



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 137, 138 and 139

No. 137 — Tuesday, 28 October 2025

- 1 The President took the Chair at 12.02 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on 21 October 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly:
Australian Grands Prix Amendment Act 2025
Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Act 2025
Statute Law Revision Act 2025.

3 **QUESTION TIME —**

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

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed ministers to provide written responses to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Yallourn Power Station (QwN 1086)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Katherine Copsey — response from Ingrid Stitt due Thursday, 30 October 2025.
- **Forest Fire Management Victoria appliances (QwN 1088)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Gayle Tierney due Thursday, 30 October 2025.
- **Non-lethal control methods for dingoes (QwN 1090)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Gayle Tierney due Thursday, 30 October 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

4 PETITIONS —

ASSISTANCE DOG ACQUISITION AND TRAINING PROGRAM — Georgie Crozier presented a petition bearing 66 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately introduce an assistance dog acquisition and training program in selected prisons to provide assistance dogs to current and former Police and Emergency Service workers suffering from post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) and initiate funding to finance this program by adding one or two dollars to the cost of dog registrations across Victoria to be specifically reserved for this purpose (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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STOP THE BAN ON NEW GAS CONNECTIONS — David Limbrick presented a petition bearing 148 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to stop the ban on new natural gas connections and remove all current and proposed policy and legislation to this effect being enforced on the Victorian people (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

5 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sheena Watt tabled Alert Digest No. 14 of 2025 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Richard Welch tabled a Report on the 2025-26 Budget Estimates (including an Appendix) from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Richard Welch moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report, 2024-25.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 89/2025 (*Gazette G42, 16 October 2025*).

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

Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C400.

Darebin Planning Scheme — Amendment C229.

Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme — Amendment C198.

Hume Planning Scheme — Amendment C278.

Knox Planning Scheme — Amendment C201.

Mildura Planning Scheme — Amendment C116.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC294 and VC296.

Whittlesea Planning Scheme — Amendments C249 and C286.
 Recycling Victoria — Report, 2024-25.
 Regional Development Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.
 Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —
 Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — No. 107.
 County Court Act 1958 — No. 112.
 Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — No. 104.
 Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — No. 106.
 Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — No. 111.
 Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — No. 108.
 Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — No. 105.
 Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — No. 110.
 West Gate Tunnel (Truck Bans and Traffic Management) Act 2019 — No. 109.
 Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —
 Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 104, 106, 107,
 108, 109, 110 and 112.
 Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of
 the Energy Retail Code of Practice (Energy Consumer Reforms) Amendment
 2025 under the Essential Services Commission Act 2001.
 Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — Surveillance Devices Inspection Report by
 Integrity Oversight Victoria on its inspections of surveillance device records
 during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024, under section 30Q of the Act.
 Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) — Report, 2024-25*.

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PROCLAMATIONS — The Clerk tabled proclamations of the Governor in Council fixing an operative date for the following Act:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2025 — Division 1 of Part 6 —
 20 November 2025 (*Gazette S576, 21 October 2025*).

The Clerk tabled proclamations of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council fixing operative dates for the following Acts:

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform)
 Act 2025 — Parts 9, 10 and 12 — 15 October 2025 (*Gazette S557, 14 October 2025*).

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Act 2023 —
 Parts 1 and 3 — 20 October 2025 (*Gazette S557, 14 October 2025*).

6 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — David Davis moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 29 October 2025 —

- (1) order of the day No. 16, second reading of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Ending Political Corruption) Bill 2024;
- (2) order of the day No. 1, resumption of debate on the second reading of the Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by Richard Welch on the administration of the CFMEU; and
- (4) notice of motion given this day by Sarah Mansfield on cohealth.

* together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

Question — put and agreed to.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

8 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1114, be postponed until later this day.

9 STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

[Sitting suspended from 6.28 pm to 7.32 pm]

Debate continued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 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)

NOES, 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)

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole on the next day of meeting.

10 BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 11.10 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 138 — Wednesday, 29 October 2025

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

- 2 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (BEGGING) BILL 2025** — Rachel Payne introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Summary Offences Act 1966 to repeal an offence in relation to begging and for other purposes.*

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

- 3 **PAPERS —**

PAPERS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL — Wendy Lovell, by leave, presented the:

Department of the Legislative Council Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

Department of Parliamentary Services Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

Auditor-General — Cybersecurity of IT Servers, October 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Commission for Children and Young People — Report, 2024-25* (*Ordered to be published*).

Disability Services Commissioner — Report, 2024-25*.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be published*).

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Report, 2024-25* (*Ordered to be published*).

Parliamentary Integrity Adviser — Report, 2024-25.

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Targets — 2024-25 Progress Report, under section 8 of the Act.

Social Services Regulator — Report, 2024-25*.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule No. 111.

Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — Report, 2024-25 by the Victorian Fisheries Authority, under section 30L of the Act.

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

- 4 **BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL** — Jaclyn Symes moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended to the extent necessary to enable —

- (1) the sitting of the Council on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 to commence at 12.00 noon, and the order of business to be —

Messages

Questions

Formal business

Members' statements (up to 15 members)

* together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

Government business

At 6.30 pm Meal break

Government business (continues)

At 10.00 pm Adjournment (up to 20 members)

- (2) the sitting of the Council on Thursday, 13 November 2025 to commence at 9.30 am, and the order of business to be —

Messages

Formal business

Members' statements (up to 15 members)

Private members bills — moving second readings of bills for which precedence has been ordered

Short form documents motion (up to 2 motions)

General business

At 12.00 noon Questions

General business (continues)

At 5.15 pm, or after 300 minutes of general business has elapsed (whichever is later) Statements on tabled papers and petitions (30 minutes)

Petitions (qualifying for debate) (30 minutes)

Government business (60 minutes)

Adjournment (up to 20 members)

- (3) the sitting of the Council on Friday, 14 November 2025 to commence at 9.30 am, and the order of business to be —

Messages

Formal business

Members' statements (up to 15 members)

Government business

At 12.00 noon Questions

Government business (continues)

At 6.30 pm Meal break

Government business (continues)

At 10.00 pm Adjournment (up to 20 members)

- (4) on Thursday, 13 November 2025, the following time limits for general business to apply —

General business (Standing Order 5.07)

Total time 70 minutes

Mover/Sponsor 20 minutes

Lead speakers 10 minutes

Remaining speakers 10 minutes

Mover/Sponsor, in reply 5 minutes

- (5) any petitions listed for debate on the next sitting Wednesday in 'Petitions (qualifying for debate)' to be debated during 'Petitions (qualifying for debate)' on Thursday, 13 November 2025; and
- (6) the Chair to interrupt the business before the House at 10.00 pm on Wednesday and Friday and Standing Order 4.08 to apply.

Question — put and agreed to.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (ENDING POLITICAL CORRUPTION) BILL 2024 — Sarah Mansfield laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sarah Mansfield moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

By leave, Sarah Mansfield incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME — Bev McArthur moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the State Government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) was introduced to encourage recycling and reduce litter across Victoria;
- (b) concerns have been raised by councils, community members, retailers and beverage suppliers regarding government-imposed charges within the CDS framework;
- (c) questions remain about how charges are calculated and applied, including in relation to containers that are not ultimately returned via the CDS but are placed into the yellow recycling bins;

(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 detailing the methodology used to determine government charges and handling fees under the CDS;
- (b) all correspondence and briefings to or from the Minister for Environment and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action concerning charges applied to containers that are not returned via the CDS but are placed into the yellow recycling bins;
- (c) all cost-benefit analyses, modelling or financial projections underpinning the CDS fee structure; and
- (d) all reports or reviews assessing the impact of the CDS charges on consumers, beverage producers and local councils.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — WASTE-TO-ENERGY CAP LICENCES — David Ettershank moved, That this House —

- (1) notes the failure of the Government to release documents relating to the granting of seven new waste-to-energy licences and the increase of permitted waste to be processed through waste-to-energy facilities to 2.35 million tonnes per annum;

- (2) 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 —
- (a) a copy of each application to Recycling Victoria for cap licences; and
 - (b) a copy of Recycling Victoria's final report or similar documents, outlining the calculations and rationale behind the allocations of each cap licence.

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.

9 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.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

10 QUESTION TIME —

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

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Richard Welch, the answers given by Harriet Shing to questions relating to the Suburban Rail Loop East cost estimates and analysis (QwN 1094) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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MINISTER'S STATEMENT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the minister's statement given by Jaclyn Symes relating to the Government's fiscal strategy was 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:

- **West Gate Tunnel ventilation stacks (QwN 1093)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by David Ettershank — response from Gayle Tierney due Friday, 31 October 2025.
- **Free WIFI on regional train services (QwN 1095)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Harriet Shing due Friday, 31 October 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

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

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 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 negated.

- 12 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notice of motion, general business, No. 1117, be postponed until later this day.

- 13 COHEALTH** — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) cohealth have announced they will end their GP and counselling services in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Kensington in December 2025 and close their Collingwood clinic in 2026;
- (2) this will impact 12,500 community members who receive affordable, wrap-around health services at cohealth;
- (3) community health centres play a critical role in our healthcare system, despite receiving only 0.3 per cent of Victoria's health infrastructure spend;
- (4) cohealth's closure and reduction in services will be disastrous and will result in increased poverty, disadvantage, poor health and hospital overloading;
- (5) since 2019 cohealth has requested support from the Victorian Government to rebuild their Collingwood health centre, alongside a fully funded build of 50 co-located community homes;
- (6) the community health sector has been saying for years that the Medicare model for funding bulk-billing is not appropriate for the complex services their centres provide;
- (7) Infrastructure Victoria has recommended that the Victorian Government increase community health funding to three per cent of their health infrastructure budget;
- (8) operational funding for primary and community health funding is a shared responsibility between Federal and State Governments;

and calls on the Victorian Government to commit, by 30 November 2025, to funding a \$4 million rescue package to save the GP and counselling services at all three centres and a minimum of \$25 million to upgrade the Collingwood building, and to negotiate a shared commitment with the Federal Government for a long-term funding model for community health.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

15 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — INQUIRY INTO KOALA MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THE IMPACT OF THE BLUE GUM INDUSTRY ON KOALA POPULATIONS — Georgie Purcell 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 7.08 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 139 — Thursday, 30 October 2025

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

2 VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 to improve the experience of voluntary assisted dying, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purpose* and requesting the agreement of the Council. On the motion of Ingrid Stitt, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Ingrid Stitt laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the debate was adjourned for one week.

3 DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) 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.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — The President advised the House that Nick McGowan and Richard Welch resigned from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from 29 October 2025.

5 PETITION — OPPOSE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT 2017 — Evan Mulholland presented a petition bearing 2,903 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council oppose the proposed amendments to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017* when they come before the House (*Ordered to be tabled*).

6 PAPERS —

PAPERS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL — Enver Erdogan, by leave, presented the:

Victoria Law Foundation Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

Victorian Law Reform Commission Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be tabled and published*).

Victorian Veterans Council Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

Adult, Community and Further Education Board — Report, 2024-25*.

Adult Parole Board of Victoria — Report, 2024-25.

Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Limited — Report, 2024-25*.

Albury Wodonga Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Alexandra District Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Alfred Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Alpine Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Ambulance Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

AMES Australia — Report, 2024-25*.

Architects Registration Board of Victoria — Minister's report of receipt of the 2024-25 Report*.

Austin Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) — Report, 2024-25*.

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission — Chair of the Board of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission — Report, 2023-24.

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust — Report, 2024-25*.

Barwon Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Barwon Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

Bass Coast Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

Beechworth Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

Benalla Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Bendigo Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Boort District Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd — Report, 2024-25*.

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited — Report, 2024-25*.

Casterton Memorial Hospital — Report, 2024-25*.

Cenitex — Report, 2024-25.

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

Central Highlands Rural Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

Cohuna District Hospital — Report, 2024-25*.

* together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

Colac Area Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Coliban Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability — Minister's report of receipt of the 2024-25 Report*.

Community Visitors — Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be published*).

Confiscation Act 1997 —

- Asset Confiscation Operations — Report, 2024-25.
- Report, 2024-25, under section 139A of the Act, by Victoria Police.

Consumer Affairs Victoria — Report, 2024-25 (*Ordered to be published*).

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — Report, 2024-25*.

Coroners Court of Victoria — Report, 2024-25.

Coronial Council of Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

Corryong Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004 — Reports, 2024-25, under section 31 of the Act, by —

- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission.

Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012 — Report, 2024-25, under section 133 of the Act, by Victoria Police.

Dairy Food Safety Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

Development Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.

Dhelkaya Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Docklands Studios Melbourne Pty Ltd — Report, 2024-25*.

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report, 2024-25*.

East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

East Grampians Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

East Wimmera Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.

Eastern Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Eastlink Project Act 2004 — Order in Council to decrease the project area and extended project area, under section 7(6) of the Act (*Gazette S560, 14 October 2025*).

Echuca Regional Health — Report, 2024-25*.

Education Department — Report, 2024-25*.

Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme (ESSSuper) — Report, 2024-25*.

Energy, Environment and Climate Action Department (DECCA) — Report, 2024-25*.

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) — Report, 2024-25*.

Essential Services Commission (ESC) — Report, 2024-25*.

Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 — Reports, 2024-25, under section 42BI of the Act, by —

- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- Victoria Police.

Families, Fairness and Housing Department (DFFH) — Report, 2024-25*.

Film Victoria (VicScreen) — Report, 2024-25*.

Firefighters Registration Board — Report, 2024-25.

Game Management Authority (GMA) — Report, 2024-25.

Geelong Cemeteries Trust — Report, 2024-25*.

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — Report, 2024-25*.

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.
Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — Report, 2024-25*.
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — Report, 2024-25*.
Goulburn Valley Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.
Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.
Government Services Department (DGS) — Report, 2024-25*.
Grampians Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation (GWMWater) — Report, 2024-25*.
Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority —
Report, 2023-24*.
Report, 2024-25*.
Great Ocean Road Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report, 2024-25*.
Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) — Report, 2024-25*.
Health Department — Report, 2024-25*.
Health Purchasing Victoria (HealthShare) — Report, 2024-25*.
Heathcote Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Hesse Rural Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Heywood Rural Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report to the
Attorney-General, 1 January to 31 December 2023, under section 464ZP of the
Crimes Act 1958.
Infrastructure Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.
Inglewood and Districts Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions Department (DJSIR) — Report, 2024-25*.
Justice and Community Safety Department (DJCS) — Report, 2024-25*.
Kardinia Parks Stadium Trust — Report, 2024-25*.
Kerang District Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Kooweerup Regional Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Kyabram District Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Labour Hire Licensing Authority — Report, 2024-25*.
Latrobe Regional Health — Report, 2024-25*.
Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration
Order 2026.
Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation —
Report, 2024-25.
Library Board of Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.
Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.
Mallee Catchment Management Authority — Report, 2024-25*.
Mallee Track Health and Community Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Mansfield District Hospital — Report, 2024-25*.
Maryborough District Health Service — Report, 2024-25*.
Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — Report, 2024-25*.
Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.

Melbourne Health (The Royal Melbourne Hospital) — Report, 2024-25*.
 Melbourne Market Authority — Report, 2024-25*.
 Melbourne Port Lessor Pty Ltd — Report, 2024-25*.
 Melbourne Recital Centre — Report, 2024-25*.
 Melbourne Water Corporation — Report, 2024-25*.
 Mercy Hospitals Victoria Ltd — Report, 2024-25*.
 Mildura Base Public Hospital — Report, 2024-25*.
 Mildura Cemeteries Trust — Minister's report of receipt of the 2024-25 Report.
 Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority — Report, 2024-25.
 Monash Health — Report, 2024-25*.
 Moyne Health Services — Report, 2024-25*.
 Museums Board of Victoria — Report, 2024-25*.
 National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) — Report, 2024-25*.
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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Government response to the Final Report of the Select Committee on the 2026
 Commonwealth Games bid.
 Response from the Minister for Planning to petition titled Renaming of Berwick
 Springs Lake (petition No. 638) (presented by Ann-Marie Hermans on
 16 October 2025) (*released on 29 October 2025*).

7 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP — David Davis moved, by leave, That Bev McArthur be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee.

Question — put and agreed to.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

9 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1114, be postponed until later this day.

10 STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025 — Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

11 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 Melina Bath, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to Regional Development Victoria grants (QwN 1102) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

12 STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025 — Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

[Sitting suspended from 6.29 pm to 7.31 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 21

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; 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)

NOES, 16

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; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

13 CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1997, the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012, the Estate Agents Act 1980, the Owners Corporations Act 2006, the Conveyancers Act 2006 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Gayle Tierney (for Harriet Shing), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Gayle Tierney laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Gayle Tierney moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Gayle Tierney incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

14 TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Bus Safety Act 2009, the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 and the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Gayle Tierney (for Harriet Shing), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Gayle Tierney laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Gayle Tierney moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Gayle Tierney incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Act 2024, the Congestion Levy Act 2005, the Duties Act 2000, the First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000, the Land Tax Act 2005, the Limitation of Actions Act 1958, the Taxation Administration Act 1997, the Building Act 1993 and the Domestic Animals Act 1994, to repeal the Taxation (Interest on Overpayments) Act 1986 and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Gayle Tierney (for Jaclyn Symes), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Gayle Tierney laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Gayle Tierney moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Gayle Tierney incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 16 BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Council and passed.

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

- 17 MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Debated continued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

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.

18 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 12 November 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 11.42 pm until Wednesday, 12 November 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

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STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 30 October 2025

Clauses 1 to 299 — put and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 4 — put and agreed to.

Preamble — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 30 October 2025

Clauses 1 to 92 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

