



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 104, 105 and 106

No. 104 — Tuesday, 4 March 2025

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 Governor informing the Council that she had, on 25 February 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Act 2025

Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Act 2025.

3 **QUESTION TIME** —

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

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Harriet Shing, by leave, tabled the Suburban Rail Loop Authority's Business and Investment Case – Parts 1 and 2, together with two Post-it notes.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to Aurora modelling of electricity prices (QwN 821) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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QUESTION DIRECTED FOR FURTHER WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a further written response to a question without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Testing on rats (QwN 816)** — substantive question asked by Georgie Purcell on Thursday, 20 February 2025 — response from Gayle Tierney due Thursday, 6 March 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 PETITIONS —

SAVE SILVERLEAVES FROM COASTAL EROSION — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 37 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently fund and implement the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action’s proposed geotextile revetment to protect homes, public infrastructure and public land in the short term, and work collaboratively with the Silverleaves community to plan and fund long-term solutions to mitigate and manage coastal erosion (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Melina Bath, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING — David Davis presented a petition bearing 325 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to desist from the announced high-rise high-density zones and recommence proper discussions and consultation with local communities and councils and heritage peak bodies in all ten affected zones prior to taking any further planning actions (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of David Davis, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING — Evan Mulholland presented a petition bearing 46 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to desist from the announced high-rise high-density zones and recommence proper discussions and consultation with local communities and councils and heritage peak bodies in all ten affected zones prior to taking any further planning actions (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

5 PAPERS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 3 of 2025 (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:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order of 4 February 2025 giving approval to the granting of a lease and a licence at the Daylesford Court House and Residence Reserve.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 81/2024 (*Gazette S78, 27 February 2025*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C414.

Cardinia Planning Scheme — Amendment C274.

Knox Planning Scheme — Amendment C191.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC257, VC266 and VC274.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of Ministerial Order No. 1472 – Order Amending Structured Workplace Learning and Work Experience Arrangements Ministerial Orders (Ministerial Order No. 1412 and Ministerial Order No. 1413) under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

President’s Report on overdue government responses to standing committee reports, as at 28 February 2025.

Responses from the Minister for Environment to petitions titled —

Abandon lethal management of brumbies (petition No. 498) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 28 November 2023) (*released on 27 February 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Save Silverleaves from coastal erosion (petition Nos. 619 and 626) (presented by Melina Bath on 5 February 2025 and 18 February 2025) (*released on 26 February 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Save the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club and Surf Beach from coastal erosion (petition No. 581) (presented by Melina Bath on 12 November 2024) (*released on 26 February 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Housing to petition titled Stop the destruction and privatisation of public housing (petition No. 518) (presented by Samantha Ratnam on 29 October 2024) (*released on 20 February 2025*).

6 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 5 March 2025 —

- (1) order of the day No. 4, second reading of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment (Equity and Access) Bill 2024;
- (2) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on amending the sessional orders relating to short form production of documents motions;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on the Building Electrification Regulatory Impact Statement;
- (4) notice of motion given this day by Sarah Mansfield on the production of documents relating to the review of the Wildlife Act;
- (5) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Crozier on sentinel events; and
- (6) notice of motion No. 817 standing in David Davis’ name on the Victorian debt ceiling.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 CONCURRENT DEBATE ON PETITIONS — David Davis moved, by leave, That this House authorises —

- (1) the petition currently listed on the Notice Paper under Petitions (qualifying for debate) titled Desist from high-rise high-density zone planning to be debated concurrently with any petitions of the same name tabled by David Davis, Georgie Crozier and Evan Mulholland that are listed for consideration on the Notice Paper under orders of the day, general business at the time the petition debate under Standing Order 11.03(10) occurs; and

(2) the Chair to put a single question, “That the petitions be taken into consideration”, at the conclusion of the debate.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

9 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 824, be postponed until later this day.

10 JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Melina Bath (for Evan Mulholland) (*EM25C and EM27C*) and Rachel Payne (*RP10C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 6.30 pm.

On the motion of Gayle Tierney, the meal break scheduled for this day was suspended.

Debate continued.

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

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.34 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 105 — Wednesday, 5 March 2025

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

2 PETITION — MOONEE PONDS AND ESSENDON LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS — Evan Mulholland presented a petition bearing 71 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to lower the railway track between Maribyrnong Road and Glenbervie Station, utilise the ‘rail-under-road’ solution for the dangerous and congested level crossings at Puckle and Park Streets and the dangerous underpass at Mt Alexander Road, release the current plans for dealing with the dangerous and congested level crossings at Puckle and Park Streets as agreed to by Cabinet in February 2018 and March 2021, and release all FOI requested data relating to level crossing removal in the Melbourne metropolitan area (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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

Auditor-General — Managing Disruptions Affecting Victoria’s Public Transport Network, March 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 —

Order of 3 March 2025 giving approval to the granting of a lease at Albert Park.

Order of 3 March 2025 giving approval to the granting of a license at Lake Boort Wildlife Reserve.

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report, 2023-24.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 2.

4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP RISK REGISTER — In response to a resolution of the Council on 5 February 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the Suburban Rail Loop Risk Register, the Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 3 March 2025, advising that —

- there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to item 2(a) of the Order would be provided as soon as possible; and
- item 2(b) of the Order prospectively seeks documents not yet in existence and therefore is not within the power of the Parliament.

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AMALGAMATIONS OF VICTORIA'S HEALTH SERVICES — In response to a resolution of the Council on 29 May 2024 (on the motion of Georgie Crozier), relating to the amalgamations of Victoria's health services, the Clerk tabled —

- one document in full, one document in part and schedules of the 26 documents identified within the scope of the Order; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 3 March 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to 24 documents in full and one document in part.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT (EQUITY AND ACCESS) BILL 2024 — Sarah Mansfield laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sarah Mansfield moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — NATIVE BIRD HUNTING 2025 SEASON —

Georgie Purcell moved, That this House requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council within four weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, all documents relating to Victoria's native bird hunting arrangements, including but not limited to —

- (1) the 2025 season arrangements, including all communication between the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and the Game Management Authority with the Minister for Outdoor Recreation, the Minister for Environment and the Premier;
- (2) the commissioning of the report and research by Dr Thomas Prowse to inform setting sustainable game duck harvests including correspondence between Dr Prowse, the Game Management Authority and relevant departments;
- (3) the decision to close off preseason consultation with animal welfare, science and advocacy organisations ahead of the 2025 season;

- (4) the specific science that informed the decision to keep the pink-eared duck and hardhead on the game species list for 2025;
- (5) any correspondence regarding why the new mandatory training for shooters does not apply to existing licence holders;
- (6) any advice received regarding the potential impact of avian influenza on native waterbird numbers across Eastern Australia; and
- (7) the Game Management Authority's abundance estimate helicopter survey for game ducks in Victoria for 2024.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — AMENDMENTS TO THE VICTORIA PLANNING PROVISIONS — David Davis moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that the Allan Labor Government published in the Victoria Government Gazette that the Minister for Planning had approved the following amendments to the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) —
 - (a) VC257 on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 and tabled on Tuesday, 4 March 2025;
 - (b) VC274 on Friday, 28 February 2025 and tabled on Tuesday, 4 March 2025;
- (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) briefings and documents presented to or relied upon by the Minister for Planning in the gazettal of VPP Amendments VC257 and VC274;
 - (b) the impact assessments on transport infrastructure, community infrastructure and drainage for the ten pilot activity centres;
 - (c) the 2019 Ministerial Advisory Committee's Planning Mechanisms for Social and Affordable Housing report;
 - (d) the 2021 Ten Year Strategy for Social and Affordable Housing;
 - (e) the 2020 Ministerial Advisory Committee Infrastructure Contributions report;
 - (f) the agendas, including attachments, and minutes of all meetings of the Infrastructure Contributions working group; and
 - (g) the Activity Centres Standing Advisory Committee referral letters.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 SESSIONAL ORDERS — SHORT FORM DOCUMENTS MOTIONS — David Davis moved, That until the end of the Session, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, Sessional Order 6 is revoked and replaced with the following Sessional Order to come into operation on the next sitting week:

6. Production of documents – short form documents motions

After Standing Order 10.01(3) insert:

- (4) A motion under this Standing Order (other than a motion that imposes a sanction) may be treated by the Council as a short form documents

motion. The following short form documents motion procedures will apply —

- (a) a member must advise of the intention for the motion to be treated by the Council as a short form documents motion at the time of giving notice under Standing Order 6.01;
- (b) a maximum of two motions under this Sessional Order may be —
 - (i) moved by non-government members and debated each Wednesday;
 - (ii) moved by government members and debated on Tuesday and Thursday;
- (c) if additional notices above the number permitted for debate each sitting day are given for short form documents motions, they will be listed on subsequent sitting days in the order that notice was given;
- (d) a motion proposed to be debated under this Sessional Order will take precedence on —
 - (i) Tuesday and Thursday at the time prescribed for government business;
 - (ii) Wednesday at the time prescribed for short form documents motions in Sessional Order 2;
- (e) the following time limits will apply to a short form documents motion —
 - (i) the mover of the motion may speak only once for up to six minutes;
 - (ii) any other member may speak for up to five minutes;
 - (iii) the total time for consideration of the motion will be up to 20 minutes; and
- (f) at the conclusion of debate or after 20 minutes of debate (whichever occurs first), the President will put all questions necessary to dispose of the motion and any amendments.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

10 QUESTION TIME —

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

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

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 - (ii) any other member may speak for up to five minutes;
 - (iii) the total time for consideration of the motion will be up to 20 minutes; and
- (f) at the conclusion of debate or after 20 minutes of debate (whichever occurs first), the President will put all questions necessary to dispose of the motion and any amendments.

Question — put and agreed to.

12 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notice of motion, general business, No. 858, be postponed until later this day.

13 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — REVIEW OF THE WILDLIFE ACT — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the *Wildlife Act 1975* established the rules around how people interact with wildlife in Victoria but has not been reviewed since becoming law 50 years ago;
- (b) in May 2020, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change announced the Independent Review of Victoria's *Wildlife Act 1975* (the Review), which would consist of an independent expert advisory panel led by Chairperson Jane Brockington, Dr Jack Pascoe and Dr John Hellstrom;
- (c) the Panel spent much of the following year working through more than 1,000 submissions to the Review and consulted with 18 key stakeholders, and heard related concerns regarding the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*, which identifies processes that threaten the health and survival of Victoria's biodiversity;
- (d) the Panel delivered their final report to the Minister in December 2021;

- (e) the Government still has not tabled the Panel's report or responded to their recommendations;
- (2) requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council, within four weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution —
 - (a) the Review of the *Wildlife Act 1975* Expert Advisory Panel Report; and
 - (b) the Government response to the Expert Review of the *Wildlife Act 1975*.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

14 BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT — Richard Welch (for David Davis) moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) the Victorian Government's Building Electrification Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), if implemented, will have a significant effect on households and businesses;
- (2) submissions to the —
 - (a) Building Electrification RIS closed on 28 February 2025;
 - (b) Minimum Standards for Rental Properties and Rooming Houses Regulatory Impact Statement closed on 1 July 2024;
- (3) submissions to both paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) have not been made public;
- (4) the Deloitte Modelling which informed and guided the Building Electrification RIS has not been released publicly, in particular assumptions underlying the modelling;
- (5) the Energy Networks Australia submission that has been released lists as its key findings —
 - (a) Victorians will pay an additional \$22 billion over the next 20 years;
 - (b) no real emissions reduction, as any savings are largely wiped out in the first five years, with minimal long-term impact;
 - (c) inadequate supply of renewables and storage, and increased demand will push up prices, especially during peak periods when gas traditionally provides reliability;
 - (d) families will be forced to transition off gas, regardless of their financial situation or market conditions;
- (6) a proper and open RIS process would see the release of the submissions and modelling to enable the contest of proposals, ideas and assumptions underlying the submissions to the Building Electrification RIS;
- (7) Infrastructure Victoria's planning document, including associated appendices, was released on 4 March 2025;

and calls on the Government to conduct an open and transparent RIS process on its electrification plans which would see a release, at the earliest possible time, of the items outlined in paragraphs (3) and (4).

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The 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; Joe McCracken; 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, 19

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan;
Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane;
Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt;
Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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

Question negatived.

- 15 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.

- 16 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.

Business interrupted at 5.48 pm, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

- 17 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING** — *Pursuant to an order of the Council on 4 March 2025, consideration of this petition was debated concurrently with general business, orders of the day, Nos. 46, 52, 54, 58, 62 and 63.*

David Davis moved, That the petitions be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the time allocated for debate had concluded.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 18 ADJOURNMENT** — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.04 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 106 — Thursday, 6 March 2025

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

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

Duties Act 2000 — Treasurer's Reports of —

Corporate Reconstruction and Consolidation Concessions and Exemptions for 2023-24, under section 250B(4) of the Act.

Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, under section 3E(2) of the Act.

Major Events Act 2009 — Amendment of Major Sporting Event Order for the 2023 to 2025 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix, dated 18 February 2025, under section 22 of the Act.

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into vaping and tobacco controls.

Remembrance Parks Central Victoria —

Report, 2022-23.

Report, 2023-24.

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme, Report, 2023-24.

- 3 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Gayle Tierney moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

- 5 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 868, be postponed until later this day.

- 6 CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

- 7 QUESTION TIME** —

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

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ANSWER TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answer given by Jaclyn Symes to a substantive question relating to Yarra Trams franchisees (QwN 837) was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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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:

- **Regional Development Victoria – Hydrogen projects funding (QwN 838)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by David Davis — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 7 March 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 8 CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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

NOES, 16

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

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Question 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.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 17

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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)

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.

- 9 HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to adopt specified provisions of the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to refer legislative power of the State in the form of an amendment reference to the Parliament of the Commonwealth to make amendments to the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Jaclyn Symes), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

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

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 10 SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Ingrid Stitt), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

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

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

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

- 11 TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 and the Control of Weapons Act 1990 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Enver Erdogan), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

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

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT** — Harriet Shing moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.31 pm until Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 104, 105 and 106

CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024

Committed Thursday, 6 March 2025

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD157C) (pp. 912-14)

Clause 1 — David Davis moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (DD157C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

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Question negated.

David Davis moved amendment Nos. 3 and 4 (DD157C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question negated.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 24 — put and agreed to.

Clause 25 — Question — That clause 25 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 48 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 48A — David Davis moved amendment No. 10 (DD157C).

Question — That New Clause 48A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 49 to 117 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 118 to 134 — Question — That the Part heading preceding clause 118 and clauses 118 to 134 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 135 to 143 — Question — That the Part heading and Division heading preceding clause 135 and clauses 135 to 143 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 144 to 149 — Question — That the Division heading preceding clause 144 and clauses 144 to 149 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 150 to 162 — Question — That the Part heading preceding clause 150 and clauses 150 to 162 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 163 and 164 — Question — That the Part heading preceding clause 163 and clauses 163 and 164 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 165 to 169 — Question — That the Division heading preceding clause 165 and clauses 165 to 169 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 170 to 172 — put and agreed to.

Clause 173 — Question — That the Part heading preceding clause 173 and clause 173 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 174 to 192 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —

1. CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024*Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD157C)*

1. Clause 1, lines 6 to 8, omit all words and expression on these lines.
2. Clause 1, page 2, lines 1 and 2, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
3. Clause 1, page 4, lines 6 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
4. Clause 1, page 4, lines 14 to 17, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
5. Clause 18, omit this clause.
6. Clause 25, omit this clause.
7. Clause 26, omit this clause.
8. Clause 27, omit this clause.
9. Clause 28, omit this clause.

NEW CLAUSE

10. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 48—

'48A New Part 14A inserted

After section 527 of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** insert—

"Part 14A—Review of operation of Act**527A Review of operation of Act as amended by Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025**

- (1) The Minister, in consultation with the Attorney-General and the Minister for Planning, must cause a review of the operation of this Act as amended by Part 2 of the **Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025** to be commenced after the second anniversary of the day on which Part 2 of the **Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025** came into operation.
 - (2) The Minister must cause a copy of the report of the review to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 14 days after its completion, but no later than the fifth anniversary of the day on which Part 2 of the **Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025** came into operation."
11. Clause 49, omit this clause.
 12. Part heading preceding clause 118, omit this heading.

13. Clause 118, omit this clause.
14. Clause 119, omit this clause.
15. Clause 120, omit this clause.
16. Clause 121, omit this clause.
17. Clause 122, omit this clause.
18. Clause 123, omit this clause.
19. Clause 124, omit this clause.
20. Clause 125, omit this clause.
21. Clause 126, omit this clause.
22. Clause 127, omit this clause.
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24. Clause 129, omit this clause.
25. Clause 130, omit this clause.
26. Clause 131, omit this clause.
27. Clause 132, omit this clause.
28. Clause 133, omit this clause.
29. Clause 134, omit this clause.
30. Part heading preceding clause 135, omit this heading.
31. Division heading preceding clause 135, omit this heading.
32. Clause 135, omit this clause.
33. Clause 136, omit this clause.
34. Clause 137, omit this clause.
35. Clause 138, omit this clause.
36. Clause 139, omit this clause.
37. Clause 140, omit this clause.
38. Clause 141, omit this clause.
39. Clause 142, omit this clause.
40. Clause 143, omit this clause.
41. Division heading preceding clause 144, omit this heading.
42. Clause 144, omit this clause.
43. Clause 145, omit this clause.
44. Clause 146, omit this clause.

45. Clause 147, omit this clause.
46. Clause 148, omit this clause.
47. Clause 149, omit this clause.
48. Part heading preceding clause 150, omit this heading.
49. Clause 150, omit this clause.
50. Clause 151, omit this clause.
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60. Clause 161, omit this clause.
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62. Part heading preceding clause 163, omit this heading.
63. Division heading preceding clause 163, omit this heading.
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65. Clause 164, omit this clause.
66. Division heading preceding clause 165, omit this heading.
67. Clause 165, omit this clause.
68. Clause 166, omit this clause.
69. Clause 167, omit this clause.
70. Clause 168, omit this clause.
71. Clause 169, omit this clause.
72. Part heading preceding clause 173, omit this heading.
73. Clause 173, omit this clause.