

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 118, 119 and 120

No 118 — Tuesday 1 April 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 March 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘A *Bill for an Act to amend the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** and the **Casino Control Act 1991** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘A *Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**, the **Justice Legislation Amendment (Criminal Appeals) Act 2019**, the **Magistrates’ Court Act 1989**, the **Sentencing Act 1991**, the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021** and the **Worker Screening Act 2020** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced ‘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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **IBAC DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 24 March 2025, she administered to Liana Buchanan, the Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.
- 6 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into capturing data on people who use family violence in Victoria, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment Act 2025

Family Violence Protection Amendment Act 2025

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Albert Park

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* — released on 24 March 2025

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

Ararat — GC242

Ballarat — C259

Banyule — C178

Bass Coast — C174

Baw Baw — GC242

Boroondara — C415

Buloke — GC242

Darebin — GC242

East Gippsland — C173, GC242

Frankston — GC242

Gannawarra — GC242

Glen Eira — C270, C271

Greater Bendigo — C274, GC242

Hepburn — C89

Macedon Ranges — GC242

Maribyrnong — C190

Melbourne — C477, GC242

Monash — GC242

Moorabool — GC242

Murrindindi — C77

Northern Grampians — GC242

Port Phillip — GC242

Stonnington — GC242

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking Water Quality in Victoria — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Freedom of Information Act 1982 — SR 7

Heritage Act 2017 — SR 13

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 — SR 8

Inquiries Act 2014 — SR 14

Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011 — SR 11

Local Government Act 2020 — SR 9

Ombudsman Act 1973 — SR 10

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 12

Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 6

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 6

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 (*Gazette G10, 6 March 2025*)

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2 (*Gazette S107, 14 March 2025*).

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

Bail Amendment Act 2025 — Whole Act (other than ss 11 and 12) — 26 March 2025 (*Gazette S138, 25 March 2025*)

National Parks (Amendment) Act 1989 — s 29(3) — 31 March 2025 (*Gazette S109, 18 March 2025*).

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 25 March 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Amendment Bill 2025

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025.

- 9 **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 3 April 2025:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025

Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025 —

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

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; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; 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; Rachel Westaway.

Question agreed to.

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

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Nick Staikos circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

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 details of the consultation on the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995*, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry' (*Richard Riordan*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.05 pm and resumed it at 2.14 pm]

Question time continued.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**

14 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

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 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 119 — Wednesday 2 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

Rebuild Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver on its election promises of 2018 and 2022, and rebuild the Maroondah Hospital, bearing 62 signatures (*David Hodgett*)

Princes Freeway intersections between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to undertake a masterplan to prioritise upgrades to the intersections along the Princes Freeway between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip before another life is lost or major accident occurs, bearing 3,285 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — REBUILD MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Hodgett*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — PRINCES FREEWAY INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN NAR NAR GOON AND BUNYIP** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — State Trustees' Financial Administration Services — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rules 22/2017, 155/2018, 41/2022, 115/2022 (*Gazette S151, 1 April 2025*)

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

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

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

- 10 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos 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 (*Steve Dimopoulos*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

- 11 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) 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 16 April 2025.

- 12 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines 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 (*Anthony Carbines*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

13 JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024
— Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to (*Sonya Kilkenny*) — and, after debate —

Further amendments proposed —

1. Amendment 8, omit 'omit "Prosecutions or a" and insert "Prosecutions."' and insert 'after "Prosecutions or" insert "by"'. —
2. Amendment 9, omit "omit all words and expression on this line" and insert 'omit "officer; and" and insert "officer."'.
3. Amendment 11, after "Director of Public Prosecutions" insert "or police officer". —

(*Will Fowles*) — and, after debate —

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 1 to 7 inclusive be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury;

Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 1 stand part of the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 2 stand part of the Legislative Council's amendment No 9 — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 9 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 10 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 3 be agreed to — put and defeated.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 11 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 12 to 13 inclusive be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME.**15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**16 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST OF LIVING CRISIS FROM DEBT, TAX AND HOUSING** — The Speaker read Bridget Vallence's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for allowing Victoria to spiral into a cost of living crisis as a result of:

- (1) Failing to manage the economy and allowing net debt to reach \$155.2 billion by the end of the financial year;
- (2) Imposing or increasing 60 new taxes, which are driving up the costs of renting, energy and grocery prices;
- (3) Breaking its promise to build 80,000 new homes a year, causing housing prices to remain unaffordable for many young Victorians; and

- (4) Failing to implement any meaningful measures to ease cost of living pressures for Victorians.’

Bridget Vallence addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 18 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 120 — Thursday 3 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to organise the urgent upgrade and repair of the Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West to ensure road user safety, bearing 333 signatures (*Cindy McLeish*)

Increased safety for public transport users — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to make provisions for Public Safety Officers at major stations and that signage be made clearly visible and placed in every carriage and coach displaying a phone number to contact when people are feeling vulnerable whilst travelling on public transport in Victoria, bearing 257 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — WHITTLESEA-YEA ROAD BETWEEN FLOWERDALE AND KINGLAKE WEST** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

- 4 **PETITION — INCREASED SAFETY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2023–24 financial and performance outcomes, together with transcripts of evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Recycling Resources from Waste — Ordered to be published

Results of 2023–24 Audits: Local Government — Ordered to be published

Judicial Entitlements Panel — Advisory Opinion to the Attorney-General February 2025

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by members of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Returns 4 March 2025 — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2024–25 Budget Estimates

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions Planning Scheme — VC276

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 13

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2024 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*.

- 6 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Chris Crewther and Meng Heang Tak from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee, both effective from 2 April 2025.
- 7 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That John Lister and Rachel Westaway be members of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers an inquiry into cults and organised fringe groups in Victoria, the methods used to recruit and control their members and the impacts of coercive control to the

Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 13 May 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 11 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) 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 explains the true costs of the extension of the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program from 2030 until 2045, guarantees no further instances of rorts, waste and exploitative practices will occur and concludes the ongoing strategic review of the VEU program.’ (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell 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.

- 12 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 14 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2025 had expired.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; 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 Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 15 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) 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 and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 16 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) 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 details of the consultation on the *Domestic*

Building Contracts Act 1995, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry’.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment No 1 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker