1 day].*

**371\* HARRIET SHING** — To move —

That this House acknowledges the October 2022 flood event and the devastating impact it had on communities in Victoria.

*[Notice given on 21 March 2024].*

**372\* RYAN BATCHELOR** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) commends the Allan Labor Government for its commitment to supporting Victorian music;
- (2) notes that —
  - (a) the Allan Labor Government is delivering \$2 million to enable the expansion of the songwriting in schools program, to assist students in years 10-12 to take their music from the classroom to the band room, giving them the skills they need to build a career in music;
  - (b) the Allan Labor Government is partnering with the national songwriting and music publishing peak body, APRA AMCOS, to deliver the mentoring SongMakers program;

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\* *Indicates new entry.*

- (c) since its launch, the SongMakers program has run in more than 300 schools with more than 350 teachers and 5,000 students to create more than 1,100 songs;
- (3) further notes that the \$2 million boost in funding from the Allan Labor Government will provide —
  - (a) a further roll out of the SongMakers program to 60 high schools across Victoria;
  - (b) benefits and opportunities for 1,400 students, 200 teachers, and 200 local musicians and music workers over the next two years;
  - (c) an extended experience for standout students with songwriting mentors and industry experts at the SongMakers Academy;
  - (d) 16 students to work with SongMakers mentors, The Push and Music Victoria, through the Studio to the Stage program, to prepare a performance of their own original songs; and
  - (e) participating teachers an opportunity to undertake professional development, enhancing their industry understanding and connections, and equipping them to teach future students the program’s curriculum.

*[Notice given on 21 March 2024 — Listed for 1 day].*

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — *(from Assembly — Jaclyn Symes)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Evan Mulholland)*.
- 2\* **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — *(from Assembly — Ingrid Stitt)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(David Davis)*.
- 3\* **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — *(from Assembly — Enver Erdogan)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Evan Mulholland)*.
- 4\* **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — *(from Assembly — Ingrid Stitt)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(David Davis)*.
- 5 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — *(from Assembly — Ingrid Stitt)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 6 **BEST START, BEST LIFE REFORMS** — Motion relating to the Best Start, Best Life reforms *(Sheena Watt)* — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.  
*[Listed for 20 days].*

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## INSTRUCTION TO COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 14.11

- 1 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023**  
**SARAH MANSFIELD** — Contingent on the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 being committed — To move —  
That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider amendments to the *Constitution Act 1975* —



- (a) to prohibit the construction of fossil fuel facilities in Victoria; and
- (b) to constrain the power of the Parliament to make laws repealing, altering or varying the provisions of the *Constitution Act 1975* relating to the matters set out in paragraph (a).

[Notice given on 19 March 2024 pursuant to Standing Order 14.11(3)].

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### 232 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) the Government commenced the commercial killing of kangaroos on 1 October 2019, under the Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan (KHMP);
  - (2) since the commencement of the KHMP, members of the community and wildlife rescuers have consistently raised concerns about compliance and the lack of inspections undertaken to ensure regulations are followed;
  - (3) an inspection may involve Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA) wildlife officers undertaking random assessments of commercial license holders to monitor compliance with the *Wildlife Act 1975* and license conditions;
  - (4) the total commercial quota for 2023 is 166,750;
  - (5) in quarter two there were five inspections, that is 0.023 per cent of the total killed;
  - (6) in quarter three there were 14 inspections, that is 0.087 per cent of the total killed;
  - (7) the number of joeys bludgeoned to death per legal practice is unknown;
  - (8) the number of shot and wounded but not instantly killed kangaroos is unknown;
  - (9) DEECA note that the harvest summary figures are self-reported and there may be discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual figures due to memory bias;
  - (10) Wildlife Victoria reports a 55 per cent increase in the number of kangaroos responded to with gunshot wounds since the program began;
  - (11) volunteer wildlife rescuers and members of the public are routinely attending to shot and injured kangaroos and orphaned joeys, some with parts of their faces blown off, desperately treating and humanely euthanising them as needed;
- and calls on the Government to stop the largest slaughter of land-based wildlife on the planet from occurring in our backyards.

[Notice given on 1 November 2023 — Listed for 20 days].

#### 234 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) the Victorian Government has committed to the first stages of the redevelopment of Albury Wodonga Health's Albury campus, including plans for a multi-storey tower without any site-specific geotechnical studies;
- (2) existing buildings on this site have shifted 60mm, floors have dropped and consultants have warned one building was at risk of the ceiling collapsing;
- (3) the cause has been identified as the highly reactive clay soils which may "experience high ground movement from moisture changes on this site";
- (4) remedial work on the damaged ward has not been undertaken because of the chronic shortage of beds in the Victorian Labor Government run hospital;

- (5) the geotechnical study used to evaluate the merits of building on the Albury campus as opposed to a greenfield site in a Master Plan dated December 2021 was a desktop study using soil sample results from more than a decade ago onsite and construction sites up to two kilometres away;
  - (6) costing for that evaluation of preferred sites in the Master Plan specifically excluded “abnormal ground conditions”;
  - (7) the existing hospital on this campus was planned to be four-storeys but was reduced to two and ground level because of the excessive cost for foundations and piers to support taller buildings as identified by geotechnical studies;
- and calls on the Government to demand that an onsite, thorough geotechnical study assessing the risks and additional costs of building a proposed multi-storey building on this site is completed before releasing any taxpayers’ money.

*[Notice given on 1 November 2023 — Listed for 20 days].*

**237 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria is second in the country for on-track greyhound deaths in 2023;
  - (2) 26 greyhounds have been killed on-track in Victoria in 2023;
  - (3) 2,787 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks in 2023, which equates to more than nine dogs each day;
  - (4) there have been 556 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 20 per cent increase from this time last year;
  - (5) there have been 363 serious greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 27 per cent increase from this time last year;
  - (6) Victoria leads the country in the number of life-threatening on-track greyhound injuries in 2023;
  - (7) as a result of these injuries there has been significantly more off-track deaths in 2023;
- and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 2 November 2023 — Listed for 19 days].*

**238 TRUNG LUU — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the purpose of road speed cameras is to promote road safety and not to collect revenue;
- (2) speed cameras promote road safety by deterring drivers from driving above the speed limit;
- (3) drivers conform to road speed limits when advanced warning signs make them aware that speed limits are being enforced in the area;
- (4) fixed speed cameras in Victoria are accompanied by advanced warning signs;
- (5) mobile speed cameras in Victoria are not accompanied by advanced warning signs;
- (6) New South Wales recently reinstated the use of advanced warning signs when deploying mobile speed cameras;

and calls on the Government to mandate the use of advanced warning signs when mobile speed cameras are deployed in Victoria.

*[Notice given on 2 November 2023 — Listed for 19 days].*

**240 MELINA BATH — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) Emergency Management Victoria and the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council warned Victorians on 23 August 2023 of a drier and warmer spring, strong drying trends and higher-than-normal potential for bushfires across the 2023-24 bushfire season;
- (2) high rainfall during three years of wet La Niña conditions has led to a significant buildup in roadside vegetation across regional Victoria;
- (3) VicRoads and the Government work alongside local councils and fire agencies to plan and deliver programs to reduce roadside fuel loads;
- (4) current efforts to reduce roadside fuel loads have been woefully inadequate, putting human life at greater risk;
- (5) recommendations 59 to 62 of the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission (VBRC) gave human life the highest priority in delivering fire management activities and highlighted the vital role of roadside vegetation in managing fire risks;

and calls on the Labor Government to act immediately to protect human life from bushfire risk related to roadside fuel by committing to the VBRC recommendations and providing adequate resources for VicRoads and local councils to conduct roadside vegetation management activities to meet targets.

*[Notice given on 2 November 2023 — Listed for 19 days].*

**244 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) calls for an immediate ceasefire between all parties, the unconditional release of all hostages, and an end to the siege of Gaza;
- (2) condemns —
  - (a) war crimes perpetrated by the state of Israel, including the indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians and siege of Gaza;
  - (b) war crimes perpetrated by Hamas, including the premeditated targeting of Israeli civilians;
  - (c) anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and racism in all its forms both in Australia and internationally;
- (3) calls for all perpetrators to be held accountable for their actions in accordance with international law;
- (4) recognises that —
  - (a) seven UN Special Rapporteurs have said “We are sounding the alarm...There is an ongoing campaign by Israel contributing to crimes against humanity in Gaza...Statements made by Israeli political leaders and their allies, accompanied by military action in Gaza and escalation of arrests and killing in the West Bank...[means] there is also a risk of genocide”;
  - (b) for there to be peace there must be an end to the state of Israel’s illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories;
- (5) calls on the Victorian Government to take action to —
  - (a) advocate to the Federal Government for it to support a ceasefire and pursue a just and sustainable peace, including an end to the occupation of the Palestinian Territories; and

- (b) end its relationship with Israeli defence companies, such as Elbit Corporation, whose weapons are being used in the invasion of Gaza.

*[Notice given on 14 November 2023 — Listed for 18 days].*

**245 DAVID LIMBRICK — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the principles of private property and free markets are central to a free and flourishing society;
- (2) the voluntary exchange of goods and services benefits both parties;
- (3) limiting attempts to centrally control, overtax and overregulate markets has allowed many countries, including Australia, to create wealth and improve the lives of billions;
- (4) free market trade is not —
  - (a) corporate welfare;
  - (b) restrictive regulation to benefit established businesses;
  - (c) business sustained by selective government grants and subsidies;
- (5) protectionist policies, such as tariffs and subsidies, increase costs to Victorian consumers and harm our economy;
- (6) Australia's economy has fallen in rankings for competitiveness, resilience, government debt and entrepreneurship; and
- (7) free markets create wealth, provide choice and are the most efficient and moral pathway to meet the variety of needs and desires of people.

*[Notice given on 14 November 2023 — Listed for 18 days].*

**246 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) condemns the disgraceful acts of anti-Semitic violence committed by anti-Israel protestors outside a synagogue on Shabbat in Caulfield South;
- (2) unequivocally condemns all acts of anti-Semitism;
- (3) stands with Melbourne's Jewish community and their right to feel safe in their own community;

and calls on the Government to take action and ensure that this violence will never be seen again.

*[Notice given on 14 November 2023 — Listed for 18 days].*

**249 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House expresses its serious concern at the shocking events outside a Jewish religious institution in Caulfield in the Southern Metropolitan Region last Friday and notes that these events were anti-Semitic and completely unacceptable.

*[Notice given on 14 November 2023 — Listed for 18 days].*

**250 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the use of inappropriate fruit tree netting is the leading cause of flying fox injury and death in Victoria;
- (2) netting with a larger mesh size is more likely to entangle birds, possums or bats and the struggle to free themselves can cause deep cuts, strangulation and often death;

- (3) on 1 September 2021, following advocacy of the Animal Justice Party and rescue groups, new provisions were introduced under Victoria's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations requiring backyard netting to have a mesh size no greater than 5mm by 5mm;
- (4) the fine for non-compliance, including advertising or offering non-compliant netting for household fruiting plants, is up to \$2,760;
- (5) Wildlife Victoria report the reforms have reduced the number of entanglement cases by 32 per cent;
- (6) these regulations do not apply to commercial facilities that routinely use larger suspension netting as well as nylon line that is easily tangled, throughout Victoria;
- (7) there are countless animals entangled, injured and killed in this netting including fledglings, who are unable to fly and are found trapped and abandoned on the rooftops that birds use for nesting;
- (8) volunteer wildlife rescuers and other emergency services are being called to rescue birds from netting in difficult settings presenting a health and safety risk and unnecessary pressure on resources;

and calls on the Government to include minimum size requirements for commercial netting in its revised animal protection legislation in order to protect birds and wildlife across Victoria.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**252 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House notes the alarming number of children who have died or have been permanently affected as a result of serious failures in Victoria's emergency departments and calls on the Government to release the full number of children in the latest sentinel report who have died or been permanently affected as a result of failures in Victoria's hospitals.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**254 EVAN MULHOLLAND — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the Allan Labor Government has racked up \$30 billion in infrastructure blowouts;
- (2) the management of major projects has been defined by waste, blowouts and incompetence resulting in the cancellation of the Airport Rail, Western Rail Plan and Geelong Fast Rail;
- (3) the latest project affected by mismanagement is the Craigieburn Road upgrade, a crucial duplication in Melbourne's north jointly funded by the former Federal Liberal Government;
- (4) the Freedom of Information application has revealed that the Craigieburn Road duplication reported in June, at least 18 months away from its scheduled completion date, that more than \$190 million had been spent on the project, including almost \$23 million in February alone, meaning that the original budget of \$300 million is set to blow out by \$80 million to \$380 million;
- (5) the northern suburbs receive so little attention and infrastructure dollars to begin with and when they do, the budget blows out under the Premier, the Hon. Jacinta Allan MP's watch;
- (6) the Premier's failure to manage money means that she has only one solution, tax Victorians more;
- (7) as the Minister behind this latest blowout, the Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, must take responsibility and guarantee the residents of Melbourne's neglected outer north that they will not be short-changed because of her incompetence;

and calls on the Premier to clarify the extent of her latest project blowout and ensure money is not being redirected away from other crucial projects in the area.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**256 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria is second in the country for on-track greyhound deaths in 2023;
- (2) 27 greyhounds have been killed on-track in Victoria in 2023;
- (3) 2,896 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks in 2023, which equates to more than nine dogs each day;
- (4) there have been 572 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 17 per cent increase from this time last year;
- (5) there have been 373 serious greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 24 per cent increase from this time last year;
- (6) Victoria leads the country in the number of life-threatening on-track greyhound injuries in 2023;
- (7) as a result of these injuries there has been significantly more off-track deaths in 2023; and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**257 MELINA BATH — To move —**

That this House notes that Labor's renewed SEC actually stands for soaring energy costs.

*[Notice given on 15 November 2023 — Listed for 17 days].*

**258 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) there are current exemptions under Victoria's animal protection laws that allow for the routine cruelty towards animals used in farming systems making it legally permissible for —
  - (a) day old male chicks to be macerated while fully conscious in an industrial grinder;
  - (b) newborn piglets to be killed using blunt force trauma, commonly involving the use of hammers;
  - (c) newborn piglets to have their teeth cut and their tails docked using pliers and scissors without pain relief;
  - (d) calves to have their budding horns burned off with a hot iron;
  - (e) sheep to have the skin removed from above their tail using scissors and knives;
  - (f) chickens and turkeys to have up to a third of their beak removed using hot blades without pain relief;
  - (g) chickens to be slaughtered by lowering them into electrical water baths;
- (2) many of these practices are already outlawed in Sweden, the United Kingdom and New Zealand;
- (3) in 2017 the Victorian Government committed to replacing outdated animal welfare legislation by 2019;

and calls on the Government to remove exemptions that allow for routine cruelty under a new Victorian animal care and protection legislation and ensure they are prohibited.

*[Notice given on 16 November 2023 — Listed for 16 days].*

**259 SARAH MANSFIELD — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) we are in a climate emergency;
  - (2) the Victorian Labor Government is allowing seismic blasting and gas exploration of the South West coast and supporting over a dozen new gas drilling projects in the state;
  - (3) the science demands no new fossil fuel projects;
- and calls on the Victorian Labor Government to declare which side they are on.

*[Notice given on 16 November 2023 — Listed for 16 days].*

**260 AIV PUGLIELLI — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that we are in a climate emergency;
- (2) further notes that the Victorian Labor Government is supporting new coal by backing a new coal to hydrogen project; and
- (3) asks the Government will you stand with us as the world is being abused.

*[Notice given on 16 November 2023 — Listed for 16 days].*

**261 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that we are in a climate emergency;
- (2) condemns the Victorian Labor Government for supporting more coal by extending the life of licences for brown coal mining in Victoria; and
- (3) asks the Government if it realises that history will remember you.

*[Notice given on 16 November 2023 — Listed for 16 days].*

**262 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that we are in a climate emergency;
  - (2) condemns the Victorian Labor Government for supporting more gas by lifting the moratorium on conventional gas drilling across Victoria;
  - (3) wishes all power to the school strikers for climate on Friday;
- and calls on the Government to declare which side it is on.

*[Notice given on 16 November 2023 — Listed for 16 days].*

**264 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) on 24 November 2023, in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee hearings, Department of Health officials told the Committee that —
  - (a) 20 Victorians died across the 24 months to June 2023 due to Ambulance Victoria failures;
  - (b) a total of 1,395 Victorians died waiting for their vital elective surgery;
  - (c) 9,520 nurses left Victoria's health system last year, up from 7,067 in 2021;
  - (d) 18,988 taxi trips were used to transport sick Victorians for access to health care; and
- (2) under Labor, Victorians will be further punished due to the Government's health tax which will close medical clinics, end bulk billing, force patients to our already over-stretched emergency departments and drive up the costs of health care for Victorians who are already being hit with a cost-of-living crisis.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**267 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House requires the Legal and Social Issues Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by 14 November 2024, on the impacts of, causes of and solutions to household cost-of-living pressures in Victoria, including but not limited to —

- (1) the impacts of the rising cost-of-living pressures facing Victorians on —
  - (a) physical and mental health;
  - (b) economic stress, poverty, and hardship;
- (2) the various contributors to cost-of-living pressures, including —
  - (a) the rising cost of food and food insecurity;
  - (b) increased energy and utility costs;
  - (c) healthcare cost and accessibility;
  - (d) rising interest rates and resultant flow-on effects;
  - (e) government charges and taxes;
  - (f) housing and home ownership;
  - (g) public and private transport costs;
- (3) measures to ease cost-of-living through the tax and transfer system, the provision of government services and regulation; and
- (4) any other related matters.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**268 TRUNG LUU — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the reports of a decision by the previous Andrews, now Allan, Government to axe two new rail lines to Melton and Wyndham Vale is a massive betrayal to people in the western suburbs of Melbourne;
- (2) this was a 2018 election promise;
- (3) currently passengers are limited to 20 minute services and trains are overcrowded and at capacity, with this decision having huge ramifications in areas with the fastest growing population in Melbourne;
- (4) this joins a long list of broken promises by the previous Andrews, now Allan, Government, from hospital and school infrastructure to rail and road infrastructure;
- (5) people in the west, like all Victorians, are paying more under Labor, but because of Labor's waste and mismanagement are getting little for it;
- (6) people in the west are already suffering higher inflation, power prices and mortgage costs because of Labor's financial waste and mismanagement;
- (7) people in the west, like all Victorians, are paying the highest taxes in the nation, but are getting little for it;
- (8) the previous Andrews, now Allan, Government has neglected the west for almost a decade in office, promising candy at an election, before snatching it away immediately after;

and calls on the Government to deliver the transport infrastructure they promised and stop neglecting the west.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*



**269 GEORGIE PURCELL** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) the *Wildlife Act 1975* legislates that the annual duck shooting season is due to commence on the third weekend in March each year, meaning that the 2024 season is approximately 15 weeks away from beginning;
- (2) in February 2023, the Government moved and passed a motion to establish the Legislative Council Select Committee on Victoria's recreational native bird hunting arrangements;
- (3) recommendation one of the Select Committee's final report tabled on 31 August 2023 was that the Victorian Government end the annual recreational native bird hunting season on all public and private land from 2024;
- (4) the Government must respond to the recommendations of the report by the end of February 2024;

and calls on the Government to immediately cancel the 2024 recreational native duck shooting season and respond immediately to the report by committing to legislate a complete ban on recreational native duck shooting by the end of next year.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**271 MELINA BATH** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) under the Gippsland Plantations Investment Program, announced in October 2020, the Labor Government committed to a planting target of 30 million trees by 2030;
  - (2) on 20 November 2023, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action indicated that only 4,000 trees were planted in the 2022-23 financial year;
  - (3) the minuscule planting numbers reveal the program is nothing but a sham;
- and calls on the Labor Government to allow the continuation of native timber harvesting until the promised plantation timber is available.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**272 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) expresses its concern that Victoria's laws allow for children as young as 10 years old to be imprisoned, despite extensive research showing that prison does not rehabilitate children;
- (2) recognises that the response to youth crime should be focused on prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation, not on punishment;
- (3) notes we are in a week of action during which the community is demanding politicians raise the age of criminal responsibility across the country, ahead of next week's Council of Attorneys-General meeting;

and calls on the Victorian Government to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14, in alignment with international human rights standards.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**273 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges that in November 2023, the world recorded two days of average surface temperature that is two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels for the first time on record;

- (2) heed the warnings of the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, who said that “Present trends are racing our planet down a dead-end 3C temperature rise...This is a failure of leadership, a betrayal of the vulnerable, and a massive missed opportunity... Renewables have never been cheaper or more accessible...We know it is still possible to make the 1.5 degree limit a reality...It requires tearing out the poisoned root of the climate crisis: fossil fuels”;
- (3) recognises the urgency with which we must act to combat climate change across all levels of government; and
- (4) calls on the Victorian Government to immediately commit that no new coal, oil or gas projects will be approved on Victorian land or waters.

*[Notice given on 28 November 2023 — Listed for 15 days].*

**274 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria is second in the country for on-track greyhound deaths in 2023;
- (2) 27 greyhounds have been killed on-track in Victoria in 2023;
- (3) 3,022 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks in 2023, which equates to more than nine dogs each day;
- (4) there have been 593 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 15 per cent increase from this time last year;
- (5) there have been 384 serious greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2023, representing a 22 per cent increase from this time last year;
- (6) Victoria leads the country in the number of life-threatening on-track greyhound injuries in 2023;
- (7) as a result of these injuries there has been significantly more off-track deaths in 2023; and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in this industry including safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 29 November 2023 — Listed for 14 days].*

**275 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) transport is Victoria’s second largest and fastest growing source of emissions;
  - (b) worldwide electric bikes and mopeds are displacing around four times as much demand for oil as electric cars;
  - (c) electric bikes, especially electric cargo bikes, can be an effective replacement for one of the average household’s two cars;
  - (d) in a cost-of-living crisis, an average household could save between \$9,000 and \$16,000 per year by not needing a second car;
  - (e) an electric bike ridden 20 kilometres a day, five days a week, would cost about \$20 for a whole year to charge;
  - (f) air pollution from motor vehicles causes hundreds of early deaths and thousands of cases of bronchitis and cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and it is the Department of Health’s policy to promote active transport such as cycling;
  - (g) the Government’s transport sector emissions reduction pledge includes a target for 25 per cent of trips to be walking or cycling by 2030;
- (2) further notes that the Tasmanian Government is offering \$1.2 million in subsidies for electric bikes and electric scooters, as part of their Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25;

and calls on the Victorian Government to offer subsidies to Victorians who want to improve their health, reduce their carbon emissions and transport costs by purchasing an electric bike.

*[Notice given on 29 November 2023 — Listed for 14 days].*

**276 MELINA BATH** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) in 2018 the Andrews Labor Government committed to reducing departmental spending on contractors and consultants;
  - (2) between 2018-19 and 2021-22 the Government spent \$561 million on consultants and \$11.1 billion on contractors, with the total public service spend on contractors and consultants increasing by 47 per cent over the period;
  - (3) the Victorian Auditor-General's Report *Contractors and Consultants in the Victorian Public Service: Spending* found a lack of transparency, rigor and reliability of published information in relation to contractors and consultants stating "some departments do not publish all the information they should";
  - (4) the Allan Labor Government cannot manage money;
- and calls on the Allan Labor Government to improve transparency and accountability in reporting departmental spending.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**277 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) the Minister for Housing recently updated the House about the contracts awarded for Homes Victoria's Ground Lease Model public housing privatisation program which will see 2,500 public housing dwellings demolished across Essex Street in Prahran, Horace Petty in South Yarra, Barak Beacon in Port Melbourne and Bluff Road in Hampton East;
  - (b) the Victorian Labor Government has confirmed that no new public housing will be built on any of these sites;
- (2) further notes that the majority of homes will be private homes built on public housing land when this land could have been retained to build more public housing;
- (3) acknowledges that Victoria is in the midst of a housing crisis with over 125,000 people on the waiting list for public housing and 30,000 people experiencing homelessness every night; and
- (4) calls on the Victorian Labor Government to abandon its privatisation agenda and keep public land for more public homes.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**279 GEORGIE PURCELL** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) companion animal rescues and shelters are overflowing and are under immense pressure dealing with a rehoming crisis due to post covid surrenders, no moratorium on breeding and cost of living pressures;
- (2) each year over the holiday period companion animals including cats, dogs and rabbits are dumped at shelters in the thousands as unwanted gifts and due to people not wanting to pay for boarding or pet sitting services;

- (3) companion animals are a lifetime commitment and are not suitable gifts over the holiday season or at any time;
- (4) demand on purchasing from breeders only further increases supply, taking a home away from an animal in need of rescue;
- (5) countless puppies, dogs, kittens, cats, rabbits and greyhounds are awaiting homes in shelters and rescues, who have endless waitlists across Victoria;
- (6) individuals and families looking for a companion animal over the holiday period should consider adoption as the most ethical choice;

and calls on the Government to promote companion animal adoption and implement a moratorium on breeding to allow animals in need to find homes and for shelters and rescues to recover over the holiday period.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**280 SARAH MANSFIELD — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that successive Victorian Labor Governments have failed in their obligation to ensure the return of water to the environment as per their commitments in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan;
- (2) acknowledges that by failing in this regard the Allan Labor Government have not met their obligations to —
  - (a) protect and conserve listed threatened species under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1998* that are reliant on environmental flows;
  - (b) ensure that water resources in the Murray River system are sustainably managed as per the *Water Act 1989*;
  - (c) address the underlying causes of biodiversity threats and stressors as per the *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037 Plan*;
- (3) further acknowledges that since it was elected the Victorian Labor Government has undermined the Murray-Darling Basin Plan by —
  - (a) developing criteria by which the socio-economic impacts of water recovery make return of environmental water impossible;
  - (b) actively reducing water recovery targets;
  - (c) refusing to support the purchase of water for the environment from willing and voluntary sellers;
  - (d) failing to uphold its obligations to develop water policy based on the best available scientific knowledge as per the *Water Act 2007 (Cth)*;
- (4) calls on the Government to commit, as part of a renewed Murray-Darling Basin Plan, to —
  - (a) support environmental water targets based on the best available science;
  - (b) acknowledge and plan for the reality that the Basin is being impacted by climate change; and
  - (c) deliver real water justice for First Nations people.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**282 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) transport is Victoria's second largest and fastest growing source of emissions;

- (b) transporting freight by rail produces 75 per cent less greenhouse gas emissions per tonne-kilometre compared to road transport;
  - (c) the average freight train takes around 110 trucks off the road;
  - (d) the Government expects the Port Rail Shuttle Network to move 30 per cent of the Port of Melbourne's container trade by rail by 2050;
  - (e) the Victorian Auditor-General's Office found rail's share decreased by 5.6 per cent per year from 2009 to 2019, and would need a 4.6 per cent increase per year to meet the 2050 target;
  - (f) several initiatives in the 2018 Victorian Freight Plan, *Delivering the Goods*, have been scrapped, descope or delayed, including the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project, Murray Basin Rail Project and Port Rail Shuttles;
  - (g) Infrastructure Victoria's 30-year strategy recommends the Government prepare a freight rail network development plan, including sequencing gauge conversion programs, considering new intermodal terminals, setting maintenance standards, and funding;
  - (h) the Government has not published an Integrated Transport Plan, as required by the *Transport Integration Act 2010*, to guide necessary investment in freight railways;
- (2) calls on the Victorian Government to explain how it will —
- (a) achieve a 30 per cent share of container trade by rail by 2050; and
  - (b) eliminate freight emissions as part of its plan to achieve net zero emissions by 2045 and what contribution mode shift will make to these reductions.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**283 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that there are currently 146 parcels of public land being prepared for future sale;
- (2) acknowledges that government land is still being sold off despite ongoing Treaty negotiations with our First Peoples, who have never ceded sovereignty of this land;
- (3) agrees that selling government land during Treaty negotiations undermines the process and further dispossess First Peoples of their land; and
- (4) calls on the Government to institute a moratorium on public land sales so public land can be appropriately considered in Treaty negotiations.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**284 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes recent reporting linking the housing crisis to immigration;
- (2) acknowledges that the housing crisis is not caused by immigration;
- (3) expresses concern about the potential scapegoating of immigrants for the failures of the federal and state governments that have led to the current housing crisis; and
- (4) calls on the Government to implement a two-year rent freeze, followed by rent caps, and invest in building sufficient new public housing as key steps to fix the housing crisis.

*[Notice given on 30 November 2023 — Listed for 13 days].*

**285 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) recognises, in solidarity with thousands of Victorians, that 26 January is not a day for celebration, but rather a day to reflect on the loss and devastation endured by First Peoples since colonisation in this country;
- (2) recognise 26 January as an official day of mourning, to mark the date colonists invaded First Nations land despite sovereignty never being ceded;
- (3) commend the Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance for their continued efforts to organise and mobilise the protest which takes place and grows every year on this date;
- (4) acknowledges that the 2024 Invasion Day rally was attended by over 35,000 people calling for truth, treaty and justice for First Peoples; and
- (5) commits to do all that it can to end deaths in custody, disproportionate incarceration and the racism that First Nations people experience every day in this country.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**286 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes the worsening ‘tobacco war’ involving various crime syndicates and outlaw motorcycle gangs that has resulted in —
  - (a) more than 30 arson attacks on tobacco shops, ice cream parlours, cafes and restaurants, since March 2023;
  - (b) an increase in theft, robbery, extortion and violent attacks on businesses and individuals;
  - (c) growing concern amongst law abiding tobacconists, convenience store owners and the Victorian public about the dangers posed to public safety;
- (2) expresses concern at the Allan Government’s failure to act on the worsening situation, including introducing legislative reforms to stamp out illicit tobacco;
- (3) calls on the Allan Labor Government to —
  - (a) conduct immediate consultation with industry stakeholders and other Australian jurisdictions on the effectiveness of existing tobacco legislation;
  - (b) report back to the House on the feasibility of —
    - (i) the introduction of retail licencing for wholesalers and retailers of tobacco;
    - (ii) increased police powers to enforce tobacco legislation, including new or strengthened search and seize powers;
    - (iii) restrictions on the sale, handling and supply of tobacco by minors, including parents supplying tobacco products to minors; and
  - (c) introduce legislation to stamp out illicit tobacco and reform the tobacco industry no later than December 2024.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**289 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes —
  - (a) the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation reported in March 2023, that spending on gambling advertising in Victoria has increased by an extraordinary 320 per cent in 11 years;

- (b) that there are currently an average of 948 gambling ads a day on free-to-air television and that previous restrictions on gambling advertising during live sport has only resulted in higher concentrations of gambling ads during other programming;
- (c) that the Government has done little to tackle the prevalence of gambling advertising in Victoria beyond banning ads near schools and at train stations;
- (2) acknowledges that saturation gambling advertising is normalising sports betting and gambling among children and young people and putting them at increased risk of gambling harm;
- (3) calls on the Government to introduce more effective restrictions on gambling advertising in Victoria by —
  - (a) extending the ban on gambling advertising to all public places;
  - (b) introducing stricter rules on primetime gambling advertising similar to South Australia's gambling advertising codes of practice; and
  - (c) lobbying its federal counterparts for a national gambling regulator and an immediate blanket ban on gambling advertising.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**291 DAVID ETTERS HANK — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the City of Melbourne has the highest number of heroin overdoses of any local government area in Victoria, with cohealth workers estimating an average of two people dying every month from heroin overdoses, an increase on the average reported in 2022 by the Coroners Court of Victoria;
- (2) heroin-related ambulance callouts in the Melbourne CBD are increasing, with 390 heroin-related callouts in 2022, an increase of 28 percent on the previous year;
- (3) nearly 12 percent of ambulance callouts in the City of Melbourne are heroin-related callouts;
- (4) medically supervised injecting rooms save lives, reduce the burden on our healthcare system and provide people with pathways for recovery;
- (5) there is a dire need for a medically supervised injecting room in the City of Melbourne; and calls on the Allan Government to expedite the establishment of a second medically supervised injecting room in the Melbourne CBD.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**292 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) the Melbourne Youth Orchestras has been funded by the Victorian Government for decades;
  - (b) the Melbourne Youth Orchestras provides musical education and training for young Victorians, including those from government schools and disadvantaged backgrounds;
  - (c) youth orchestras exist in all other Australian states and receive state government funding;
  - (d) the Allan Labor Government has cut state government funding to the Melbourne Youth Orchestras to zero;

and calls on the Premier, the Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, the Minister for Creative Industries, the Hon. Colin Brooks MP, and the Minister for Education, the Hon. Ben Carroll MP, to reverse their cuts and fully restore state government funding to the Melbourne Youth Orchestras.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**295 RACHEL PAYNE** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria continues to criminalise thousands of Victorians for the possession of cannabis;
- (2) in the 2022-23 financial year there were 5,474 proven charges for possession of cannabis;
- (3) only 341 cases involving a charge for the offence of possession of cannabis had a diversion plan imposed;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that the criminalisation of cannabis has failed and continues to unnecessarily force thousands of Victorians into the criminal justice system.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**296 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges Camp Sovereignty (Yalukit Willam) has been re-established at what is otherwise called ‘Kings Domain’;
- (2) commends the work of Uncle Robbie Thorpe and others who have re-established this important site of resistance, protest and advocacy;
- (3) supports the requests of Camp Sovereignty to —
  - (a) return the land to Traditional Owners;
  - (b) change the name of Kings Domain to a more appropriate name that reflects the land, local language and local tradition; and
  - (c) build a traditional stone house to be a centre for cultural practice, education and ceremony.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*

**297 GEORGIE CROZIER** — To move —

That this House requires the Environment and Planning 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 examine and consider —

- (1) whether the Act is achieving its stated objectives and purposes, with particular regard to —
  - (a) section 3(g) of the Act in relation to timely processes and efficient assessments;
  - (b) section 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 2018*, and Victoria’s Housing Statement for 2024-2034; and
- (5) any other related matters.

*[Notice given on 6 February 2024 — Listed for 12 days].*



**299 EVAN MULHOLLAND — To move —**

That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the Montego Homes collapse has affected over 60 families, leaving dozens of families without domestic building insurance taken out on their behalf;
- (b) just like Porter Davis, this is another example of the Allan Government failing to ensure builders are taking out appropriate insurance on behalf of new homebuyers;
- (c) Porter Davis should have been a wake-up call for Labor but the serious issues with domestic building insurance non-compliance clearly have not been addressed;
- (d) the Labor Government was dragged kicking and screaming by the Liberals and Nationals to set up the Liquidated Builders Customer Support Payment Scheme for Porter Davis customers and to extend this support to customers of several other liquidated builders;
- (e) the Allan Government ended the Liquidated Builders Customer Support Payment Scheme before making any changes to protect homebuyers;

(2) calls on the Allan Labor Government to —

- (a) admit fault and extend the scheme to cover families affected by the Montego Homes collapse where insurance was not taken out on their behalf; and
- (b) ensure the regulator is cracking down on dodgy builders who fail to take out insurance on behalf of customers.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**300 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that since the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, 100,000 Palestinians have been killed, injured or are missing from Israel's invasion of Gaza;
- (2) acknowledges the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) finding that there is a real and imminent risk of irreparable prejudice to the rights of Palestinians in Gaza to be protected from acts of genocide;
- (3) acknowledges the ICJ orders that Israel take all measures within its power to —
  - (a) prevent acts that contribute to genocide, including killing Palestinian civilians and deliberately inflicting conditions that bring about their physical destruction in whole or in part;
  - (b) prevent and punish the direct and public incitement to commit genocide in relation to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip;
  - (c) enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to address the adverse conditions of life faced by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip;
- (4) expresses deep concern that the Victorian Government has —
  - (a) signed a secretive memorandum of understanding with Israel's Ministry of Defence (IMOD);
  - (b) provided an undisclosed amount of funding to Elbit Industries, Israel's largest weapons manufacturer;
  - (c) encouraged Israeli arms manufacturers to invest in Victoria;
- (5) calls on the Victorian Labor Government to —
  - (a) end its relationship with IMOD, Elbit Industries and any other companies that provide military equipment or parts to the Israeli Defence Forces; and

- (b) advocate to the Australian Government to support immediate and permanent ceasefire and end its support for Israel's invasion of Gaza.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**301 JEFF BOURMAN — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that the —

- (a) Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Victoria (RSPCA VIC) is an organisation that purports to exist to guard the welfare of animals;
- (b) RSPCA VIC has statutory enforcement powers under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (POCTA);
- (c) RSPCA VIC continually indulges in activism by opposing duck hunting, espousing cruelty as its objection, while at the same time killing more than one in four cats and almost one in ten dogs in its care;

- (2) further notes that the RSPCA VIC —

- (a) has clearly lost its moral compass and is not fit to enforce statutes;
- (b) should immediately have any powers to enforce any statute stripped and those powers be returned to the State; and

- (3) calls for an immediate inquiry, independent of either House of Parliament, to be commissioned into the operations of the RSPCA VIC, with a view of determining if any offences under POCTA have been committed in their shelters.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**302 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) on 13 January 2024, Pick a Posy suffered a fractured leg and was euthanised in Warrnambool;
- (2) two days later, Oscar Orca collided with other dogs and suffered a fatal fracture at the same track;
- (3) on 31 January 2024, Cook Model was killed after rupturing an artery and suffering internal bleeding at Traralgon;
- (4) Victoria is already equal first in the country for on-track greyhound deaths in 2024;
- (5) at least 300 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks since the beginning of the year;
- (6) there have been 59 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks in 2024;
- (7) Victoria is second highest in the country for the number of serious on-track greyhound injuries in 2024;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**303 AIV PUGLIELLI — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) recognises that children are seeing the atrocities being committed against the Palestinian people in Gaza and they want to understand why this is happening, especially as they see images of children not unlike themselves being harmed daily;

- (2) commends the work of teachers and school staff who are helping students to understand the horrors they are seeing on their television and phone screens in a way that is grounded in values of care and justice; and
- (3) supports the right of teachers and school staff to advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the Palestinian people in Gaza.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**304 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes the disgraceful behaviour of some participants at the Pride March on Sunday, 4 February 2024, in targeting and harassing members of Victoria Police who marched; and
- (2) further notes the unfortunate and intemperate comments of the CEO of the Midsumma Festival, which sought to lay equal blame for the unfortunate incident, when in fact it was initiated entirely by radical activists.

*[Notice given on 7 February 2024 — Listed for 11 days].*

**305 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) cruelty to pigs is legal in Victoria;
- (2) despite an industry led phase-out of sow stalls by 2017, pigs are still housed in extreme confinement;
- (3) piglets experience tail docking, teeth clipping and castration without pain relief;
- (4) piglets can be legally killed by smashing them against hard surfaces;
- (5) footage has shown it can take minutes for adult pigs to be rendered unconscious through painful CO2 gassing;

and calls on the Government to implement greater protection for pigs in the new proposed animal care and protection legislation.

*[Notice given on 8 February 2024 — Listed for 10 days].*

**306 SARAH MANSFIELD — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) congratulates the New South Wales (NSW) Labor Government on its decision to ban offshore gas, oil and mineral mining and exploration projects in NSW waters;
  - (2) notes that burning gas is one of the leading causes of the climate crisis;
- and calls on the Victorian Labor Government to follow their NSW counterparts and urgently ban offshore gas drilling in Victoria.

*[Notice given on 8 February 2024 — Listed for 10 days].*

**308 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House notes, with serious concern, the funding to the United Nations Relief Works Agency in the light of decisions to allow staff to undertake apparent terrorist activities and calls for the funding to be discontinued.

*[Notice given on 8 February 2024 — Listed for 10 days].*

**309 AIV PUGLIELLI — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) affirms its support for a medically supervised injecting centre in the City of Melbourne;
- (2) notes that —

- (a) there is a critical need for a medically supervised injecting service in the City of Melbourne;
  - (b) in 2020 the Victorian Labor Government committed to establishing a second medically supervised injecting service trial in the City of Melbourne;
  - (c) that the City of Melbourne has more drug overdoses than any other local government area in Victoria;
  - (d) almost two people every month are dying from drug overdoses in the City of Melbourne;
  - (e) evidence from the North Richmond supervised injecting room highlights that these services save lives and reduce drug deaths;
  - (f) a medically supervised injecting service in the City of Melbourne is widely supported by medical professionals, alcohol and drug specialists, unions and peak bodies;
- and calls on the Victorian Government to urgently establish a medically supervised injecting centre in the City of Melbourne to provide much needed overdose prevention services.

*[Notice given on 8 February 2024 — Listed for 10 days].*

**310 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House notes —

- (1) the Victorian Government's refusal to publicly provide the latest Albury Wodonga Health Clinical Services Plan and Master Plan that contain the precise number of points of care, including but not restricted to bed numbers, operating theatres and dialysis chairs;
- (2) the Victorian Government's failure to thoroughly investigate geotechnical faults before committing to a multimillion-dollar brownfield redevelopment on the Albury campus site;
- (3) the service planning and previously released 2021 Master Plan identified that the current Albury Hospital buildings are not fit-for-purpose;
- (4) the significant concerns of clinicians and the broader community that the redevelopment will not meet the needs of a catchment expected to grow to 300,000 within ten years;
- (6) the fears of the Border Medical Association, a group of highly respected health professionals in Albury–Wodonga, that Stage 1 of the brownfield development is being tailored to a budget rather than the projected needs for points of care and theatres;
- (7) the failure to address the wide-ranging concerns of the Border Medical Association and Albury–Wodonga community over the cost and potential pitfalls of redeveloping the Albury campus as opposed to a greenfield build;

and calls on the Government to release the latest Master and Clinical Service Plans to address these concerns before any further work is completed on the \$558 million brownfield redevelopment at the Albury campus of Albury Wodonga Health.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**314 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the *Inquiry into Victoria's recreational native bird hunting arrangements* found that —
  - (a) it is essentially impossible for the Game Management Authority to enforce compliance with hunting regulations using the resources they have;
  - (b) ongoing wounding rates of native birds are unacceptable, and thousands of birds will be wounded in Victoria each duck shooting season even if improvements are implemented;
  - (c) duck shooting should be banned on public and private land from the beginning of 2024;

- (2) it has been four weeks since the Victorian Government arrogantly chose to ignore the main recommendation from its own inquiry report and shamefully gave the green light for recreational duck shooting to continue in Victoria;
  - (3) this season will go ahead without any of their proposed and bound to fail reforms to decrease wounding, monitor compliance and improve shooter accuracy, condemning thousands of native ducks to a slow, painful, and lonely death;
  - (4) the Victorian Government has failed our native wildlife by refusing to listen to the over ten thousand Victorians who engaged with this inquiry;
  - (5) the Victorian Government has blood on their hands;
- and calls on the Government to ban duck shooting.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**316 DAVID LIMBRICK — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) on 20 and 21 February 2024, the High Court of Justice in the United Kingdom will hold a hearing into whether Walkley Award winning journalist, Mr Julian Assange, can appeal against his extradition to the United States of America;
  - (b) Mr Assange remains incarcerated in HMP Belmarsh in the UK, awaiting a decision on whether he can be extradited to the USA to face charges for material published in 2010, which revealed shocking evidence of misconduct by the USA;
  - (c) on 14 February 2024, Federal Parliament voted in favour of a motion for the UK and US to bring the matter of Mr Assange to a close and return him to Australia;
  - (d) the extradition and prosecution of Mr Assange would represent a significant threat to global press freedom;
- (2) calls on the Government to —
  - (a) publicly express support for the repatriation of Mr Assange; and
  - (b) advocate to the Federal Government to do everything in their power to ensure that Mr Assange is returned to Australia and reunited with his family.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**317 RACHEL PAYNE — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) medicinal cannabis products are not subsidised by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), meaning patients must pay the full cost for their medication;
- (2) the average patient pays roughly \$300 per month for their prescription, but costs can be up to \$4,000 depending on dosage, the patient's condition and the required product;
- (3) these costs are increasingly prohibitive for many people experiencing cost of living pressure;
- (4) the cost burden of a medicinal cannabis prescription forces people to go without their prescribed medication or turn to the illicit market;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that cost remains a significant barrier to access for medicinal cannabis patients and to advocate to their federal counterparts for the inclusion of medicinal cannabis on the PBS.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**318 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) on 16 February, three-year-old greyhound In Range fell, broke both of her front legs and was later killed;
- (2) Victoria is already second in the country for on-track greyhound deaths;
- (3) at least 420 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks since the beginning of the year;
- (4) there have been 79 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks this year;
- (5) Victoria is second highest in the country for the number of serious on-track greyhound injuries;
- (6) between 4 January and 6 February 2024 there were 21 Victorian Racing Tribunal decision rulings relating to prohibited substances ingested by greyhounds including caffeine, Ventolin, narcotics, and steroids;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**319 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that since the Legislative Council's resolution on 17 October 2023 concerning Israel and Gaza which stated this House "stands with Israel" —
  - (a) over 100,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed, injured or are missing;
  - (b) a growing humanitarian catastrophe has been caused by the State of Israel's blockade, bombing and invasion of Gaza;
  - (c) the State of Israel has indicated its intention to invade Rafah where 1.2 million Palestinians are now sheltering;
- (2) does not support the State of Israel's continued invasion of Gaza;
- (3) supports calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire;

and calls on the Victorian Government to advocate to the Australian Government that it ends its support for the State of Israel's invasion of Gaza.

*[Notice given on 20 February 2024 — Listed for 9 days].*

**324 DAVID ETTERS HANK — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the most recent available figures show that there are four times as many residential rehabilitation beds as there are residential withdrawal (also known as detox) beds in Victoria;
- (2) people are unable to access rehabilitation services until they have been through withdrawal;
- (3) the disparity between the number of residential rehabilitation beds and residential detox beds results in critical and often life-threatening delays to people's recovery;

and calls on the Allan Government to urgently fund more residential detox beds to ease this rehabilitation bottleneck.

*[Notice given on 21 February 2024 — Listed for 8 days].*

**326 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the current system for police oversight in Victoria is not fit for purpose;
- (b) while IBAC does have the power to investigate complaints of police misconduct, only about two per cent of those complaints are handled by IBAC, and 98 per cent are referred back to Victoria Police;
- (c) police investigating themselves in matters of misconduct does not align with community expectations;
- (d) the Yoorrook Justice Commission recommendation that the Victorian Government must establish and adequately resource a new independent police oversight authority, headed by a statutory officer who has not been a police officer, has not yet been implemented;

(2) further notes recent incidents of police behaviour that have fallen significantly short of community standards, including —

- (a) the recent case of Thomas Carrick, where police radicalised and then arrested an autistic teenager and were described as falling profoundly short of the minimum standards expected of law enforcement offices;
- (b) a senior constable alleged to have committed three counts of sexual assault while on duty;

and calls on the Government to establish a well-resourced and fully independent police ombudsman, so that Victoria can have a functional justice system and increase community confidence in police standards.

*[Notice given on 22 February 2024 — Listed for 7 days].*

**327 SARAH MANSFIELD — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges that Pomonal on Dja Dja Wurrung Country has been significantly impacted by the 13 February 2024 catastrophic fire conditions, resulting in the loss of many homes;
- (2) notes the incredible work undertaken by emergency services to protect homes and habitat from the blaze;
- (3) recognises that affected communities are experiencing material losses, grief and trauma and that ongoing support must be provided to all involved, for as long as necessary;
- (4) further notes the frequency of extreme and catastrophic fire risk will become more common in coming years due to climate change;
- (5) calls on the Allan Labor Government to take action in the aftermath of the disaster to —
  - (a) provide all necessary support to communities affected by disasters fuelled by extreme weather;
  - (b) rebuild critical infrastructure and homes with climate and disaster resilience in front of mind;
  - (c) recognise the need for significantly strengthened disaster preparedness and response capability across the State as we experience the impacts of the climate crisis; and
  - (d) acknowledge that fossil fuels are the drivers of climate change, and commit to ending coal and gas in Victoria.

*[Notice given on 22 February 2024 — Listed for 7 days].*

**328 SARAH MANSFIELD** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) notes that waiting lists for public dental health services across Victoria are unacceptably long and growing;
- (2) recognises that failures to recruit and retain a public dental health workforce is a key contributor to long waiting times;
- (3) acknowledges that oral health is an integral aspect of greater bodily health and has significant implications for general health and wellbeing;
- (4) further notes that the Allan Labor Government has released their ten-year Victorian Health Workforce Strategy, and that this document fails to —
  - (a) acknowledge the importance of our oral health workforce;
  - (b) plan for recruitment and retention of the public dental workforce in order to meet Victoria's oral health needs; and
  - (c) mention the terms 'oral health', 'dental' or 'dentists' or any other category of oral health worker throughout the entire 60-page document.

*[Notice given on 22 February 2024 — Listed for 7 days].*

**329 GEORGIE CROZIER** — To move —

That this House notes Labor's health tax is not only a tax on Victorian patients, it is going to shut medical clinics, forcing GPs and businesses to take rolling legal action against the Labor Government, which will cost the taxpayer more money at a time when the State is broke and the debt is rising every single day.

*[Notice given on 22 February 2024 — Listed for 7 days].*

**330 DAVID DAVIS** — To move —

That this House notes the disingenuous attempt by the Minister for Energy, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP, to blame privatisation for the serious outages that began on 13 February 2024, when the Labor Party has been in power for approaching ten years and in power for 20 of the last 24 years, and ignored a series of warnings about the State's vulnerability.

*[Notice given on 22 February 2024 — Listed for 7 days].*

**334 AIV PUGLIELLI** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) food is the most essential of all essential services;
- (2) the cost of food is quite literally the cost of living;
- (3) the Labor Government has the power to legislate groceries as an essential service;
- (4) once groceries are legislated as an essential service, the Essential Services Commission will be able to monitor and report on prices at supermarkets, which would act as a deterrent to price gouging and aid in reducing the ever-increasing cost of groceries at Coles and Woolworths;

and calls on the Victorian Labor Government to take literally any step towards making food more affordable and ensuring that everyone in our State is able to buy what they need at the supermarket.

*[Notice given on 5 March 2024 — Listed for 6 days].*



**335 GEORGIE PURCELL** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) on 16 January 2024, the Victorian Racing Tribunal found it plausible that feeding greyhounds discards from the horse racing industry was the most likely cause of a positive swab of the anti-inflammatory drug, meloxicam;
- (2) between 4 January and 6 February 2024, six greyhound racing participants blamed findings of prohibited substances in their greyhounds on feeding them knacker meat;
- (3) Victoria is equal second in the country for on-track greyhound deaths this year;
- (4) at least 532 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks since the beginning of the year;
- (5) there have been 107 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks this year;
- (6) Victoria is second highest in the country for the number of serious on-track greyhound injuries this year;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 5 March 2024 — Listed for 6 days].*

**336 NICK MCGOWAN** — To move —

That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the *Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Act 2023* (the Act) establishes a centralised electronic system, managed by the Victorian Government, to collect and amass the public health records of all Victorians;
- (b) the information in the system will be available at the press of a button, not just to public hospitals, but also to —
  - (i) public ambulance services;
  - (ii) public health services and centres;
  - (iv) the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health;
  - (v) the Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing;
  - (vi) any prescribed entity or prescribed public health entity;
- (c) this important medical information will be collected, used or disclosed without the consent of the person to whom the information relates;
- (d) the Act provides Victorians no option to actively opt out of having all or specific medical information shared;

(2) acknowledges that —

- (a) this amounts to a gross violation of the right to privacy of Victorians;
- (b) it is dangerous to centralise all medical information given the significant data breaches we have seen in recent times, most notably Medibank;
- (c) it particularly puts women at risk by making sensitive medical information, including mental health records, available to strangers;
- (d) the penalty for the unauthorised access or disclosure of medical information is not enough to deter bad actors;

and calls on the Allan Labor Government to scrap the Act or, in the alternate, include an option to opt out from sharing all or specific medical information.

*[Notice given on 5 March 2024 — Listed for 6 days].*

**337 NICK MCGOWAN** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) acknowledges the significant impact of the present conflict in Israel and Gaza on the Victorian community, noting in particular the acuteness of this impact on those with personal, familial, cultural and religious ties;
- (2) stands in solidarity with all those impacted by the conflict while raising its collective voice for a lasting peace;
- (3) expresses its profound mourning and sorrow at the harrowing and horrific loss of every Palestinian and Israeli innocent civilian life while sharing its condolences with families and communities affected;
- (4) joins the Federal Government and international community in —
  - (a) calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire which must be accompanied by the immediate and unconditional release of all innocent civilian hostages;
  - (b) emphasising that Israeli and Palestinian civilian populations must be protected in accordance with international humanitarian law;
- (5) affirms its commitment to welcome and support those displaced by the conflict who may arrive in our State in line with our proud and lengthy history as a new home for victims of conflict, displacement and persecution; and
- (6) condemns anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and racism in all its ugly forms, including those who seek to ferment hatred, division and conflict in our proudly diverse, multicultural and open society.

*[Notice given on 5 March 2024 — Listed for 6 days].*

**338 GEORGIE PURCELL** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) the *Inquiry into Victoria's recreational native bird hunting arrangements* found that —
  - (a) it is improbable for the Game Management Authority to enforce compliance with hunting regulations using the resources they have;
  - (b) ongoing wounding rates of native birds are unacceptable, and thousands of birds will be wounded in Victoria each duck shooting season even if improvements are implemented;
  - (c) duck shooting should be banned on public and private land from the beginning of 2024;
- (2) it has been six weeks since the Victorian Government chose to ignore the main recommendation from its own inquiry report and allowed recreational duck shooting to continue in Victoria;

and calls on the Government to ban duck shooting.

*[Notice given on 6 March 2024 — Listed for 5 days].*

**341 DAVID ETTERS HANK** — To move —

That this House notes that —

- (1) the results of the 2022-23 National Drug Strategy Household Survey, published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare last week, has revealed that 80 per cent of Australians believe that possession of cannabis should not be a criminal offence;
- (2) this result reinforces the 2019 survey which showed that 78 per cent of Australians supported the decriminalisation of cannabis;

(3) these survey findings equate to four and a half million adult Victorians supporting the decriminalisation of cannabis;  
and, given this groundswell of support for change, calls on the Allan Government to reform the law to align with the public support for the decriminalisation of cannabis.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**342 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the United Nations anti-torture protocol, the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) was ratified by the Australian Government in 2017;
- (b) OPCAT places obligations on state and federal governments to designate independent bodies to inspect places of detention;
- (c) the Government has failed in its obligation to do so;
- (d) Victoria has missed multiple deadlines for implementation of the minimum safeguards to protect against mistreatment in places of detention;
- (e) the UN’s Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture terminated its visit to Australia because of a lack of cooperation, including being denied access to the Thomas Embling forensic facility in Melbourne;
- (f) the Government’s position is that the Federal Government should provide funding for independent detention oversight, with a generation of children languishing behind bars;

(2) further notes the impact of this failure is acutely felt by children locked away in Victoria’s prisons, as —

- (a) First Nations and multicultural children continue to be overrepresented in, and harmed by, youth prisons;
- (b) the Yoorrook Justice Commission were “disturbed” to hear from young people about conditions in prisons, including violence by staff and prolonged confinement in cells due to staff shortages;
- (c) whistleblowers exposed the rampant use of solitary confinement;
- (d) an Aboriginal child was forced to wear a spit hood while detained in an adult prison;

and calls on the Government to establish a well-resourced and independent OPCAT implementation in this May budget.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**343 SAMANTHA RATNAM — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes on the eve of International Women’s Day that all members are committed to doing everything possible to ensure equality for women;
- (2) acknowledges there is more to be done to ensure the Parliament is an inclusive workplace;
- (3) commits to implementing changes to increase inclusiveness and accessibility for women in Parliament including —
  - (a) more family-friendly hours; and
  - (b) a pairing system that includes all members of this House.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**344 DAVID DAVIS** — To move —

That this House expresses its concern at the Minister for Energy, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio's mismanagement of offshore wind plans in Victoria.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**345 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) recognises that the Government's privatisation of public housing is a disastrous model that involves the eviction and forced relocation of tenants and gives property developers public land for private developments;
- (2) agrees that the Public Housing Renewal Program (PHRP) and Ground Lease Model (GLM) are ineffective housing policies that are leading to the destruction of public housing and the displacement of residents, specifically the —
  - (a) PHRP saw the Government give public land to property developers who then use a majority of that land to build expensive private housing with a minority allocated for community housing and zero for public housing;
  - (b) GLM was introduced when the Government was forced to retreat from the sell-off of public housing land, and although this model sees public land leased instead of sold to private developers, it still results in the building of expensive private housing and no public housing;
- (3) recognises that the Barak Beacon estate is a clear example of the Government abandoning its responsibility to public housing residents and that Barak Beacon residents were —
  - (a) ruthlessly evicted from homes they had called their own for decades;
  - (b) denied the right to return to public housing because zero public homes are being built on the estate, an estate that was once 100 per cent public housing;

and calls on the Government to abandon the PHRP and GLM and keep public land in public hands so that we can build the 100,000 public homes Victoria needs within a decade.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**346 DAVID DAVIS** — To move —

That this House notes —

- (1) the petition tabled in the House on the proposal for Prospect Hill International to construct and operate a massive waste-to-energy plant in Lara;
  - (2) that the petition was debated in the House on 6 March 2024;
- and requests that the Government listen to, and respond to, the matters raised in the petition.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**347 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

That this House —

- (1) recognises that the —
  - (a) Labor Government is failing to deliver on the number of dwellings it promised would be built by the private sector each month to reach its annual target of 80,000 homes, as demonstrated by —
    - (i) the lowest number of houses approved for construction in Victoria in over a decade, specifically this year only 51,068 dwellings were approved across Victoria which is 17.6 per cent less than the period last year;

- (ii) a lagging construction sector that has reported the lowest level of residential constructions work in the last eight years, having only completed \$5.2 billion worth of work in the last quarter of 2023, which is down 5.4 per cent from the year prior;
- (b) housing crisis has been fuelled by a lack of government investment in public housing, a refusal to introduce a rent freeze and an ongoing cap on rents, and a failure to require developers to build their fair share of affordable homes; and
- (2) supports the establishment of a public builder to construct public homes at cost, sustainably and quickly so that Victoria can build the 100,000 public homes that Victorians desperately need, and to create competition for private property developers who have been profiting from the housing crisis for too long.

*[Notice given on 7 March 2024 — Listed for 4 days].*

**348 JEFF BOURMAN — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) on 21 February 2024, Mr Nick Harvey died peacefully in Bathurst Hospital, he was ninety-two years old;
  - (b) Nick Harvey was one of the world's most prolific and knowledgeable gun and shooting writers and has left a legacy built on almost seven decades of dedication to firearms and hunting;
  - (c) Nick's most important contributions were a series of reloading manuals beginning in 1980 and concluding with Nick Harvey's Practical Reloading Guide 11th Edition in 2021;
  - (d) several generations of hunters around Australia and New Zealand have used and consulted these books for their reloading;
  - (e) despite being Australasia's leading expert on firearms and reloading, Nick was always an affable and approachable man, ready and willing to talk to experts and beginner shooters, reloaders and hunters alike and freely offer his sage advice;
- (2) acknowledges that Mr Nick Harvey has made a significant contribution to New South Wales, Australia and world shooting, reloading and hunting over 70 years that will be long remembered at rifle ranges and around campfires; and
- (3) extends condolences for the significant loss to Mr Harvey's family, his wife Nancy and three children, Nick Jr, Alan and Janice from his passing on 21 February 2024, and acknowledges the hunter is home from the hill.

*[Notice given on 19 March 2024 — Listed for 3 days].*

**349 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes the Premier's lead role in this Government's mismanagement of major projects and state budgets for more than nine years;
- (2) further notes —
  - (a) over \$38 billion in cost blowouts and waste on major infrastructure projects by this Government, most of which were overseen directly by the Premier;
  - (b) the Premier's complete mismanagement of the West Gate Tunnel Project where completion has been delayed by four years and there are cost blowouts of \$5.1 billion;

- (c) the Premier's failure to deliver a credible project cost and business case to Infrastructure Australia for the Suburban Rail Loop;
- (d) the Premier's broken promise and failure to deliver new electrified rail services to Melton and Wyndham Vale because of the State Budget blowout;
- (e) the Premier's broken promise and failure to deliver a new rail service to Melbourne Airport because of the State Budget blowout;
- (f) the Premier's responsibility for wasting \$600 million to cancel the Commonwealth Games; and
- (g) the Premier's failure to fund the delivery of \$10 billion of new and upgraded hospitals promised by the Government in 2022.

*[Notice given on 19 March 2024 — Listed for 3 days].*

**352 GEORGIE CROZIER — To move —**

That this House notes —

- (1) that comprehensive perinatal and postnatal care, including mental health support, is essential for the health and wellbeing of mothers, babies, and their families;
- (2) a recent review of perinatal mental health screening approaches revealed the dire state of perinatal care in Victoria, including —
  - (a) that one in four women experience mental health issues during the perinatal period;
  - (b) that half of Victorian mothers are missing vital postnatal depression screenings;
  - (c) inconsistent perinatal mental health screening practices across Victoria;
  - (d) a lack of guidelines for screening during pregnancy;
  - (e) inconsistencies between maternal child health guidelines and national guidelines;
  - (f) a lack of training opportunities across the maternal child health workforces;
  - (g) a reluctance to screen by clinicians because timely access to screening services is not available;
- (3) in last year's budget the Labor Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing levy cost Victorian businesses \$912 million;
- (4) that despite making Victorian businesses provide financial resources to improve mental health programs, Labor has failed to support this vulnerable cohort of women with adequate perinatal health screening;

and calls on the Government to launch an immediate investigation into these failings so that Victorian mothers get the care that they need and deserve.

*[Notice given on 19 March 2024 — Listed for 3 days].*

**353 DAVID ETTERS HANK — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) pill testing is backed by decades of research showing that it —
  - (a) prevents people from using strong or contaminated drugs, saving lives;
  - (b) communicates with people, often for the first time, about safer drug use, support services and reducing harm;
  - (c) helps to detect new and dangerous substances circulating in the illicit market;
- (2) pill testing is currently available in over 20 countries, with the ACT currently trialling a fixed-site drug checking service and Queensland is now allowing pill testing services;
- (3) despite significant public support and four coroners in six years recommending a pill testing trial in Victoria, this Government has made no progress;

(4) in March 2024, a 23-year-old man died after a suspected drug overdose death at the Pitch Music and Arts Festival in Western Victoria, and two other men were hospitalised after suffering suspected overdoses;

(5) while this Government drags its feet on pill testing, young Victorians continue to lose their lives;

and calls on the Victorian Government to commit to a pill testing trial as a matter of urgency.

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**355 RACHEL PAYNE — To move —**

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**356 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House —

(1) expresses its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Kurt Hourigan, a 37-year-old miner from Bruthen, who died at the Ballarat Gold Mine incident on Wednesday, 13 March 2024;

(2) notes the —

(a) 21-year-old Ballarat employee who was seriously injured and wishes him a speedy recovery;

(b) legitimate fears and concerns of the dozens of miners who were trapped underground; and

(3) believes that there should be a full and open inquiry undertaken into the causes and management of the incident.

*[Notice given on 19 March 2024 — Listed for 3 days].*

**357 DAVID LIMBRICK — To move —**

That this House —

(1) notes that the impact of COVID-19 and the Government's response has had a detrimental and ongoing impact on some children;

(2) further notes there has not been an in-depth examination of the impact of school closures and other restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic;

- (3) requires the Legal and Social Issues Committee to inquire into, consider and report, within 18 months of the House agreeing to this resolution, on the impact to the health and wellbeing of children and young people from COVID-19 and the Government's response, including but not limited to —
  - (a) mental health impacts;
  - (b) the physical wellbeing of children;
  - (c) academic performance; and
  - (d) any other related matters.

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**358 SAMANTHA RATNAM** — To move —

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and calls on the Victorian Government to commit to a pill testing trial as a matter of urgency.

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**361 SARAH MANSFIELD — To move —**

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and calls on the Victorian Government to commit to a pill testing trial as a matter of urgency.

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**362 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

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  - (5) while this Government drags its feet on pill testing, young Victorians continue to lose their lives;
- and calls on the Victorian Government to commit to a pill testing trial as a matter of urgency.  
*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**363 DAVID ETTERS HANK — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission recently published the *National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program – Report 21* showing an increase in the use of illicit drugs in Australia, with the consumption of cocaine, MDMA and methamphetamine rising by as much as 33 per cent;
- (2) the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission have previously identified that serious organised crime gangs use funds from the sale of illicit cannabis to reinvest into trafficked imports including cocaine, MDMA, methamphetamines and precursor drugs;
- (3) legalisation of cannabis would —
  - (a) deprive organised crime gangs of funds, thereby reducing their capacity to import and manufacture dangerous drugs of addiction;
  - (b) free up police resources to identify and disrupt serious organised criminal networks that continue to supply illicit drugs in Australia;

and calls on the Allan Government to legalise cannabis in order to reduce criminal activity and increase community safety.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**364 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) jumps racing is the deadliest sport, killing one in every 38 horses raced last year;
- (2) every one in ten horses fell during a race last year, sustaining serious injuries;
- (3) jumps racing is 20 times more deadly for horses than flat racing;
- (4) Victoria remains the only state in Australia that has not ceased jumps racing;
- (5) three horses fell on the first day of the 2024 jumps racing season;
- (6) the Government is not only funding but profiting off this cruel and dangerous racing industry;

and calls on the government to get a grip and ban jumps racing.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**365 KATHERINE COPSEY — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) notes —
  - (a) that the Grand Prix recorded a loss of over \$100 million in 2023;
  - (b) that the Government has committed Victoria to a new contract for the Grand Prix event until 2037;
  - (c) reports of personal interventions by then Premier Andrews in negotiations regarding the Grand Prix contract, and reports that “had the Victorian Government held its

nerve and trusted negotiations to those most qualified to conduct them, it might have kept the race for less”;

- (2) requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council, within two weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, copies of —
- (a) the contract and all related documents between Liberty Media and the State of Victoria for the F1 Melbourne Grand Prix event; and
  - (b) all communications between the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Liberty Media and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation regarding the F1 Melbourne Grand Prix contract and any related documents between January and December 2022.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**366 GEORGIE PURCELL — To move —**

That this House notes that —

- (1) on 5 March 2024, a greyhound racing trainer appearing before the Victorian Racing Tribunal claimed that a positive caffeine reading in dog Windy Biscuit was caused by his children patting the dog after eating chocolates;
- (2) on 13 March 2024, Blink You Lose fell and suffered a fractured left tibia and was killed at Ballarat;
- (3) on 17 March 2024, four greyhounds suffered broken legs at races on the Sandown Park racetrack;
- (4) Victoria is now equal first in the country for on-track greyhound deaths this year;
- (5) at least 682 greyhounds have been injured on Victorian racetracks since the beginning of the year;
- (6) there have been 135 major greyhound injuries on Victorian racetracks this year;
- (7) Victoria is second highest in the country for the number of serious on-track greyhound injuries this year;

and calls on the Government to acknowledge that, despite their investment in safety improvements, dogs continue to die.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**367 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House notes that the draft Victorian Government default offer for electricity provision to households would see an increase of \$240 in cost for households over the last two years and including this forthcoming year, a 17 per cent increase for families during a cost-of-living crisis.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**368 DAVID DAVIS — To move —**

That this House notes the Auditor-General’s Report *Withdrawal from 2026 Commonwealth Games* and compliments the Auditor-General and officers on their work and notes their conclusions that —

- (1) waste would have been avoided if agencies had worked together better to give frank and full advice to the Government before it decided to host the Games;
- (2) the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) knew this but did not advise the Government to delay a decision on hosting until a fit-for-purpose business case could be provided;

- (3) DPC and DTF consistently raised cost and other risks during 2022 and early 2023 but they did not advise the Government that hosting the Games might be unfeasible until June 2023; and
- (4) the cost estimate for the Games that the Government publicly released in August 2023 of \$6.9 billion was overstated and not transparent, adding significant amounts for industrial relations and cost escalation risks, but it did not disclose that the budget already included \$1 billion in contingency allowances to cover these and other cost risks.

*[Notice given on 20 March 2024 — Listed for 2 days].*

**369\* EVAN MULHOLLAND — To move —**

That this House notes —

- (1) reports of allegations of dodgy deals, standover tactics and alleged corruption on Victoria’s Big Build sites that are costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars;
- (2) letters sent by Australian Workers Union (AWU) State Secretary, Ronnie Hayden, to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, that state —
  - (a) companies were overlooked for contracts despite lower bid costs, due to industrial relations threats;
  - (b) workers are being targeted and harassed due to union affiliations;
  - (c) contractors were told they need workplace deals with the militant CFMEU to win work on Victorian projects;
- (3) an Indigenous firm says it was being paid half as much as the companies linked to the CFMEU that have replaced it on the North-East Link Project;
- (4) long-established Indigenous labour hire firms have complained that the CFMEU has been forcing them off major Victorian infrastructure projects, like Mickleham Road, for the past year in alleged incidents of unlawful coercion;
- (5) the North-East Link Project has blown out by \$10 billion to \$26.1 billion;
- (6) that the Premier was warned by bureaucrats of allegedly coercive union tactics on major government projects;
- (7) the AWU says the allegations “stink worse than a bag of prawns in the sun” and must be referred to the anti-corruption watchdog;

and condemns the Albanese Government for the abolition of the Australian Building and Construction Commission which according to leading industry figures has emboldened the CFMEU to target the AWU in the civil construction sector and changed the industrial landscape dramatically.

*[Notice given on 21 March 2024 — Listed for 1 day].*

**373\* NICK MCGOWAN — To move —**

That this House —

- (1) expresses its concern that waiting lists for public dental health services across Victoria are unacceptably long and growing;
- (2) recognises that failures by the State Government to recruit and retain a public dental health workforce is a key contributor to long waiting times;
- (3) understands that oral health is an integral aspect of greater bodily health and has significant implications for general health and wellbeing;
- (4) further notes that the Labor Government has released their ten-year Victorian Health Workforce Strategy, and that this document abjectly fails to —

- (a) comprehend the importance of our oral health workforce; and
- (b) plan for recruitment and retention of the public dental workforce.

*[Notice given on 21 March 2024 — Listed for 1 day].*

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HEMP INDUSTRY BILL 2024** — *(Rachel Payne)* — Second reading.
- 2 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND HOUSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENDING HOMELESSNESS) BILL 2023** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 3 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT (NO NEW OIL OR GAS ACTIVITIES) BILL 2022** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 4 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING PILOT FOR DRUG HARM REDUCTION) BILL 2023** — *(Aiv Puglielli, Rachel Payne and Georgie Purcell)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Trung Luu)*.
- 5 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (REGULATION OF PERSONAL ADULT USE OF CANNABIS) BILL 2023** — *(Rachel Payne)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Tom McIntosh)*.
- 6 **CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT (PROTECTION FROM TORTURE AND SLAVERY) BILL 2023** — *(David Limbrick)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 7 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT (RENT FREEZE AND CAPS) BILL 2023** — *(Aiv Puglielli)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Samantha Ratnam)*.
- 8 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITION AWAY FROM COAL) BILL 2023** — *(Sarah Mansfield)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 9 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (SOIL PROTECTION) (SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES) BILL 2023** — *(Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 10 **PAYROLL TAX AMENDMENT (PROTECTING VICTORIANS' ACCESS TO GPs, DENTISTS AND OTHER ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2023** — *(Georgie Crozier)* — Second reading.
- 11 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (PUBLIC RECOMMENDATIONS) BILL 2023** — *(David Davis)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate.
- 12 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (INCLUSIONARY ZONING) BILL 2023** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading.
- 13 **FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.

- 14 **OPERATION DAINTREE IMPLEMENTATION (NO. 1) BILL 2023** — *(David Davis)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Joe McCracken)*.
- 15 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES) BILL 2023** — *(Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell)* — Second reading.
- 16 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AND SEX WORK ACTS AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION) BILL 2023** — *(Moira Deeming)* — Second reading.
- 17 **OWNERS CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (SHORT-STAY ACCOMMODATION) BILL 2023** — *(Aiv Puglielli)* — Second reading.
- 18 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (MOVE-ON LAWS) BILL 2023** — *(Jeff Bourman)* — Second reading.
- 19 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (HOME STRETCH) BILL 2023** — *(Georgie Crozier)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 20 **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION) BILL 2023** — *(Aiv Puglielli)* — Second reading.
- 21 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (RAISE THE AGE) BILL 2022** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 22 **PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT (HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL 2023** — *(Georgie Crozier)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 23 **ROAD SAFETY AMENDMENT (MEDICINAL CANNABIS) BILL 2023** — *(David Ettershank)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Lee Tarlamis)*.
- 24 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) AMENDMENT (END NATIVE FOREST LOGGING) BILL 2023** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading.
- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES AMENDMENT (PREVENTING GOVERNMENT DOMINATED INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEES) BILL 2022** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading — Resumption of debate *(Jaclyn Symes)*.
- 26 **ANTI-CORRUPTION AND HIGHER PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS (PROMOTING AND STRENGTHENING INTEGRITY) BILL 2022** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading.
- 27 **BAIL AMENDMENT (REDUCING PRE-TRIAL IMPRISONMENT OF WOMEN, ABORIGINAL AND VULNERABLE PERSONS) BILL 2023** — *(Samantha Ratnam)* — Second reading.
- 28 **PETITION — FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BRUMBY RE-HOMERS** — To be considered *(Bev McArthur)*.  
*[Listed for 18 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*

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<sup>#</sup> A total debate time of 90 minutes applies to general business, pursuant to Sessional Order 3.

- 29 PETITION — REJECT THE DECISION TO STOP NATURAL GAS CONNECTION** — To be considered (*David Limbrick*).  
*[Listed for 17 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 30 PETITION — FUNDING FOR MOUNT ELIZA SECONDARY COLLEGE** — To be considered (*Renee Heath*).  
*[Listed for 15 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 31 PETITION — ABANDON LETHAL MANAGEMENT OF BRUMBIES** — To be considered (*Wendy Lovell*).  
*[Listed for 15 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 32 PETITION — STOP THE NORTH EAST LINK SPLITTING WATSONIA** — To be considered (*Nick McGowan*).  
*[Listed for 13 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 33 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE — TAFE FEES** — Minister's answers to QwN 394, 6 February 2024 — To be considered (*Joe McCracken*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 34 PETITION — SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR ENERGY (PROHIBITIONS) REPEAL BILL 2023** — To be considered (*David Limbrick*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 35 PETITION — RETAIN TRAM STOP NUMBER 9 ON LA TROBE/VICTORIA STREET** — To be considered (*Wendy Lovell*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 36 PETITION — STOP THE HYDROGEN ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN PROJECT** — To be considered (*Sarah Mansfield*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 37 PETITION — REVERSE THE CUTS TO THE MELBOURNE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS** — To be considered (*David Davis*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 38 FIREWOOD COLLECTION** — Motion relating to the collection of firewood (*Jeff Bourman*) — Resumption of debate (*Lee Tarlamis*).  
*[Listed for 12 days — 38 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 39 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE — THOMSON RIVER CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP** — Minister's answers to QwN 412, 8 February 2024 — To be considered (*David Davis*).  
*[Listed for 10 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*
- 40 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE — WIMMERA REGION — AERIAL FIREFIGHTING CAPACITY** — Minister's answers to QwN 425, 21 February 2024 — To be considered (*David Davis*).  
*[Listed for 8 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].*

- 41 PETITION — EXTEND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CUSTOMERS OF MONTEGO HOMES AND CHATHAM HOMES** — To be considered (*Evan Mulholland*).  
[Listed for 6 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].
- 42 PETITION — BAN ALL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS** — To be considered (*Georgie Purcell*).  
[Listed for 6 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].
- 43 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — PORT OF HASTINGS' APPLICATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND TURBINE FACILITIES** — Letter from the Attorney-General in response to the resolution of the Council of 7 February 2024 relating to Port of Hastings' application for offshore wind turbine facilities — To be considered (*David Davis*).  
[Listed for 6 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].
- 44 ASIO FINDING RELATING TO A FOREIGN SPY UNIT RECRUITING A FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT** — Motion relating to an ASIO finding relating to a former member of parliament (*Adem Somyurek*) — Resumption of debate (*Lee Tarlamis*).  
[Listed for 6 days — 50 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].
- 45 PETITION — REJECT NEW TAXES** — To be considered (*David Limbrick*).  
[Listed for 2 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].
- 46 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE — FREE TAFE COMPLETION RATES** — Minister's answers to QwN 473, 20 March 2024 — To be considered (*Georgie Crozier*).  
[Listed for 2 days — 90 minutes remain for debate<sup>#</sup>].

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## FUTURE DAY

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### ORDER OF THE DAY

- 1♦ INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (RESTORATION OF EXAMINATION POWERS) BILL 2022** — (*David Davis*) — Second reading — Resumption of debate (*Trung Luu*).

ROBERT McDONALD  
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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President

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♦ Debate on Bill adjourned until the report of the Integrity and Oversight Committee is presented, pursuant to an order of the Council on 7 March 2023.



### DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING

<b>Tuesday</b>	—	12.00 noon
<b>Wednesday</b>	—	9.30 am
<b>Thursday</b>	—	9.30 am
<b>Friday</b>	—	9.30 am

### ROUTINE OF BUSINESS UNDER STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p>Messages</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Formal business</p> <p>Members' statements (up to 15 members)</p> <p>Government business</p> <p><b>At 6.30 pm</b> Meal break</p> <p>Government business (continues)</p> <p><b>At 10.00 pm</b> Adjournment (up to 20 members)</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY<sup>‡</sup></b>	<p>Messages</p> <p>Formal business</p> <p>Members' statements (up to 15 members)</p> <p>General business</p> <p><b>At 12.00 noon</b> Questions</p> <p>General business (until 5.15 pm)</p> <p><b>At 5.15 pm</b> Statements on tabled papers and petitions (30 minutes)</p> <p>Petitions (qualifying for debate) (30 minutes)</p> <p>Government business (maximum 60 minutes)</p> <p><b>At 7.15 pm</b> Adjournment (up to 20 members)</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p>Messages</p> <p>Formal business</p> <p>Members' statements (up to 15 members)</p> <p>Government business</p> <p><b>At 12.00 noon</b> Questions</p> <p>Government business (continues)</p> <p><b>At 6.30 pm</b> Meal break</p> <p>Government business (continues)</p> <p><b>At 10.00 pm</b> Adjournment (up to 20 members)</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p>Messages</p> <p>Formal business</p> <p>Government business</p> <p><b>At 12.00 noon</b> Questions</p> <p>Government business (continues)</p> <p><b>At 4.00 pm</b> Adjournment (maximum 30 minutes)</p>
<b>Note:</b>	<p>Unless otherwise ordered, the Adjournment of the House will be moved automatically at 10.00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday and at 4.00 pm on Friday.</p>

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<sup>‡</sup> Pursuant to Sessional Orders adopted by the Council on 7 February 2023.

## DEPUTY AND ACTING PRESIDENTS

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** — Wendy Lovell.

**ACTING PRESIDENTS** — John Berger, Jeff Bourman, Jacinta Ermacora, Michael Galea and Bev McArthur.

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID SELECT COMMITTEE** — Melina Bath, David Davis, Jacinta Ermacora, Michael Galea, David Limbrick (*Chair*), Sarah Mansfield, Joe McCracken, Tom McIntosh and Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — Lizzie Blandthorn, David Davis, David Ettershank, Wendy Lovell and Jaclyn Symes.

**ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — John Berger, Katherine Cosey, David Davis, Bev McArthur, Tom McIntosh, Evan Mulholland, Georgie Purcell (*Chair*) and Sonja Terpstra.

*Participating members:* Gaelle Broad, Georgie Crozier, David Ettershank, Michael Galea, Renee Heath, Sarah Mansfield and Rachel Payne.

**ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — David Ettershank and Lee Tarlamis.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** — Ryan Batchelor (*Chair*), Melina Bath, Gaelle Broad, Jacinta Ermacora, David Ettershank, Wendy Lovell, Samantha Ratnam, Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell and Sheena Watt.

*Participating members:* John Berger, Ann-Marie Hermans, Evan Mulholland, Rachel Payne and Richard Welch.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — President, Jeff Bourman, David Davis, Enver Erdogan, Rachel Payne and Ingrid Stitt.

**INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — Ryan Batchelor and Rachel Payne.

**LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Ryan Batchelor, Michael Galea, Renee Heath, Trung Luu (*Chair*), Joe McCracken, Rachel Payne, Aiv Puglielli and Lee Tarlamis.

*Participating members:* Melina Bath, John Berger, Georgie Crozier, Moira Deeming, David Ettershank, Wendy Lovell and Sarah Mansfield.

**PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Lizzie Blandthorn, Jeff Bourman, Georgie Crozier, Wendy Lovell, Evan Mulholland, Harriet Shing (*Chair*) and Gayle Tierney.

**PROCEDURE COMMITTEE** — President (*Chair*), Georgie Crozier, Enver Erdogan, Wendy Lovell, Evan Mulholland, Jaclyn Symes and Sonja Terpstra.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — Michael Galea, Bev McArthur, Nick McGowan and Aiv Puglielli.

**SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>+</sup>)** — Gaelle Broad, David Davis, Moira Deeming, Rachel Payne, Sonja Terpstra and Sheena Watt.

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<sup>+</sup> Joint committees include members of both Houses. For Assembly membership, see the Legislative Assembly notice paper.

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## **CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEE INQUIRIES**

### **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE —**

Inquiry into pig welfare in Victoria — report due 31 May 2024.

Inquiry into Local Government funding and services — report due 28 November 2024.

Inquiry into the cultural and creative industries in Victoria — report due November 2024.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE —**

Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event in Victoria — report due 30 June 2024.

Inquiry into climate resilience — report due 30 June 2025.

### **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE —**

Inquiry into the state education system in Victoria — report due 25 June 2024.

Inquiry into workplace drug testing in Victoria — report due 30 June 2024.

Inquiry into food security — report due 14 November 2024.

Inquiry into public housing — report due December 2025.

## **CURRENT SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRIES**

### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID —**

Inquiry into the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid — interim report due by 30 April 2024 and final report due by April 2025.



## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answers to questions on notice must be lodged with the Clerk within 30 days of the question having been asked. Questions remaining unanswered are listed below and is correct at the time the Notice Paper is published. For the full text of all questions and answers see the online [Questions Database](#).

<b>Notice Paper</b>	<b>Date received</b>	<b>Questions remaining unanswered</b>
1	20 Dec 2022	1 <sup>2</sup> , 7 <sup>8</sup> , 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
20	30 May 2023	565
23	20 Jun 2023	610, 687, 688
25	22 Jun 2023	732
26	1 Aug 2023	743, 746, 748, 749, 756, 763, 765, 767, 769, 778, 949 <sup>11</sup> , 950 <sup>11</sup> , 951 <sup>10</sup> , 952 <sup>10</sup> , 953 <sup>10</sup> , 954 <sup>10</sup> , 955 <sup>10</sup> , 956 <sup>10</sup> , 957 <sup>10</sup> , 958 <sup>10</sup> , 959 <sup>10</sup> , 960 <sup>10</sup> , 961 <sup>10</sup> , 962 <sup>10</sup> , 963 <sup>10</sup> , 964 <sup>10</sup> , 965 <sup>10</sup> , 966 <sup>10</sup> , 967 <sup>10</sup> , 968 <sup>10</sup> , 969 <sup>10</sup> , 970 <sup>11</sup>
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<sup>2</sup> Reinstated in full on 21 February 2023

<sup>8</sup> Reinstated in full on 30 May 2023

<sup>10</sup> Reinstated part 2 on 17 October 2023

<sup>11</sup> Reinstated in full on 17 October 2023