



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 131, 132 and 133

No. 131 — Tuesday, 9 September 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 12.03 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 2 September 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Further Amendment Act 2025

Wage Theft 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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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to ANZ job losses (QwN 1039).
- On the motion of David Davis, the answer given by Ingrid Stitt to the substantive question relating to Ukrainian community support (QwN 1043).

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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:

- **Intersex protection system (QwN 1038)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Aiv Puglielli — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 11 September 2025.
- **Routine genetic testing in coronial investigations (QwN 1040)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 11 September 2025.

- **Victorian Racing Tribunal (QwN 1042)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 11 September 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE —

Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 12 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:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, year ended 30 June 2025, under section 81(4) of the Act.

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 —

Order of 4 August 2025 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Alexandra Gardens Reserve.

Order of 16 August 2025 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Princes Park Reserve.

Order of 18 August 2025 giving approval to the granting of a lease at Batman Park.

Order of 29 August 2025 giving approval to the granting of two leases at Old Springfield Cheese Factory Reserve.

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Direction of the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation of 18 August 2025 under section 3.8A.13A of the Act.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 72 (*Gazette G35, 28 August 2025*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the — Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme — Amendment C246.

Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C161.

Port Phillip Planning Scheme — Amendment C229.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC268 and VC283.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Act 2024 — No. 86.

Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — No. 87.

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — No. 81.

Road Safety Act 1986 — No. 83.

Spent Convictions Act 2021 — No. 78.

Supreme Court Act 1986 — Adoption Act 1984 — No. 84.

Supreme Court Act 1986 — No. 85.

Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — No. 79.

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — No. 82.

Youth Justice Act 2024 — No. 80.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 31, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85 and 87.

Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of a Direction of the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation under section 3.8A.13A of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.

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

President's Report on overdue government responses to standing committee reports, as at 31 August 2025.

Response from the Premier to petition titled Cancel plans to commission a statue of former Premier Daniel Andrews (petition No. 651) (presented by Moira Deeming on 29 July 2025) (*released on 8 September 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

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PROCLAMATION — The Clerk tabled a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council fixing an operative date for the following Act:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2025 — Divisions 2, 4 and 5 of Part 2 — 9 September 2025 (*Gazette S455, 26 August 2025*).

5 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

ENERGY COSTS — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 2 September 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 13 August 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to energy costs, 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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VICTORIA'S BUS NETWORK PLAN REVIEW — In response to the resolution of the Council on 6 March 2024 (on the motion of Trung Luu), and further to the Government's initial response on 19 March 2025, relating to Victoria's Bus Network Plan Review, the Clerk tabled —

- 38 documents in full, 22 documents in part and a schedule of 67 documents identified; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 5 September 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to seven documents in full and 22 documents in part.

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MUNICIPAL POPULATION TARGETS AND ACTIVITY CENTRES — In response to a resolution of the Council on 16 October 2024 (on the motion of David Davis), and further to the Government's initial response on 12 November 2024, relating to municipal population targets and activity centres, the Clerk tabled —

- a schedule of the 14 documents identified within the scope of the Order; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 5 September 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to 14 documents in full.

PLAN MELBOURNE — In response to a resolution of the Council on 19 February 2025 (on the motion of Evan Mulholland), relating to Plan Melbourne, and further to the Government's initial response on 18 March 2025, the Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 5 September 2025, advising that no documents were identified within the scope of the Order.

6 CONDOLENCE STATEMENTS — DETECTIVE LEADING SENIOR CONSTABLE NEAL THOMPSON AND SENIOR CONSTABLE VADIM DE WAART-HOTTART — Jaclyn Symes moved, by leave, That this House —

- (1) expresses its deepest sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart who were tragically killed in the line of duty, alongside another officer who was seriously injured and is still recovering, in Porepunkah on 26 August 2025;
- (2) pays tribute to their exceptional courage, dedication and sacrifice; and
- (3) honours their unwavering commitment to serving and protecting their community.

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.

7 BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — David Davis moved, by leave, That this House authorises the petition titled 'Victorian Fisheries Authority Workforce changes' tabled by Bev McArthur on 12 August 2025 to be given precedence over all other items listed under Petitions (qualifying for debate) on Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 10 September 2025 —

- (1) notice of motion given this day by David Davis on the emergency services tax;
- (2) order of the day No. 1, listed for Wednesday, 10 September 2025, resumption of debate on the second reading of the Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025; and
- (3) notice of motion given this day by Jeff Bourman referring matters relating to Transurban's categorisation and tolling of private use of utility vehicles to the Economy and Infrastructure Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

10 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1068, be postponed until later this day.

11 DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Georgie Crozier (GC80C) circulated an amendment 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.

- 12 DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.05 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 132 — Wednesday, 10 September 2025

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

- 2 NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) 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.

- 3 PAPER PRESENTED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled the following paper:

Auditor-General — Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2025, September 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

- 4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — WORKER SCREENING UNIT AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK APRIL 2025 REVIEW** — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 7 September 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 27 August 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to the Worker Screening Unit and Working with Children Check April 2025 review, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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

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

- 6 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — MACHETE SAFE DISPOSAL BINS** — David Limbrick moved, That this House, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 30 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, all invoices for the fabrication, transport and installation of the Machete Safe Disposal Bins.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — FOUR-BIN WASTE AND RECYCLING SYSTEM —

Bev McArthur moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the four-bin waste and recycling system is soon to be introduced to municipal collections across Victoria;
- (b) that many municipal councils have expressed concerns about the cost of the ‘fourth bin’ and its likely impact on council collections;
- (c) that this scheme is to be introduced parallel with the Government’s container deposit scheme;

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

- (a) all documents relating to the cost impact of the ‘fourth bin’ proposal;
- (b) all documents received from local councils by the Minister for Environment or the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) discussing or examining the implementation and impact of the scheme;
- (c) all briefs to the Minister for Environment concerning the ‘fourth bin’; and
- (d) all documents examining the costs and impacts of the scheme and consultancies regarding the scheme and/or its impacts commissioned by the DEECA, the Department of Treasury and Finance or the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

8 EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes that the Allan Labor Government’s new emergency services tax, implemented from 1 July 2025, is listed on the 2025-26 municipal rates notices currently being received by Victorian homeowners and businesses, is a tax on households;

(2) further notes that the State Government’s emergency services tax —

- (a) will hit many Victorian families and small businesses hard during a cost-of-living crisis marked by increased State Government taxation, charges and rising energy costs;
- (b) will impact harshly in Melbourne and country Victoria;
- (c) sharply targets agriculture and primary production with higher charges;
- (d) harshly impacts small businesses with a new tax on top of already surging taxes;
- (e) will place pressure on municipalities adding to budgetary challenges and collection difficulties in an environment where council taxes are tightly rate capped, but the State Government household tax increase is not capped;
- (f) will impact families on fixed incomes more sharply; and

- (g) in some cases, makes up more than one-half of the total bill posted to the household or business by the local council.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

9 QUESTION TIME —

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

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of David Davis, the answers given by Harriet Shing to questions relating to alleged corruption on Big Build sites (QwN 1048) 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 a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Northern Victoria residents consultation (QwN 1049)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 12 September 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

10 EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

- (1) notes that the Allan Labor Government's new emergency services tax, implemented from 1 July 2025, is listed on the 2025-26 municipal rates notices currently being received by Victorian homeowners and businesses, is a tax on households;
- (2) further notes that the State Government's emergency services tax —
 - (a) will hit many Victorian families and small businesses hard during a cost-of-living crisis marked by increased State Government taxation, charges and rising energy costs;
 - (b) will impact harshly in Melbourne and country Victoria;
 - (c) sharply targets agriculture and primary production with higher charges;
 - (d) harshly impacts small businesses with a new tax on top of already surging taxes;
 - (e) will place pressure on municipalities adding to budgetary challenges and collection difficulties in an environment where council taxes are tightly rate capped, but the State Government household tax increase is not capped;
 - (f) will impact families on fixed incomes more sharply; and
 - (g) in some cases, makes up more than one-half of the total bill posted to the household or business by the local council.

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, 17

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

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

NOES, 22

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

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

Question negatived.

11 SAFER PROTEST WITH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A BAN ON FACE COVERINGS BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Renee Heath, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

12 ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — TRANSURBAN'S CATEGORISATION AND TOLLING OF PRIVATE USE OF UTILITY VEHICLES — Jeff Bourman moved,

That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) Victorian families are experiencing the worst cost-of-living crisis for many years;
- (b) Transurban are projected to achieve a profit of \$2.842 billion in 2025;
- (c) CityLink has earned nearly \$13 billion from tolls since opening in 2000, making it Transurban's most profitable road globally;
- (d) in July 2025, CityLink's daily pass increased to \$22, three times what it was when the road opened, and increased to \$49 a day for the average family Ute;
- (e) in 2024, families chose to purchase family Utes, such as the Ford Ranger, Toyota Hilux and the Isuzu Ute D-Max, with these vehicles being in the top five vehicles sold in Australia and accounting for approximately 22 per cent of all newly purchased vehicles that year;
- (f) under Transurban's concession deed with the Government, tolls will increase annually by 4.25 per cent until 2029 and then in line with inflation;
- (g) in NSW, Utes are categorised as Class 2 motor vehicles, meaning they are charged the same amount as smaller passenger vehicles;

(2) requires the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by April 2026, on Transurban's categorisation and tolling of private use of utility vehicles, including —

- (a) the financial burden placed on owners of these vehicles;
- (b) differences in the categorisation of these vehicles in NSW;
- (c) whether this categorisation is justified in light of —
 - (i) the profits derived by Transurban from its CityLink Tollway; and
 - (ii) toll increases from July 2025.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 32

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad;
Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora;
David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt;
Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; 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, 5

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

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

Question agreed to.

13 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.

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

15 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — VICTORIAN FISHERIES AUTHORITY WORKFORCE CHANGES — Bev McArthur moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Harriet Shing moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.05 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 133 — Thursday, 11 September 2025

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

2 PAPERS —

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

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan, 2025-26
(Ordered to be published).

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2023-24 Financial and Performance Outcomes.

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission — Report, 2024-25.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 65.

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — 2024 Report on the Operation of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities (*Ordered to be published*).

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report, 2024-25.

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper: Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Rooming houses planning scheme requirements (petition No. 676) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 28 July 2025) (*released on 10 September 2025*).

- 3 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Gayle Tierney moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 14 October 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

- 5 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1086, be postponed until later this day.

- 6 DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 38

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; 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, 1

David Limbrick.

(*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.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

7 QUESTION TIME —

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

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Gayle Tierney to questions relating to Skills First program payments to the CFMEU (QwN 1057) 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:

- **Cost of corruption on Big Build projects (QwN 1053)** — supplementary question asked by David Davis — response from Jaclyn Symes due Friday, 12 September 2025.
- **Decriminalisation of cannabis (QwN 1055)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 15 September 2025.
- **Extension of Yallourn Power Station operations (QwN 1060)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Katherine Copsey — response from Ingrid Stitt due Monday, 15 September 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

8 DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

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

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

9 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of order of the day, government business, No. 2, be postponed until later this day.

10 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.

11 CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Casino Control Act 1991 and the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 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 Renee Heath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 12 DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Domestic Animals Act 1994 in relation to the rehoming of dogs and cats and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Gayle Tierney), 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 Renee Heath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 13 ADJOURNMENT** — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 5.54 pm until Tuesday, 14 October 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 131, 132 and 133

DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Amendment circulated: Georgie Crozier (GC80C) (p. 1172)

Clauses 1 to 10 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 10A — Georgie Crozier moved amendment No. 1 (GC80C).

Question — That New Clause 10A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 15

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

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

NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; 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; 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.

Clauses 11 and 12 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 11 September 2025

Clauses 1 to 82 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025**

Amendment circulated by Georgie Crozier (GC80C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 10—

'10A New section 36G inserted

After section 36F of the Principal Act **insert—**

"36G Review of operation of this Division as amended by the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Act 2025

- (1) The Minister must cause a review to be conducted of the operation of this Division as amended by the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Act 2025**.
- (2) The review must be commenced after the second anniversary of the day on which the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Act 2025** comes into operation.
- (3) The person who undertakes the review must give the Minister a written report of the review.
- (4) The Minister must cause a copy of a report of the review to be tabled before each House of the Parliament no later than the third anniversary of the day on which the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Act 2025** comes into operation.".