



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 119, 120 and 121

No. 119 — Tuesday, 17 June 2025

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

- 2 **THE LATE HONOURABLE CHARLES RACE MATHEWS** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 5 May 2025, of the Honourable Charles Race Thorson Mathews, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Oakleigh from 1979 to 1992, and as Minister for the Arts and Minister for Police and Emergency Services from 1982 to 1987, and Minister for Community Services from 1987 to 1988.

Other members addressed the House.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and the question was agreed to unanimously.

As a further mark of respect, the sitting was suspended for one hour.

[Sitting suspended from 12.17 pm to 1.22 pm]

- 3 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had, on 3 June 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025

Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Act 2025

Retirement Villages Amendment Act 2025.

- 4 **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 ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Regulation of IVF (QwN 944)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 19 June 2025.
- **Collection of firewood (QwN 946)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Gayle Tierney due Thursday, 19 June 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

5 PETITIONS —

REFORM WORKCOVER LEGISLATION — Sarah Mansfield presented a petition bearing 57 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently reform legislation in relation to WorkCover to ensure psychological injuries caused by workplace bullying, harassment, and victimisation are recognised as legitimate workplace injuries (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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WATER SERVICE FOR BELLBRAE CFA STATION — Bev McArthur presented a petition bearing 317 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to connect mains water service to the Bellbrae Country Fire Authority (CFA) station to support the incredible volunteers who work so hard to keep the community safe (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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HONORARY JUSTICE SERVICES SUPPORT — Rachel Payne presented a petition bearing 5,739 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Attorney-General to enact systemic change in the effectiveness and engagement of the Honorary Justice Services Support, resulting in the recruitment of 5,000 new Justices of the Peace (JP) by 2027 and 500 new JPs per annum thereafter (*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).

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MANDATORY DEXING OF DOGS USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES — Georgie Purcell presented a petition bearing 111 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to introduce legislation for mandatory desexing of all dogs used for breeding purposes by six years of age, including by micro and backyard breeders, unless medically inadvisable, and impose penalties for non-compliance (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHELSEA STATION, NEPEAN HIGHWAY — Rachel Payne presented a petition bearing 1,258 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to build a signalised pedestrian crossing on the Nepean Highway, near the Chelsea train station lift and footbridge to provide direct access to shops and services that residents and visitors need (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

- 6 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT (RIGHT TO HOUSING) BILL 2025** — Anasina Gray-Barberio introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 to establish a right to housing and for other purposes.*

On the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

7 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE —
Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sheena Watt tabled Alert Digest No. 8 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:

Essential Services Commission — Public report on Port of Melbourne Market Rent Inquiry 2025, 30 April 2025.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 4/2025 (*Gazette G22, 29 May 2025*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —

Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C398.

Brimbank Planning Scheme — Amendment C244.

Darebin Planning Scheme — Amendment C210.

Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C267.

Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme — Amendment C263.

Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendments C475 and C478.

Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendment C480.

Moyne Planning Scheme — Amendment C83.

Port Phillip Planning Scheme — Amendments C223 and C226.

Queenscliffe Planning Scheme — Amendment C40.

Whitehorse Planning Scheme — Amendment C258.

Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C207.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 — No. 46.

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — No. 41.

Electricity Safety Act 1998 — No. 40.

Forests Act 1958 — No. 42.

Land Act 1958 — No. 43.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — No. 47.

National Parks Act 1975 — No. 44.

Partnership Act 1958 — No. 39.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Nos. 37 and 48.

Tobacco Act 1987 — No. 38.

Wildlife Act 1975 — No. 45.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 28, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45.

Legislative instruments and related documents under section 16B in respect of —

Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of licence classes and fees for dairy businesses 2025 under the Dairy Act 2000.

Ministerial Order No. 1468 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 1125 — Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students in Government Schools under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No. 7/2025 (*Gazette S259, 28 May 2025*).

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

Response from the Minister for Energy and Resources to petition titled Stop the ban on gas appliances (petition No. 584) (presented by David Davis on 13 May 2025) (*released on 3 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to petition titled Upgrade the Donnybrook Road bridge (petition No. 595) (presented by Evan Mulholland on 13 May 2025) (*released on 3 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

8 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 18 June 2025 —

- (1) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025;
- (2) notice of motion given this day by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell on hardship funding for farmers;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Crozier on ambulance transfer data at Northern Hospital;
- (4) notice of motion No. 892 standing in Evan Mulholland's name on the location of the SBS headquarters; and
- (5) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on road management on the Princes Freeway.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO AMBULANCE VICTORIA — Joe McCracken moved, by leave, That the reporting date for the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Inquiry into Ambulance Victoria be extended to no later than 14 October 2025.

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 943, be postponed until later this day.

12 STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Davis (*DD178C*) and Sarah Mansfield (*SMA33C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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

13 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of orders of the day, government business, Nos. 2 to 7, be postponed until later this day.

14 GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Evan Mulholland (*DD175C*) circulated an amendment proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Gayle Tierney; 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; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; 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.

Enver Erdogan 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; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; 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 JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT** — Gayle Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.59 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 120 — Wednesday, 18 June 2025

- 1** The President took the Chair at 9.33 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 PETITION — DESIST FROM HIGH-RISE HIGH-DENSITY ZONE PLANNING** — Richard Welch (for David Davis) presented a petition bearing 16 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*).
- 3 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled the following papers:
 - Auditor-General —
Annual Plan, 2025-26.
Contractors and Consultants: Management, June 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).
 - Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 39 and 57.
- 4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —**

BRIEFINGS PROVIDED TO THE TREASURER — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 15 June 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 14 May 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to departmental briefings provided to the Treasurer, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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UPFIELD, SOMERTON AND WALLAN SERVICE ENHANCEMENT PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 15 June 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 14 May 2025 (on the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio), relating to documents related to the Upfield, Somerton and Wallan service enhancement planning feasibility study, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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

6 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT (RIGHT TO HOUSING) BILL 2025 — Anasina Gray-Barberio laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Anasina Gray-Barberio 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 — PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS — 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 planning scheme amendments —

(a) Amendment GC252 to the Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Hume, Kingston, Maroondah, Monash, Moonee Valley, Stonnington and Whittlesea Planning Schemes on Friday, 11 April 2025 and tabled on Tuesday, 13 May 2025;

(b) Amendment VC267 to the Victoria Planning Provisions on Thursday, 6 March 2025 and tabled on Tuesday, 18 March 2025;

(2) further notes that the time limited Select Committee on Victoria Planning Provisions amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274 tabled their report on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 and sought a series of documents from the Government which have not been provided, including —

(a) the materials relied upon or provided to the Minister for Planning in making Planning Scheme amendments VC267, VC257, VC274 and GC252;

(b) documents supporting the declaration of the 50 activity centres plus ten large pilot activity centres, making a total of 60 centres declared by the Minister for Planning;

(c) a list of local council representatives who attended consultation with industry stakeholders and the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) in the seven workshops held by the technical reference group;

(d) the “extensive housing target modelling” for municipalities;

(e) documents linked with the Minister for Planning’s involvement, or not, in community engagement activities including the community reference groups which DTP led and in which the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) was involved;

(f) membership of committees formed to provide Government advice in relation to development contribution schemes;

(g) modelling on housing affordability;

(h) whether the Minister for Planning chose the chairs and members of the community reference groups for the announced activity centres;

(i) modelling by the VPA;

(3) 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 on by the Minister for Planning in the approval of planning scheme amendments GC252 and VC267; and

- (b) all documents identified in the Select Committee's transcripts from public hearings and listed in paragraph (2).

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 — EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION —

Anasina Gray-Barberio moved, That this House —

- (1) requires the Leader of the Government, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, to table in the Council within 30 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, the following documents that relate to the early childhood education and care sector created since 1 January 2022 that are in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Education, Minister for Children, Minister for Disability, Minister for Police, Commission for Children and Young People, or the Department of Education —
 - (a) all documents not currently publicly available relating to emergency action notices, prohibition notices, suspension notices, compliance notices, show cause notices, cancellation notices, or other notices or directions served on or regarding early childhood education and care (ECEC) providers under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*, the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*, the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* and the *Children's Services Act 1996*;
 - (b) documents relating to internal risk assessments or regulatory response decisions;
 - (c) documents of compliance actions taken against individual services or providers, including number and type of reaches and regulatory outcomes;
 - (d) internal guidance documents or frameworks used to classify provider risk, assess compliance, or determine regulatory responses; and
- (2) requests that any information provided that identifies details of individual children and families be redacted, and that redaction of names of staff be considered where appropriate to protect privacy unless relevant to regulatory findings.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 HARDSHIP FUNDING FOR FARMERS — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria is currently under the worst drought conditions in decades according to the Victorian Farmers Federation, with some areas having their lowest rainfall totals on record;
- (2) farmers are bearing the brunt with —
 - (a) high feed and water costs;
 - (b) high fuel and energy costs;
 - (c) high freight costs;
 - (d) ever increasing costs of day-to-day life;
- (3) farmers are concerned with the proposed increases to the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy for the 2026-27 financial year and beyond;

- (4) agricultural production in Victoria in 2021-22 was valued at \$20.2 billion and employed over 153,000 Victorians;
 - (5) the announcement of the expansion of the Allan Labor Government's drought support package on 30 May 2025 is commendable but more needs to be done;
 - (6) in October 2019, the then Andrews Labor Government announced the Farmers' Drought Fund, providing payments of up to \$3,000 to farming families;
 - (7) farmers and councils have been pleading for this kind of targeted help to ease the strain of the ongoing drought;
- and calls on the Allan Labor Government to implement hardship funding for farming households to help with the pressures of the ongoing drought.

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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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:

- **Women's sport (QwN 949)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 20 June 2025.
- **Waste-to-energy (QwN 951)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 20 June 2025.
- **Port of Melbourne – truck traffic (QwN 955)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Friday, 20 June 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

11 HARDSHIP FUNDING FOR FARMERS — Debate continued on the question, That this House notes that —

- (1) Victoria is currently under the worst drought conditions in decades according to the Victorian Farmers Federation, with some areas having their lowest rainfall totals on record;
- (2) farmers are bearing the brunt with —
 - (a) high feed and water costs;
 - (b) high fuel and energy costs;
 - (c) high freight costs;
 - (d) ever increasing costs of day-to-day life;
- (3) farmers are concerned with the proposed increases to the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy for the 2026-27 financial year and beyond;
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 - (7) farmers and councils have been pleading for this kind of targeted help to ease the strain of the ongoing drought;
- and calls on the Allan Labor Government to implement hardship funding for farming households to help with the pressures of the ongoing drought.

Question — put and agreed to.

12 AMBULANCE TRANSFER DATA AT NORTHERN HOSPITAL — Georgie Crozier moved, That this House —

- (1) condemns the fraudulent activity conducted by the Northern Hospital Emergency Department;
- (2) notes that —
 - (a) staff have routinely falsified data relating to the time patients spend waiting to be offloaded from an ambulance into the hospital's emergency department;
 - (b) data has been falsified to meet strict statewide targets for ambulances to transfer 90 per cent of patients to hospital staff within 40 minutes;
 - (c) ambulance offload times have been altered by up to an hour;
 - (d) manipulation of this data is reported to have been happening since 2017 and is widespread and known to management;
 - (e) the falsification and manipulation of recording data has extremely serious implications for the integrity of data and public confidence in Victoria's health system; and
- (3) calls on the Allan Labor Government to appoint an external and independent health expert to review processes relating to the collection of data on ambulance transfer times in public health emergency departments, as required for reporting to the Department of Health and the Victorian Agency for Health Information.

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; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 21

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

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Question negatived.

13 LOCATION OF SBS HEADQUARTERS — Evan Mulholland moved, That this House —

- (1) notes —
 - (a) the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) is one of two government funded national broadcasters, both of which are based in Sydney;
 - (b) that according to the SBS Report, 2023-24, of the 1,319 SBS staff, 80 per cent were based in New South Wales, while only 14 per cent were based in Victoria;
- (2) recognises —
 - (a) that Victoria has the highest proportion of population born overseas in Australia;
 - (b) that Melbourne's population is increasing faster than Sydney and becoming increasingly more multicultural;
- (3) expresses concern that the *SBS Report, 2021-22* and the federal Minister for Communications news release of 27 April 2023 indicates a feasibility study on the possible re-location of SBS headquarters from Artemon to Western Sydney;
- (4) expresses further concern at extraordinary revelations by senior SBS official at the 12 March 2025 hearing of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Inquiry into cultural and creative industries in Victoria, that the decision to base their new production hub in Western Sydney was one forced on SBS by the Albanese Labor Government, despite the Minister for Communications claiming in a media release on 8 December 2024 that this was a SBS board and management initiative;
- (5) condemns the Albanese Labor Government for betraying Victoria by denying us the opportunity to host a production hub; and
- (6) calls on the Alban Labor Government to advocate for a Melbourne based SBS headquarters and to facilitate the process of setting up in a multicultural Melbourne location like Broadmeadows or Dandenong.

Debate ensued.

Michael Galea moved, as amendments —

1. In paragraph (4), **omit** "initiative;" and **replace** it with "initiative; and".
2. **Omit** all words and expressions in paragraph (5).

Debate ensued.

Question — That the amendments moved by Michael Galea be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That the motion, amended as follows, be agreed to — That this House —

- (1) notes —
 - (a) the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) is one of two government funded national broadcasters, both of which are based in Sydney;
 - (b) that according to the SBS Report, 2023-24, of the 1,319 SBS staff, 80 per cent were based in New South Wales, while only 14 per cent were based in Victoria;
- (2) recognises —
 - (a) that Victoria has the highest proportion of population born overseas in Australia;
 - (b) that Melbourne's population is increasing faster than Sydney and becoming increasingly more multicultural;
- (3) expresses concern that the *SBS Report, 2021-22* and the federal Minister for Communications news release of 27 April 2023 indicates a feasibility study on the possible re-location of SBS headquarters from Artemon to Western Sydney;

- (4) expresses further concern at extraordinary revelations by senior SBS official at the 12 March 2025 hearing of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee’s Inquiry into cultural and creative industries in Victoria, that the decision to base their new production hub in Western Sydney was one forced on SBS by the Albanese Labor Government, despite the Minister for Communications claiming in a media release on 8 December 2024 that this was a SBS board and management initiative; and
 - (5) calls on the Allan Labor Government to advocate for a Melbourne based SBS headquarters and to facilitate the process of setting up in a multicultural Melbourne location like Broadmeadows or Dandenong — put and agreed to.
- 14 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until later this day.
- 15 ASSENT TO ACT** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, this day, given the Royal Assent to the following Act presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:
Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2025.
- 16 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.
- 17 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS STATEMENT FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF OIL AND GAS AT BARRY BEACH MARINE TERMINAL —**
 Sarah Mansfield moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.
 Debate ensued.
 Question — put and agreed to.
- 18 ADJOURNMENT** — Harriet Shing moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
- The Council adjourned at 6.38 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 121 — Thursday, 19 June 2025

- 1** The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 PETITIONS —**
LOWER THE AGE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERIOUS CRIMES — Moira Deeming presented a petition bearing 87 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently reform the *doli incapax* rule to ensure that children aged 10 to 13 who commit serious offences such as sexual abuse, are held accountable for their actions by lowering the age of responsibility for serious crimes, introducing mandatory rehabilitation programmes for young offenders, and providing mandatory, free counselling for all victims of child sexual abuse (*Ordered to be tabled*).

HALT GENDER AFFIRMATION PRACTICES — Moira Deeming presented a petition bearing 3,797 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to halt gender affirmation practices in Victoria (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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REVIEW THE CURRENT VACCINE MANDATES IMPOSED ON WORKERS — Moira Deeming presented a petition bearing 3,367 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to review the current vaccine mandate directions in place, immediately cease the COVID-19 and flu vaccine directions and issue a state directive to enable Victorian employers to reinstate employees who had their employment terminated due to non-compliance with vaccine mandates (*Ordered to be tabled*).

3 PAPERS —

PAPERS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL —

Ingrid Stitt, by leave, presented the Victorian Government Response to the Community Visitors Report, 2023-24 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

Jaclyn Symes, by leave, presented the Victorian Government Aboriginal Affairs Report, 2024, including Domain 1 to 6 Data Tables and 2024 Closing the Gap Tables (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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COMMITTEE REPORT — ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Georgie Purcell tabled a Report on the Inquiry into cultural and creative industries in Victoria (including an Appendix, Extracts of Proceedings and Minority Reports) from the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Georgie Purcell moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Auditor-General —

HealthShare Victoria Procurement, June 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Results of 2024 Audits: TAFEs and Universities, June 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission —

Report to the Minister for Police, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022, under section 700 of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Report to the Minister for Police, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022, under section 174B of the Firearms Act 1996 (*Ordered to be published*).

Integrity Oversight Victoria, Annual Plan 2025-26 (*Ordered to be published*).

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 40 (*Gazette S313, 18 June 2025*).

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 — Victorian Government report on Multicultural Affairs, 2023-24.

Parliamentary Budget Office — Operational Plan 2025-26: Priorities and protocols.
 Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to
 Statutory Rule Nos. 46, 47 and 49.

The Queen Elizabeth Centre (QEC) — Report, 2023-24.

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

Government response to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Inquiry into Local Government funding and services.

Response from the Minister for Planning to petitions titled Environmental Effects Statement for the decommissioning of oil and gas at Barry Beach Marine Terminal (petition Nos. 617 and 659) (presented by Sarah Mansfield on 13 May 2025 and 14 May 2025) (*released on 18 June 2025*).

4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — PAYROLL TAX FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 18 June 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 28 May 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the payroll tax for general practitioners and other health professionals, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

5 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Gayle Tierney moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 29 July 2025.

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 943, be postponed until later this day.

8 STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Jaclyn Symes (*JS68C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

The Deputy President reported progress with suggested amendments for the consideration of the Assembly and asked leave to sit again.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message requesting they make the amendments suggested by the Committee of the whole Council.

Bill ordered to be further considered in Committee of the whole later this day.

9 COGNATE DEBATE — APPROPRIATION (2025-2026) BILL 2025 — BUDGET PAPERS, 2025-26 — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Budget Papers, 2025-26 be taken into consideration.

Pursuant to an order of the Council on 29 May 2025, the second reading debate on the Appropriation (2025-2026) Bill 2025 was taken concurrently with the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2025-26 into consideration.

Debate resumed on the questions, That the Appropriation (2025-2026) Bill 2025 be now read a second time, and That the Budget Papers, 2025-26 be taken into consideration.
Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

10 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 David Davis, the answers given by Ingrid Stitt to questions relating to MyCentre funding (QwN 958) 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:

- **Sound moderators for firearms (QwN 959)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 23 June 2025.
- **Notification to victim survivors of family violence (QwN 964)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Anasina Gray-Barberio — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 23 June 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

11 COGNATE DEBATE — APPROPRIATION (2025-2026) BILL 2025 — BUDGET PAPERS, 2025-26 — Debate continued on the questions, That the Appropriation (2025-2026) Bill 2025 be now read a second time, and That the Budget Papers, 2025-26 be taken into consideration.

Lee Tarlamis moved, That the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2025-26 into consideration be adjourned until later this day.

Question — put and agreed to.

The concurrent debate having concluded —

12 APPROPRIATION (2025-2026) BILL 2025 — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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, 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.

13 STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The Deputy President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have made the amendments suggested by the Committee of the whole Council in this Bill and requesting the agreement of the Council.

Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Bill forthwith.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without further 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, including the amendments made by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Committee of the whole Council, without further amendment.

14 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025-2026) BILL 2025 — 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.

15 BUDGET PAPERS, 2025-26 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Budget Papers, 2025-26 be taken into consideration.

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

16 CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Serious Offenders Act 2018, the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004 and the Corrections Act 1986 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.

17 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Financial Management Act 1994, the Constitution Act 1975 and the Local Government Act 1989 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

18 ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Road Safety Act 1986, the Road Management Act 2004, the Port*

Management Act 1995, the Marine Safety Act 2010, the Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988, the Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014, the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983, the Transport Integration Act 2010 and other Acts and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, 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 David Davis (for Melina Bath), the debate was adjourned for one week.

19 ADJOURNMENT — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.09 pm until Tuesday, 29 July 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

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GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 17 June 2025

Amendment circulated: Evan Mulholland (DD175C) (p. 1065)

Clauses 1 to 6 — put and agreed to.

Clause 7 — Evan Mulholland moved suggested amendment No. 1 (DD175C).

Question — That clause 7 stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; 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; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; 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.

Clauses 8 to 75 — put and agreed to.

Schedule 1 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 19 June 2025

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD178C) (p. 1065), Sarah Mansfield (SMA33C) (pp. 1065-6) and Jaclyn Symes (JS68C) (p. 1066)

Clause 1 — David Davis moved suggested amendment No. 1 (DD178C).

Question — That the suggested amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

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

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NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 — put and agreed to.

Clause 6 — Sarah Mansfield moved suggested amendment No. 1 (SMA33C).

Question — That the suggested amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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

NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

Question negatived.

Clause 6 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 16 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 16A — David Davis moved suggested amendment No. 2 (DD178C).

Question — That the suggested amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

New Clause 16A — stands postponed pursuant to Standing Order 14.16(3).

Clauses 17 to 23 — put and agreed to.

Clause 24 — Jaclyn Symes moved suggested amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (*JS68C*).

Question — That the suggested amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman;
Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan;
Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh;
Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney;
Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli;
Georgie Purcell.

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Question agreed to.

Sarah Mansfield moved suggested amendment Nos. 2 and 3 (*SMA33C*).

Question — That the suggested amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli;
Georgie Purcell.

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

NOES, 30

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman;
Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan;
Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh;
Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney;
Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

Question negatived.

Clause 24 — stands postponed pursuant to Standing Order 14.16(3).

Clauses 25 to 43 — put and agreed to.

Progress reported with suggested amendments.

Progress having been reported earlier this day, Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Postponed New Clause 16A — Question — That New Clause 16A, as inserted by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Committee of the whole Council, stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Postponed Clause 24 — Question — That Clause 24, as amended by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Committee of the whole Council, stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Bill, including the amendments made by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Committee of the whole Council, reported without further amendment.

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APPROPRIATION (2025-2026) BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 19 June 2025

Clauses 1 to 10 — put and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 3 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025***Amendment circulated by Evan Mulholland (DD175C)*

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Clause 7, omit this clause.

2. STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025*Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD178C)*

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Clause 1, page 3, lines 2 to 5, omit "to introduce a new rate of penalty tax for recklessness by a taxpayer or their agent as to the operation of a taxation law or their obligations under certain taxation laws".

NEW CLAUSE

2. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 16—

'16A Exemption continues if land becomes unfit for occupation

In section 58(2) of the **Land Tax Act 2005**, for "second" **substitute** "fourth".

3. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Clause 29, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by Sarah Mansfield (SMA33C)

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Clause 6, lines 4 and 5, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

 'For section 21AA(1)(c) of the **Duties Act 2000** **substitute—**

 "(c) either—

 (i) the contract for the purchase of the dutiable property is entered into on or after 21 October 2024 and before 21 October 2025; or

 (ii) the contract for the purchase of the dutiable property is entered into on or after 21 October 2025 and before 21 October 2026 and the dutiable value of the dutiable property is not more than \$1 600 000.".
2. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**
Clause 24, after line 15 insert—

 '(2A) After section 70F(2) of the **Land Tax Act 2005** insert—

"(2A) A residential rental agreement referred to in subsection (1) or (2) must be subject to the restriction that any rent increase during the fixed term of the agreement must not require the renter to pay more than 105% of the rent payable immediately before the increase.".'.

3. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 24, after line 19 insert—

'(3A) In section 70F(3) of the **Land Tax Act 2005**, for "those" **substitute** "the restriction referred to in subsection (2A) and any other restriction".'.

Amendments circulated by Jaclyn Symes (JS68C)

1. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 24, lines 14 and 15, omit "12 months but less than 3 years" and insert "the prescribed period or, if no period is prescribed, any period,".

2. **Suggested amendment to the Legislative Assembly—**

Clause 24, after line 15 insert—

'(2A) After section 70F(2) of the **Land Tax Act 2005** insert—

"(2A) The period (if any) prescribed for the purposes of subsection (2) must not exceed 12 months.".'.