



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 68, 69 and 70

No. 68 — Tuesday, 28 May 2024

1 The President took the Chair at 12.02 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had, on 21 May 2024, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Act 2024

Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Act 2024

National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Act 2024.

3 **QUESTION TIME** —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Greyhound racing deaths (QwN 538)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 30 May 2024.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to meet the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White, and propose that the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 29 May 2024 at 6.30 pm, and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, by leave, the Assembly's Message was ordered to be taken into consideration forthwith.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House meets with the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White, and as proposed by the Assembly, the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at 6.30 pm.

Question — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Assembly informing them of the resolution.

- 5 PETITION — ALLOW CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF CANNABIS** — Rachel Payne presented a petition bearing 2,785 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to change the laws so that Victorian adults can responsibly consume and possess small quantities of cannabis without fear of persecution (*Ordered to be tabled*).

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Rachel Payne listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

6 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 7 of 2024 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Documents under section 303 of the Act in relation to —

Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2024.

Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2024.

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Minister's certificate of 22 May 2024 to not require the service of a notice of intention to acquire land, under section 7 of the Act.

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's Report on the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2021/22.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
Baw Baw Planning Scheme — Amendment C150.

Golden Plains, Latrobe and Mount Alexander Planning Schemes —
Amendment GC239.

Mildura Planning Scheme — Amendment C124.

Monash Planning Scheme — Amendment C166.

Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendment C314.

Warrnambool Planning Scheme — Amendment C214.

Whitehorse Planning Scheme — Amendment C250.

Yarra Planning Scheme — Amendments C326 and C327.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —
Child Employment Act 2003 — No. 33.

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — No. 34.

Survey Co-ordination Act 1958 — No. 31.

Water Act 1989 — No. 32.

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 — No. 35.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 31, 34 and 35.

Victorian Law Reform Commission — Report on Recklessness, February 2024 (*Ordered to be published*).

Wildlife Act 1975 — Notices under section 86 of the Act —

Wildlife (Closure of Lake Lonsdale) Notice (*Gazette S239, 16 May 2024*).

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 3/2024 (*Gazette S241, 16 May 2024*).

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper:
Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Reject proposal to construct a waste-to-energy plant in Lara, Geelong (Petition No. 499) (presented by Sarah Mansfield on 18 April 2024) (*released on 17 May 2024 – a non-sitting day*).

- 7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — NATIONAL ENERGY BODIES** — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 17 May 2024, in response to a resolution of the Council on 1 May 2024 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to national energy bodies, advising that the Government has undertaken thorough and diligent searches and does not hold a copy of the documents sought.

On the motion of David Davis, the Attorney-General's letter was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

- 8 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL** — Georgie Crozier moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 29 May 2024 —
- (1) order of the day No. 11, second reading of the Payroll Tax Amendment (Protecting Victorians' Access to GPs, Dentists and Other Allied Health Practitioners) Bill 2023;
 - (2) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on Victoria's gas strategy;
 - (3) notice of motion No. 422, standing in Evan Mulholland's name on the Suburban Rail Loop; and
 - (4) notice of motion given this day by Moira Deeming on disclosure of information relating to government spending.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 9 LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING IN VICTORIA** — Trung Luu moved, by leave, That the reporting date for the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Inquiry into workplace drug testing in Victoria be extended to 27 August 2024.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 10 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS** — Members made statements.

- 11 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 427, be postponed until later this day.

- 12 COGNATE DEBATE — APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL 2024 — BUDGET PAPERS, 2024-25** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Budget Papers, 2024-25 be taken into consideration.

Pursuant to an order of the Council on 14 May 2024, the second reading debate on the Appropriation (2024-2025) Bill 2024 was taken concurrently with the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2024-25 into consideration.

Debate resumed on the questions, That the Appropriation (2024-2025) Bill 2024 be now read a second time, and That the Budget Papers, 2024-25 be taken into consideration.

David Davis, by leave, incorporated material in Hansard, pursuant to Standing Order 12.15.

Lee Tarlamis moved, That the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2024-25 into consideration be adjourned until the next day of meeting.

Question — put and agreed to.

The concurrent debate having concluded —

13 APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL 2024 — Question — That the Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

14 STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Evan Mulholland (*EM12C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

[Sitting suspended from 6.25 pm to 7.33 pm]

Debate continued.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Samantha Ratnam; Adem Somyurek; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15 ADJOURNMENT — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 9.13 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 69 — Wednesday, 29 May 2024

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO PIG WELFARE IN VICTORIA — The President read a letter from the Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee advising that the Committee agreed to extend the reporting date of its self-referred Inquiry into Pig Welfare in Victoria from 30 May 2024 to 20 June 2024.

3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Auditor-General — Guardianship and Decision-making for Vulnerable Adults, May 2024 (*Ordered to be published*).

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 36.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

5 PAYROLL TAX AMENDMENT (PROTECTING VICTORIANS' ACCESS TO GPs, DENTISTS AND OTHER ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2023 — Georgie Crozier laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Georgie Crozier moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — FUTURE GAS STRATEGY — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes that the Federal Government released its Future Gas Strategy on 9 May 2024;

(2) requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council, within three weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution —

(a) any materials or submissions provided to the Federal Government by the Victorian Minister for Energy and Resources or by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) regarding the development of the Future Gas Strategy;

- (b) any materials, including assessments and briefs, provided by DEECA to the Minister for Energy and Resources concerning the Future Gas Strategy; and
- (c) any consultancies or work by contractors used to inform submissions to the Federal Future Gas Strategy process.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — AMALGAMATIONS OF VICTORIA'S HEALTH SERVICES — Georgie Crozier moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that in relation to the proposed amalgamations of Victoria's health services —
 - (a) several media reports have confirmed that the Victorian Government commissioned a report to address the growing financial issues in Victoria's public hospitals and potential solutions;
 - (b) the Secretary of the Department of Health, Professor Euan Wallace, confirmed at a hearing of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 22 May 2024, that a report was provided to the Victorian Government in early May 2024 around the issue of hospital consolidations; and
- (2) requires the Leader of the Government, pursuant to Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council by 19 June 2024, all briefs, advice, and reports provided to the Minister for Health and to the Department of Health around recommendations, practical implementation, and feasibility of amalgamating, consolidating, or merging, however described, Victoria's health services in both regional and metropolitan areas.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 VICTORIA'S GAS STRATEGY — David Davis moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that the Federal Government's Future Gas Strategy, released on 9 May 2024, diverges significantly from the Victorian Government's Gas Substitution Roadmap, including in the importance it accords to the freedom of choice of consumers to use gas, as shown under guiding principle 4 which states that "households will continue to have a choice over how their energy needs are met", whereas the Gas Substitution Roadmap seeks to deny choice to consumers by having already banned gas connections to developments requiring a planning permit, including new estates, and banned rebates on gas appliances; and
- (2) calls on the Victorian Government to urgently review its Gas Substitution Roadmap in light of the strategy released by the Federal Government.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Jeff Bourman; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Renee Heath; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 17

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Eramcora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Samantha Ratnam; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negated.

Business interrupted at 12.04 pm, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

9 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to the sobering up service evaluation report (QwN 546) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Flemington Racecourse flood wall (QwN 543)** — supplementary question asked by Sarah Mansfield — response from Harriet Shing due Friday, 31 May 2024.
- **Treaty negotiation records (QwN 545)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 31 May 2024.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

10 SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP — Evan Mulholland moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) fresh doubts surround the future of the most expensive transport infrastructure project in Victoria's history following confirmation the Federal Budget contains no additional funding for the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East;
- (2) in 2022, the Victorian Labor Government stated that the \$34.5 billion SRL East would be funded through three equal \$11.5 billion contributions from the Victorian State Government, the Federal Government and new taxes via 'value-capture' initiatives;
- (3) to date, the Federal Labor Government has committed just \$2.2 billion towards the project, with Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Catherine King, stating that no further money will be provided until the project has been assessed by Infrastructure Australia;
- (4) with Federal Labor now walking away from the project, the Allan Labor Government faces a \$20 billion funding shortfall for the SRL East as it boasts of preparing to sign all main works contracts by 2026;
- (5) the independent Parliamentary Budget Office has costed stages 1 and 2 of the project at \$216 billion;

- (6) this wasteful spend means Victorians living in growth areas and regional Victoria will miss out on essential infrastructure projects;
 - (7) with a \$20 billion funding shortfall, Premier Jacinta Allan must explain what new taxes will be raised and what other desperately needed infrastructure projects across Victoria will be cancelled to pay for the SRL East;
- and calls on the Allan Labor Government to pause the SRL East and not enter into any further contracts.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 17

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Samantha Ratnam; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

11 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SPENDING —

Moira Deeming moved, That this House —

- (1) affirms that the public have a right to know how their tax dollars are spent by the Victorian Government, Victorian government departments and local government councils;
- (2) calls on the Government to establish, as a matter of principle and practice, that disclosure of specific information about government funded projects, programs and services be made publicly available, including —
 - (a) unredacted contracts, unless specific information can be objectively proven to necessitate redaction;
 - (b) conflict of interest disclosures;
 - (c) annual expenditure data;
 - (d) annual performance reviews; and
 - (e) statutes under which programs and services are authorised.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

12 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until the next day of meeting.

- 13 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.
- 14 ADJOURNMENT** — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Council adjourned at 6.03 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 70 — Thursday, 30 May 2024

- 1** The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The President reported that the House met with the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, 29 May 2024 to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White and the joint sitting elected Lisa Darmanin.
- 3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled the following papers:
 - Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —
 - Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 38.
 - Legislative instruments and related documents under section 16B in respect of Service Victoria Identity Verification Standards under the Service Victoria Act 2018.
- 4 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 June 2024.
Question — put and agreed to.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Georgie Crozier moved, by leave, That Richard Welch be a participating member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee.
Question — put and agreed to.
- 6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS** — Members made statements.
- 7 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 452, be postponed until later this day.
- 8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question — put.
The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 29

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Samantha Ratnam; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 3

Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

9 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Native bird hunting compliance (QwN 550)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Monday, 3 June 2024.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

10 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

11 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2024-2025) BILL 2024** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

12 **BUDGET PAPERS, 2024-25** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Budget Papers, 2024-25 be taken into consideration.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

- 13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 2020 in relation to governance and integrity matters and to make other miscellaneous amendments, to amend the Local Government Act 1989 to reflect machinery of government changes, to make consequential amendments to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Lizzie Blandthorn laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Georgie Crozier (for David Davis), the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 14 SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to repeal the Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004, to abolish VicForests, to amend the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 and the Forests Act 1958 in relation to forest management and to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn (for Gayle Tierney), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Lizzie Blandthorn laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to repeal the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Act 2011, to abolish the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, to amend the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission Act 2011 and the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Lizzie Blandthorn laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Enver Erdogan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.26 pm until Tuesday, 18 June 2024.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 68, 69 and 70

APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL 2024

Committed Tuesday, 28 May 2024

Clauses 1 to 10 — put and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 3 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024

Committed Tuesday, 28 May 2024

Amendments circulated: Evan Mulholland (EM12C) (p. 541)

Clause 1 — Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 (EM12C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 19

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Samantha Ratnam; Adem Somyurek; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question negated.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 17 — no question put pursuant to Standing Order 14.16(2).

Clauses 18 and 19 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 — no question put pursuant to Standing Order 14.16(2).

Clauses 22 and 23 — put and agreed to.

Clause 24 — no question put pursuant to Standing Order 14.16(2).

Clauses 25 to 27 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGET) BILL 2024

Committed Thursday, 30 May 2024

Clauses 1 to 11 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024***Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM12C)*

1. Clause 1, page 2, lines 14 to 16, omit "and non-profit organisations providing educational services to those schools".

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause before clause 15—

'14A Schools and school councils

(1) In clause 14(1) of Schedule 2 to the **Payroll Tax Act 2007** omit "if the school is declared in accordance with this clause".

(2) Clause 14(3), (4) and (5) of Schedule 2 to the **Payroll Tax Act 2007** are **repealed**.'

3. Clause 15, omit this clause.
4. Clause 16, omit this clause.
5. Clause 17, omit this clause.

