



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 125, 126 and 127

No. 125 — Tuesday, 12 August 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 5 August 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Act 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Act 2025

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2025.

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

- **Community led family violence responses (QwN 992)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Thursday, 14 August 2025.
- **Parentline service cost (QwN 993)** — substantive question asked by Georgie Crozier — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Wednesday, 13 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 **PETITIONS** —

VICTORIAN FISHERIES AUTHORITY WORKFORCE CHANGES — Bev McArthur presented a petition bearing 20,115 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to inquire into whether the Victorian

Fisheries Authority's '2025 workforce changes' announced on 20 May 2025 defies assurances implied under the 2023-24 Budget Paper No. 3: Service Delivery, 'COVID Debt Repayment Plan – savings and efficiencies' initiative, and ensure that frontline staff and service delivery be protected from cost cutting (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION LEVY TO FUND EMERGENCY WILDLIFE CARE — Georgie Purcell presented a petition bearing 3,485 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to implement a road levy charge for registered vehicles to help fund emergency wildlife care (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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REJECT THE PROPOSED KOYUGA NANNEELLA WIND FARM — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell presented a petition bearing 1,621 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to withhold approval of the Fera Australia Koyuga Nanneella wind farm based on its unsuitable location (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

- 5 VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (REPORTING OF GUARDIANSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2025** — Anasina Gray-Barberio introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 in relation to publishing or broadcasting information that may identify parties in guardianship and administration proceedings before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal 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.

6 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 10 of 2025 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Ryan Batchelor tabled a Report on the Inquiry into climate resilience (including an Appendix, Extracts of Proceedings and Minority Reports) from the Environment and Planning Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Ryan Batchelor moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 —

Order of 6 August 2025 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Kings Domain Reserve and Alexandra Park Reserve.

Order of 21 June 2025 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Tooradin Foreshore Reserve.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 50 (*Gazette S398, 1 August 2025*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the — Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendment C263.

Buloke, Gannawarra, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians, Swan Hill and Yarriambiack Planning Schemes — Amendment GC262.

Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendment C465.

Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C160.

Mitchell Planning Scheme — Amendments C158, C161 and C175.

Monash Planning Scheme — Amendment C180.

Nillumbik Planning Scheme — Amendment C149.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendment C282.

Whittlesea Planning Scheme — Amendment C289.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 — No. 74.

Powers of Attorney Act 2014 — No. 73.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 53, 69, 71, 72 and 75.

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper:

Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Desist from high-rise high-density zone planning (petition No. 667) (presented by David Davis on 18 June 2025) (*released on 4 August 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

7 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 13 August 2025 —

(1) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment (Reporting of Guardianship and Administration Proceedings) Bill 2025;

(2) order of the day No. 1, second reading of the Worker Screening Amendment (Safety of Children) Bill 2025;

(3) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on rising energy bills;

(4) notice of motion given this day by David Davis relating to overdue production of documents orders;

(5) notice of motion given this day by Georgie Crozier on delivery of health services; and

(6) notice of motion given this day by David Limbrick on reviewing self-defence laws.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

- 9 CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in this Bill.
- 10 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1016, be postponed until later this day.
- 11 NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Lizzie Blandthorn (for Ingrid Stitt) 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.
- 12 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
David Davis (*DD174C*) 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.
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 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of order of the day, government business, No. 3, be postponed until later this day.
- 14 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Aiv Puglielli (*AP56C*) circulated amendments 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; Katherine Copsey; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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

NOES, 13

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; 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 second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, 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 with amendments and requesting their agreement.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.27 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 126 — Wednesday, 13 August 2025

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

2 PETITION — REJECT THE PROPOSED KOYUGA NANNEELLA WIND FARM — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell presented a petition bearing 500 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to withhold approval of the Fera Australia Koyuga Nanneella wind farm based on its unsuitable location (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

3 ESTATE AGENTS AMENDMENT (ADVERTISING RESERVE PRICES FOR HOME BUYERS) BILL 2025 — Aiv Puglielli introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Estate Agents Act 1980 to require estate agents or agent's representatives to disclose and advertise the reserve price of residential property, to increase penalties for offences relating to underquoting the estimated and indicative selling price of residential property, and for other purposes*.

On the motion of Aiv Puglielli, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

4 PAPERS —

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

Auditor-General — Planned Surgery in Victoria, August 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Statutory Rule under the County Court Act 1958 — No. 75.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 76.

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

Response from the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to petition titled Pedestrian crossing at Chelsea Station, Nepean Highway (petition No. 634) (presented by Rachel Payne on 17 June 2025) (*released on 12 August 2025*).

Response from the Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC to petition titled Reform WorkCover legislation (petition No. 661) (presented by Sarah Mansfield on 17 June 2025) (*released on 12 August 2025*).

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT (REPORTING OF GUARDIANSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS) 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 WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (SAFETY OF CHILDREN) BILL 2025 — 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.

8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — ENERGY COSTS — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

(a) the rising energy bills encountered by Victorian households and businesses, with supply and usage charges increasing further from 1 August 2025;

(b) the cost of major infrastructure blowouts, such as the Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West, to be pushed onto the energy bills of Victorian households and businesses;

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within three weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, copies of any briefs in the last 12 months concerning the costs of energy including electricity and gas, and the impact of these energy costs on families and businesses provided by the —

(a) Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to the Minister for Energy and Resources;

(b) Department of Premier and Cabinet to the Premier; and

(c) Department of Treasury and Finance to the Treasurer.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — PROPERTY MARKET REVIEW 2022 — Aiv Puglielli moved, That this House, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 60 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, the final report of the Property Market Review commissioned by the then Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation in 2022.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

10 ENERGY BILLS — David Davis moved, That this House —

- (1) expresses its concern at the rising energy bills faced by Victorian households and businesses;
- (2) notes that supply and usage charges were increased further on 1 August 2025;
- (3) further notes that households and businesses will see significant increases in their energy bills in the months and years ahead under Labor's energy arrangements; and
- (4) holds the Minister for Energy and Resources responsible for the increased energy costs being paid by Victorian households and businesses in Labor's eleventh year of government.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

11 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:

- **Animal care and protection laws (QwN 1001)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 15 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

12 ENERGY BILLS — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

- (1) expresses its concern at the rising energy bills faced by Victorian households and businesses;
- (2) notes that supply and usage charges were increased further on 1 August 2025;
- (3) further notes that households and businesses will see significant increases in their energy bills in the months and years ahead under Labor's energy arrangements; and
- (4) holds the Minister for Energy and Resources responsible for the increased energy costs being paid by Victorian households and businesses in Labor's eleventh year of government.

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; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; 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)

Question negated.

13 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — OVERDUE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS ORDERS —

David Davis moved, That this House —

- (1) notes the failure of the Leader of the Government to comply with 38 resolutions of the Council requiring the tabling of specified documents in the Legislative Council by particular dates;
- (2) further notes that in —
 - (a) 21 cases no documents have been provided and no adequate excuse has been offered;
 - (b) 17 cases some documents have been provided but executive privilege has been claimed, and the Government has failed to adhere to Standing Order 10.03 that allows for the adjudication by an independent arbiter to occur;
- (3) further notes documents have not been provided and no adequate excuse offered for the following orders —
 - (a) Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain Project, on the motion of Dr Mansfield on 22 March 2023 for which documents were due on 12 April 2023;
 - (b) Albury Wodonga Health, on the motion of Ms Lovell on 6 March 2024 for which documents were due on 27 March 2024;
 - (c) Victoria's Bus Network Plan Review, on the motion of Mr Luu on 6 March 2024 for which documents were due on 27 March 2024;
 - (d) Transition out of commercial native forest logging, on the motion of Dr Mansfield on 31 July 2024 for which documents were due on 21 August 2024;
 - (e) Municipal population targets and activity centres, on the motion of Mr Davis on 16 October 2024 for which documents were due on 6 November 2024;
 - (f) Road and rail bridge infrastructure, on the motion of Mrs Deeming on 30 October 2024 for which documents were due on 27 November 2024;
 - (g) Unprotection of dingoes Order in Council, on the motion of Ms Purcell on 13 November 2024 for which documents were due on 22 January 2025;
 - (h) Land use in the Grampians and Arapiles region, on the motion of Mr Limbrick on 27 November 2024 for which documents were due on 20 January 2025;
 - (i) Plan Melbourne, on the motion of Mr Mulholland on 19 February 2025 for which documents were due on 12 March 2025;
 - (j) Native bird hunting 2025 season, on the motion of Ms Purcell on 5 March 2025 for which documents were due on 2 April 2025;
 - (k) Amendments to the Victoria Planning Provisions, on the motion of Mr Davis on 5 March 2025 for which documents were due on 26 March 2025;
 - (l) Suburban Rail Loop Authority, on the motion of Mr Mulholland on 19 March 2025 for which documents were due on 9 April 2025;

- (m) Water Grid Plan, on the motion of Dr Mansfield on 19 March 2025 for which documents were due on 9 April 2025;
- (n) 2022 rollout of HEPA purifiers in government schools, on the motion of Mr Limbrick on 2 April 2025 for which documents were due on 30 June 2025;
- (o) Energy documents, on the motion of Mr Davis on 2 April 2025 for which documents were due on 23 April 2025;
- (p) Briefings provided to the Treasurer, on the motion of Mr Davis on 14 May 2025 for which documents were due on 4 June 2025;
- (q) Upfield, Somerton and Wallan Service Enhancement planning feasibility study, on the motion of Ms Gray-Barberio on 14 May 2025 for which documents were due on 4 June 2025;
- (r) Great Outdoors Taskforce, on the motion of Ms Purcell on 28 May 2025 for which documents were due on 9 July 2025;
- (s) Payroll tax for General Practitioners and other health professionals, on the motion of Mr Davis on 28 May 2025 for which documents were due on 18 June 2025;
- (t) Planning scheme amendments, on the motion of Mr Davis on 18 June 2025 for which documents were due on 9 July 2025;
- (u) Early childhood education, on the motion of Ms Gray-Barberio on 18 June 2025 for which documents were due on 18 July 2025;
- (4) further notes that documents have been identified, but have not been provided or have been partially provided with executive privilege claimed over certain documents that have been withheld, although the Government has failed to comply with Standing Order 10.03 for the following orders —
 - (a) staff shortages in the public health system, on the motion of Ms Crozier on 8 February 2023, for which 11 documents were identified and only two documents in full and one in part were provided;
 - (b) Assistant Treasurer briefs on the banking and financial service contracts, on the motion of Ms Crozier on 8 March 2023, for which eight documents were identified and three documents in full and five documents in part were provided;
 - (c) Seasonal changes to the 2023 duck hunting season, on the motion of Mr Bourman on 3 May 2023, for which 65 documents were identified and 54 documents in full and seven documents in part were provided;
 - (d) Gas and electricity supplies, on the motion of Mr Davis on 15 November 2023, where 21 documents were identified and 12 documents provided;
 - (e) Redevelopment of high-rise public housing sites, on the motion of Dr Ratnam on 15 November 2023, for which 158 documents were identified and only 12 documents were provided;
 - (f) Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan, on the motion of Ms Purcell on 29 November 2023, for which 254 were identified and 227 documents in full and three documents in part were provided;
 - (g) Commonwealth infrastructure review, on the motion of Mr Davis on 29 November 2023, for which 36 documents were identified and 11 documents in full and three documents in part were provided;
 - (h) Port of Hastings' application for offshore wind turbine facilities, on the motion of Mr Davis on 7 February 2024, for which 37 documents were

- identified and 23 documents in full and two documents in part were provided;
- (i) Better Regulation Victoria's Review of Victoria's approach to illicit tobacco regulation, on the motion of Mr Limbrick on 7 February 2024, for which 139 documents were identified and 130 documents in full and one document in part were provided;
 - (j) Medically Supervised Injecting Room in Melbourne's CBD, on the motion of Mr Ettershank on 21 February 2024, for which 18 documents were identified and four documents in full and three documents in part were provided;
 - (k) Recreational native bird hunting arrangements, on the motion of Ms Purcell on 20 March 2024, for which 36 documents were identified and 21 documents were provided;
 - (l) 2026 Commonwealth Games bid, on the motion of Mr Limbrick on 1 May 2024, where 353 documents were identified and the Government claimed executive privilege over 350 documents in full and three documents in part but failed to provide the three documents in part;
 - (m) Ministerial advisory committee on infrastructure contributions, on the motion of Mr Davis on 15 May 2024, for which 11 documents were identified and nine documents were provided in full;
 - (n) Government agreements with Elbit Systems and the Israeli Ministry of Defense, on the motion of Dr Mansfield on 15 May 2024, for which only one document in part was provided out of the three documents identified;
 - (o) Amalgamations of Victoria's Health services, on the motion of Ms Crozier on 29 May 2024, for which 26 documents were identified and one document in full and one document in part were provided;
 - (p) Funding Victoria's health services, on the motion of Ms Crozier on 14 August 2024, for which production was due on 28 August 2024 and 83 documents were identified but none were provided;
 - (q) Review of the Wildlife Act 1975, on the motion of Dr Mansfield on 5 March 2025, for which production was due on 2 April 2025 and two documents were identified but none were provided;
- (5) affirms the privileges, immunities and powers conferred on the Council pursuant to section 19 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, and the power to make Standing Orders under section 43 of that Act;
 - (6) affirms the right of the Council to require the production of documents;
 - (7) requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, by 12.00 noon on 26 August 2025, the documents ordered by the Council in the motions identified in paragraphs (3)(a) to (u);
 - (8) demands the Leader of the Government provide to the Clerk, by 12.00 noon on 26 August 2025, all documents for which executive privilege has been claimed so that these can be assessed according to Standing Orders and any involvement of an independent legal arbiter, to be appointed by the President, can be determined; and
 - (9) permits that if the Leader of the Government has not complied with Standing Orders 10.01 to 10.03 in relation to all the documents listed in paragraphs (3) and (4) within the timeframe specified in paragraphs (7) and (8), the Council will, at the conclusion of formal business on Tuesday, 26 August 2025

(or if formal business does not occur that day, at the conclusion of formal business on the next sitting day) give precedence for a non-government member to move, without leave, “That this House suspends the Leader of the Government from the service of the Council for the remainder of today and for the next two subsequent sitting days”.

Debate ensued.

Wendy Lovell moved, as an amendment, That in paragraphs (7), (8) and (9), **omit** “26 August 2025” and **insert** “14 October 2025” in its place.

Debate ensued.

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

- 14 DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES** — Georgie Crozier moved, That this House notes that —
- (1) too many Victorians continue to suffer because of the Allan Labor Government’s failure to deliver basic health services, as the latest Victorian Agency for Health Information quarterly data released on 7 August 2025 reveals —
 - (a) there are 58,627 Victorians on the waiting list for vital surgery;
 - (b) ambulance response times remain well below the Government’s own target, with the benchmark of 15 minutes to respond to urgent Code 1 cases only met 65.3 per cent of the time;
 - (c) at Box Hill Hospital, only 47 per cent of patients are being transferred to the Emergency Department within the recommended time frame;
 - (d) wait times for specialist appointments have increased in the last quarter;
 - (e) wait times for dental appointments have increased in the last quarter; and
 - (2) in 2022, Labor promised to deliver 240,000 surgeries a year and when they failed to meet this number, they simply revised it downwards.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 REVIEWING SELF-DEFENCE LAWS** — David Limbrick moved, That this House —
- (1) notes —
 - (a) the steady increase in the number of reported incidents of aggravated burglary and assault in Victoria since 2018, with a significant increase in the past year;
 - (b) a lack of clear understanding of what protections are afforded to Victorian homeowners when defending their home against criminals;
 - (c) Victoria’s self-defence laws have not been reviewed since 2013;
 - (2) calls on the Attorney-General to —
 - (a) request that the Victorian Law Reform Commission review the operation and suitability of self-defence laws in Victoria, in particular the application of self-defence laws to protect people in their own homes, including those under the *Crimes Act 1958*, the *Jury Directions Act 2015*, the *Evidence Act 2008*, and the *Sentencing Act 1992*; and
 - (b) consider the approach to self-defence laws in the United Kingdom, including section 76 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (UK).

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 17

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; David Ettershank; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rachel Payne; Adem Somyurek; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 18

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; 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)

Question negatived.

- 16 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.

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

- 18 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — HONORARY JUSTICE SERVICES SUPPORT** — Rachel Payne moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 19 ADJOURNMENT** — Gayle Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.17 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 127 — Thursday, 14 August 2025

- 1** The President took the Chair at 9.33 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 PETITION — ADDRESS YOUTH CRIME** — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell presented a petition bearing 1,770 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately address youth crime and restore community safety by introducing mandatory sentencing for violent crimes, reforming bail laws, increasing police presence in high risk areas, providing reports on knife-related injuries and providing additional support to programs for victims' families *(Ordered to be tabled)*.

On the motion of Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

- 3 SAFER PROTEST WITH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A BAN ON FACE COVERINGS BILL 2025** — David Davis introduced *A Bill for an Act to provide for the registration and*

authorisation of public protests, to give legal protection to persons who participate in authorised public protests, to provide for prohibition orders and exclusion orders, to prohibit the wearing of face coverings at public protests, to consequentially amend the Summary Offences Act 1966, and for other purposes.

On the motion of David Davis, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

4 PAPERS —

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

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 70

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

Responses from the Attorney-General to petitions titled —

Honorary Justice Services Support (petition No. 666) (presented by Rachel Payne on 17 June 2025) (*released on 13 August 2025*).

Lower the age of responsibility for serious crimes (petition No. 586) (presented by Moira Deeming on 19 June 2025) (*released on 13 August 2025*).

5 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 26 August 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 1042, be postponed until later this day.

8 CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Joe McCracken (*JMC02C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

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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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to the exclusion of the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division from Rapid Review terms of reference (QwN 1007) 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:

- **Subsidisation of greyhound racing (QwN 1006)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Lizzie Blandthorn due Monday, 18 August 2025.
- **Aboriginal deaths in custody (QwN 1008)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Katherine Copsey — response from Enver Erdogan due Friday, 15 August 2025.
- **Gunbower State Forest environmental flooding (QwN 1012)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 15 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

10 CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025 — 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, 27

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 6

Katherine Copsey; Anasina Gray-Barberio; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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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, 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 PROCEDURE COMMITTEE — VARIATION OF SCOPE OF ORDERS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House requires the Procedure Committee to inquire into, consider and report on the following proposed Sessional Order relating to production of documents by 18 November 2025 —

X. Variation of scope of order for the production of documents

After Standing Order 10.01 insert:

- (1) The Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, may write to the Clerk at any time up to and including the seventh day prior to the date for the return of documents and request that the scope of an order be varied.

- (2) A request to vary the scope of an order for the production of documents must include —
 - (a) reasons why the timeframe for the production of the documents cannot be met; and/or
 - (b) reasons why the terms of the order are likely to result in the production of a large number of documents reasonably believed to be irrelevant to the intent of the order for documents.
- (3) The Clerk will provide the request and any accompanying documents to the President and the member who moved the original order for documents. The Clerk will advise all members and publish notification that a request has been received.
- (4) When a request under this Sessional Order is received —
 - (a) the original order and the date for return of documents is suspended; and
 - (b) if agreement is not reached within 14 calendar days, the original order stands and the documents ordered are to be produced to the House by the original due date, or if that date has passed, within a further seven calendar days.
- (5) When an agreement is reached between the member and the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and is certified by the President, the Clerk will advise all members and publish the terms of the agreement.
- (6) On the next sitting day the President will report the agreement to the House and table all relevant documents.
- (7) The President will then propose the question to the House “That the varied terms of the order be agreed to”. This question may not be amended or debated except for the member who moved the original order and a Minister may make a statement of up to 5 minutes each.
- (8) If the question is resolved in the negative, the original order remains in force.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

12 LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Richard Welch (*RW01C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 18

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

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NOES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; 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 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 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

- 14 BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Bail Act 1977 and the Summary Offences Act 1966 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn (for Enver Erdogan), 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995, the Building Act 1993, the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 and the Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

- 16 WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Wage Theft Act 2020 to repeal the wage theft offences, rename the Wage Inspectorate Victoria, confer new functions and change the title of the Act, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn (for Jaclyn Symes), 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

17 ADJOURNMENT — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 5.58 pm until Tuesday, 26 August 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD174C) (p. 1115)

Clauses 1 to 3 — put and agreed to.

Clause 4 — David Davis moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (DD174C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

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

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NOES, 21

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

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Question negatived.

Clause 4 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 16 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Amendments circulated: Aiv Puglielli (AP56C) (pp. 1115-19)

Clauses 1 to 9 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 9A — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No. 1 (AP56C).

Question — That New Clause 9A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 18 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 18A — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No. 2 (*AP56C*).

Question — That New Clause 18A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clause 19 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 19A — Aiv Puglielli moved amendment No. 3 (*AP56C*).

Question — That New Clause 19A stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 26 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

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CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 14 August 2025

Amendments circulated: Joe McCracken (JMC02C) (p. 1119)

Clauses 1 and 2 — put and agreed to.

Clause 3 — Joe McCracken moved amendment No. 1 (*JMC02C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

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

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Question negatived.

Joe McCracken moved amendment Nos. 2 to 5 (*JMC02C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

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

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Question negatived.

Joe McCracken moved amendment No. 6 (*JMC02C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

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

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Question negatived.

Clause 3 — put and agreed to.

Clause 4 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 14 August 2025

Amendments circulated: Richard Welch (RW01C) (pp. 1119-20)

Clauses 1 to 12 — put and agreed to.

Clause 13 — Richard Welch moved amendment No. 1 (*RW01C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell;
Richard Welch.

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NOES, 18

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

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Question negated.

Clause 13 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 18 — put and agreed to.

Clause 19 — Richard Welch moved amendment No. 2 (*RW01C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell;
Richard Welch.

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NOES, 18

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Jacinta Ermacora;
David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield;
Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; 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.

Clause 19 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 48 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025***Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD174C)*

1. Clause 4, page 4, lines 2 and 3, omit "persons nominated by declared unions" and insert "members of the Scheme elected by members of the Scheme".
2. Clause 4, page 4, lines 7 to 29 and page 5, lines 1 to 8, omit all words and expressions on those lines.
3. Clause 5, lines 10 and 11, omit all words and expressions on those lines.
4. Clause 5, line 12, omit "(2) For" and insert "For".
5. Clause 5, line 12, omit ", (3B) and (4)" and insert "and (3B)".
6. Clause 5, line 24, omit "vacancy." and insert 'vacancy.'. '.
7. Clause 5, lines 25 to 33 and page 6, lines 1 to 10, omit all words and expressions on those lines.
8. Clause 8, line 19, omit "(1) In" and insert "In".
9. Clause 8, lines 22 to 32, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025*Amendments circulated by Aiv Puqlielli (AP56C)***NEW CLAUSES**

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 9—

'9A Mid-year report

After section 25(2)(b) of the **Financial Management Act 1994** insert—

"(ba) must include details of payments made during the period of 6 months ending on 31 December in the financial year out of money advanced to the Treasurer in an annual appropriation Act for that year to meet urgent claims;". '.

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 18—

'18A Tabling requirements

- (1) For section 46(1) of the **Financial Management Act 1994** substitute—

"(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the relevant Minister of a department or public body must cause the report of operations and audited financial statements of the department or public body for a financial year to be

transmitted to each House of the Parliament on or after the next following 15 October and before the earlier of—

- (a) the end of the next following fourth month of the financial year; or
- (b) either—

- (i) the expiration of the fourth sitting day of that House after the report is received by the relevant Minister; or
- (ii) if the first sitting day of a House of the Parliament after the report is received by the relevant Minister is more than 14 days after the date of receipt of the report, the expiration of the fourteenth day after the report is received by the relevant Minister.

(1A) On transmitting a report under subsection (1), the relevant Minister must report to each House of Parliament the date of receipt by the relevant Minister of the report.

(1B) The relevant Minister must not direct a department or public body to submit its report of operations and audited financial statements to the relevant Minister on a particular date."

(2) In section 46(2)(b) of the Principal Act, for "laid before each House of the Parliament within 14 sitting days of that House after the request." **substitute** "transmitted to each House of the Parliament on or before—

- (i) the expiration of the fourth sitting day of that House after the request; or
- (ii) if the first sitting day of a House of the Parliament after the request is more than 14 days after the request, the expiration of the fourteenth day after that request."

(3) After section 46(3) of the Principal Act **insert—**

"(3A) The clerk of each House of the Parliament must cause a report transmitted under subsection (1) or (2) to be laid before the House on the day on which it is received or on the next sitting day of the House.

(3B) If the relevant Minister proposes to transmit a report to the Parliament on a day on which neither House of the Parliament is sitting, the relevant Minister must—

- (a) give at least one business day's notice of the relevant Minister's intention to do so to the clerk of each House of the Parliament; and
- (b) give the report to the clerk of each House on the day indicated in the notice.

(3C) The clerk of each House must—

- (a) notify each member of the House of the receipt of a notice under subsection (3B)(a) on the same day that the clerk receives that notice; and

(b) give a copy of the report to each member of the House as soon as practicable after the report is received under subsection (3B)(b); and

(c) cause the report to be laid before the House on the next sitting day of the House.

(3D) A copy of a report that is given to the clerks under subsection (3B)(b) is taken to have been published by order, or under the authority, of the Houses of Parliament.

(3E) The publication of a document by the relevant Minister under subsection (3B)(b) is absolutely privileged and the provisions of sections 73 and 74 of the **Constitution Act 1975** and any other enactment or rule of law relating to the publication of the proceedings of the Parliament apply to and in relation to the publication of the document as if it were a document to which those sections applied and had been published by the Government Printer under the authority of the Parliament."

(4) **Insert** the following note at the foot of section 46—

"Note

Section 4 of the **Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978** sets out values that a Minister should demonstrate in the carrying out of the Minister's public duties. These values include accountability."

3. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 19—

'19A Annual reports of State-owned corporations and other bodies

(1) After section 53A(4) of the **Financial Management Act 1994** insert—

"(4A) The relevant Minister must not direct the body to submit its annual report to the relevant Minister on a particular date."

(2) For section 53A(5) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(5) Subject to subsections (6) and (7), the relevant Minister must cause the annual report to be transmitted to each House of the Parliament on or after the next following 15 October and before the earlier of—

(a) the next following 31 October; or

(b) either—

(i) the expiration of the fourth sitting day of that House after the annual report is received by the relevant Minister; or

(ii) if the first sitting day of a House of the Parliament after the annual report is received by the relevant Minister is more than 14 days after the date of receipt of the annual report, the expiration of the fourteenth day after the annual report is received by the relevant Minister.

- (5A) On transmitting a report under subsection (5), the relevant Minister must report to each House of Parliament the date of receipt by the relevant Minister of the report."
- (3) In section 53A(6)(b) of the Principal Act, for "laid before each House of the Parliament within 14 sitting days of that House after the request." **substitute** "transmitted to each House of the Parliament before—
- (i) the expiration of the fourth sitting day of that House after that request; or
 - (ii) if the first sitting day of a House of the Parliament after that request is more than 14 days after the date of the request, the expiration of the fourteenth day after that request."
- (4) After section 53A(6) of the Principal Act **insert—**
- "(6A) The clerk of each House of the Parliament must cause a report transmitted under subsection (5) or (6) to be laid before the House on the day on which it is received or on the next sitting day of the House.
- (6B) If the relevant Minister proposes to transmit a report to the Parliament on a day on which neither House of the Parliament is sitting, the relevant Minister must—
- (a) give at least one business day's notice of the relevant Minister's intention to do so to the clerk of each House of the Parliament; and
 - (b) give the report to the clerk of each House on the day indicated in the notice.
- (6C) The clerk of each House must—
- (a) notify each member of the House of the receipt of a notice under subsection (6B)(a) on the same day that the clerk receives that notice; and
 - (b) give a copy of the report to each member of the House as soon as practicable after the report is received under subsection (6B)(b); and
 - (c) cause the report to be laid before the House on the next sitting day of the House.
- (6D) A copy of a report that is given to the clerks under subsection (6B)(b) is taken to have been published by order, or under the authority, of the Houses of Parliament.
- (6E) The publication of a document by the relevant Minister under subsection (6B)(b) is absolutely privileged and the provisions of sections 73 and 74 of the **Constitution Act 1975** and any other enactment or rule of law relating to the publication of the proceedings of the Parliament apply to and in relation to the publication of the document as if it were a

document to which those sections applied and had been published by the Government Printer under the authority of the Parliament."

- (7) **Insert** the following note at the foot of section 53A—

"Note

Section 4 of the **Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978** sets out values that a Minister should demonstrate in the carrying out of the Minister's public duties. These values include accountability.".'.

3. CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025

Amendments circulated by Joe McCracken (JMC02C)

1. Clause 3, page 3, lines 4 to 6, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
2. Clause 3, page 3, after line 11 insert—
 - "(i) section 15A(1) (causing serious injury intentionally in circumstances of gross violence);
 - (ia) section 15B(1) (causing serious injury recklessly in circumstances of gross violence);
 - (ib) section 31 (assaults);".
3. Clause 3, page 3, line 12, omit "(i)" and insert "(ic)".
4. Clause 3, page 3, line 25, omit "or".
5. Clause 3, page 3, after line 25 insert—
 - "(xii) section 197(1), (2), (3) or (7) (destroying or damaging property);
 - (xiii) section 64(1) or (2A) of the **Road Safety Act 1986**; or".
6. Clause 3, page 5, after line 14 insert—
 - "(6) Despite anything to the contrary in the **Sentencing Act 1991** or in any other law, in imposing a penalty for an offence against subsection (1) the court must direct that any term of imprisonment imposed be served cumulatively on any term of imprisonment imposed for the relevant offence referred to in subsection (1)(a)."

4. LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Amendments circulated by Richard Welch (RW01C)

1. Clause 13, after line 15 insert—
 - '(1A) After section 28(2) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(2A) The Commissioner must not make a determination under subsection (2) if the Commissioner is satisfied that the person's failure to comply with an information notice, the Local Jobs First Policy or a Local Industry Development Plan is due to circumstances outside the control of that person or any person employed or engaged by them.".'.

2. Clause 19, page 22, after line 25 insert—

"(3A) The Commissioner must not issue a deprioritisation notice to a supplier if, in the case of a supplier who is alleged to have failed to comply with a commitment specified in a Local Industry Development Plan for a standard project or a strategic project, the Commissioner is satisfied that the failure is due to circumstances outside the control of the supplier or any person employed or engaged by the supplier.".