

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 131, 132, 133 and 134

#### No 131 — Tuesday 29 July 2025

*The House started at 12.00 noon.*

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 June 2025 — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE BRIAN JAMES DIXON** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Brian James Dixon and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of St Kilda from 1964 to 1982 and Minister for Employment and Training from 1981 to 1982, Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation from 1973 to 1982, Minister of Housing from 1979 to 1981, Minister of Social Welfare from 1976 to 1979 and Assistant Minister of Education from 1973 to 1976 (*Jacinta Allan*) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.
- 3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Brian James Dixon, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm (*Jacinta Allan*) — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.51 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MATT FREGON MP  
*Deputy Speaker*

#### No 132 — Tuesday 29 July 2025 (2.00 pm)

- 1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.
- 2 **QUESTION TIME.**
- 3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 4 **WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (SAFETY OF CHILDREN) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Worker Screening Act 2020** in relation to the screening of persons who work with or care for children and for other purposes*’ (Brad Battin) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

- 5 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Act 1977** and the **Summary Offences Act 1966** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 6 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

**Albury Wodonga Hospital** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit to working with the NSW and Federal Governments to fully fund a single-site Albury Wodonga hospital to meet the 2021 Clinical Services Plan and provide immediate healthcare improvements to the Corowa and Urana hospitals, bearing 645 signatures (*Bill Tilley*)

**Anniversary Trail bridge** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Victorian Government to proceed with the design and construction of the community-preferred solution for a bridge over Toorak Road for the Anniversary Trail meeting accessibility and path design standards, including safety improvements to the existing rail crossing to the north, bearing 23 signatures (*John Pesutto*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — ANNIVERSARY TRAIL BRIDGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn be taken into consideration tomorrow (*John Pesutto*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — ALBURY WODONGA HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Benambra be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Bill Tilley*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **DOCUMENTS**

**SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025  
 Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025  
 Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025  
 Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025  
 Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025  
 National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025  
 State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025  
*State Taxation Acts Amendment Act 2025* (House Amendments)  
 SR No 125 — Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024  
 SR No 129 — Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Ticketing) Amendment Regulations 2024  
 SR No 130 — Residential Tenancies and Residential Tenancies (Rooming House Standards) Amendment (Minimum Energy Efficiency and Safety Standards) Regulations 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

**DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Developing Fishermans Bend — released on 26 June 2025

*Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987* — Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025

*Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Alexandra Gardens Reserve

Integrity Oversight Victoria:

Inspection Report September 2023 to April 2024 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Inspection Report May 2024 to October 2024 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2025–26 — released on 25 June 2025

*Planning and Environment Act 1987* — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — C70  
Bayside — GC244  
Boroondara — C386, C388, GC265  
Casey — C284, GC238  
Corangamite — C65  
Darebin — GC238  
Frankston — GC238, GC265  
Glen Eira — C251, GC226  
Greater Dandenong — GC226, GC238  
Greater Geelong — C387, C468  
Greater Shepparton — C117  
Hobsons Bay — C137, GC238  
Hume — GC238, GC265  
Kingston — C229, GC226, GC244  
Knox — C184  
Macedon Ranges — C154  
Maroondah — C148, GC265  
Melbourne — C403, C405, C478  
Melton — C231, C243  
Monash — C179, GC226, GC244  
Moonee Valley — GC238, GC265  
Moorabool — C112  
Mornington Peninsula — C304, C309, C310  
Stonnington — GC238, GC265  
Swan Hill — C79  
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC258, VC275, VC286  
Warrnambool — C219  
Whitehorse — GC244  
Whittlesea — C269, GC265  
Yarra — C332  
Yarra Ranges — C223

*Professional Standards Act 2003* — The CPA Australia Professional Standards Scheme (Gazette S315, 19 June 2025)

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

*Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008* — SR 69  
*Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005* — SR 62  
*Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* — SR 68  
*Court Security Act 1980* — SR 61  
*Crime Statistics Act 2014* — SR 65  
*Emergency Management Act 2013* — SR 50

*First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000* — SR 58  
*Gene Technology Act 2001* — SR 51  
*Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Act 2004* — SR 49  
*Marine and Coastal Act 2018* — SR 70  
*National Parks Act 1975* — SR 64  
*Port Management Act 1995* — SR 54  
*Private Security Act 2004* — SR 53  
*Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013* — SR 66  
*Residential Tenancies Act 1997* — SR 63  
*Road Safety Act 1986* — SR 67  
*Safe Drinking Water Act 2003* — SR 60  
*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* — SRs 56, 57  
*Tobacco Act 1987* — SR 52  
*Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014* — SR 55  
*Water Act 1989* — SR 59

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:*

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68

Documents under s 16B in relation to the:

*Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987* — Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025

*Planning and Environment Act 1987* — Ministerial Direction on the Preparation and Content of Green Wedge Management Plans

*Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* — Order Making Declaration under Section 12B(1)

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2025

Yoorrook Justice Commission:

Third Interim Report (six volumes) — released on 1 July 2025

Final Report: Truth be told — released on 1 July 2025.

**PROCLAMATIONS** — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

*Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025* — Parts 1 and 2, s 42 and Parts 7 and 8 — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*)

*Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025* — Parts 1 and 13 — 23 June 2025 (*Gazette S308, 17 June 2025*)

*Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2025* — Whole Act — 25 June 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*)

*Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2024* — Remaining provisions — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S308, 17 June 2025*)

*Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Act 2025* — Parts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*).

- 10 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025  
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025 including the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on the suggestion of the Legislative Council without further amendment.

- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS — APPROPRIATION BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 June 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025  
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025.

- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 June 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025  
State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025.

- 14 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025  
Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025  
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025.

- 15 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — The Deputy Speaker announced that he had received the resignation of Kim Wells from the Privileges Committee, effective from today.

- 16 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 31 July 2025:

Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025  
Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025  
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025 —

*(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

17 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

18 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and

(2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill' —

(*Jess Wilson*) — and, after debate —

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MATT FREGON MP  
*Deputy Speaker*

## No 133 — Wednesday 30 July 2025

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* to further provide for the administration of medication to residents in aged care and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

- 3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Delivering Savings Under the COVID Debt Repayment Plan — Ordered to be published

*Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984* — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 63 (*Gazette G30, 24 July 2025*).

- 4 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

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

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

- 6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

- 7 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sonya Kilkenny*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Michael O’Brien*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 August 2025.

- 8 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O’Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

- 9 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 11 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — INVESTMENT IN PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES** — The Deputy Speaker read Gary Maas’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House notes the importance of investing in projects and government services that:

- (a) do not just create more jobs, but provide well-paid and secure jobs;
- (b) give families the flexibility they deserve while supporting work-life balance; and
- (c) strengthen workers’ rights so workers and their families can build a better future.’

Gary Maas addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 13 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Danny Pearson*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

- 14 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill’; debate resumed.

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP  
Deputy Speaker

## No 134 — Thursday 31 July 2025

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

**Victoria's roads** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and maintenance to fix Victoria's roads, bearing 552 signatures (*Danny O'Brien*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — VICTORIA'S ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Danny O'Brien*) — put and agreed to.

### 4 **DOCUMENTS**

**DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report year ended 31 March 2025

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

*Country Fire Authority Act 1958* — SR 72

*Worker Screening Act 2020* — SR 71

*Wrongs Act 1958* — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to medical panels under Part VBA (*Gazette G26, 26 June 2025*).

**DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS** — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply.

5 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Richard Riordan be a member of the Privileges Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 12 August 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

8 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 August 2025.

9 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway.

## NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

10 **QUESTION TIME.**

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

12 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Pauline Richards*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

*Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 29 July 2025 had expired.*

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

## AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

## AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

## AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson;

Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

### NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 15 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill’.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

### AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

### NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

*Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.*

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.43 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MATT FREGON MP  
*Deputy Speaker*