

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 135, 136 and 137

No 135 — Tuesday 12 August 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 31 July 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Ros Spence introduced ‘*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025

Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Alexandra Park Reserve and Kings Domain Reserve

Tooradin Foreshore Reserve

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 50 (*Gazette S398, 1 August 2025*)

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

Ballarat — C263
 Buloke — GC262
 Gannawarra — GC262
 Greater Geelong — C465
 Hindmarsh — GC262
 Horsham — GC262
 Macedon Ranges — C160
 Mitchell — C158, C161, C175
 Monash — C180
 Nillumbik — C149
 Northern Grampians — GC262
 Swan Hill — GC262
 Victorian Planning Provisions — VC282
 Whittlesea — C289
 Yarriambiack — GC262

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 — SR 74
Powers of Attorney Act 2014 — SR 73

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 53, 69, 71, 72, 75.

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.
- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with an amendment.

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

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 August 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

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

- 7 **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 14 August 2025:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
 Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025
 Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, 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; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; 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; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

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

Question agreed to.

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

9 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME.**

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

13 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

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

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 136 — Wednesday 13 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Australian Grands Prix Act 1994** in relation to the race period, the definition of **grand prix insignia**, acting appointments and public access areas, to provide for the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to host approved events and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **SAFER PROTEST WITH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A BAN ON FACE COVERINGS BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Caulfield introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to provide for the registration and authorisation of public protests, to give legal protection to persons who participate in authorised public protests, to provide for prohibition orders and exclusion orders, to prohibit the wearing of face coverings at public protests, to consequentially amend the **Summary Offences Act 1966**, and for other purposes*’ (David Southwick) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

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

NOES 51

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

Question defeated.

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

Auditor-General — Planned Surgery in Victoria — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule 75 under the *County Court Act 1958*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 76.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

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

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

9 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Ros Spence 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 (*Ros Spence*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 27 August 2025.

10 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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

- (a) urgently provides Victoria Police and Corrections Victoria with all resources necessary to implement this Bill without further delay; and

- (b) adopts the Liberal and National Parties' Break Bail Face Jail policy to ensure that Victoria's bail laws do not continue to fail to protect community safety' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME.**

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 13 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 14 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 15 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

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

- 16 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Motion made and question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 137 — Thursday 14 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 70.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 26 August 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

5 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX 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 (*Sam Groth*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 August 2025.

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 2 be postponed until later this day.

7 **PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That Daniela De Martino, John Mullahy and Kim Wells be members of the Parliamentary Ethics Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 78

Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

- 8 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 9 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 11 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 12 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

- 13 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 August 2025 had expired.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 14 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently provides Victoria Police and Corrections Victoria with all resources necessary to implement this Bill without further delay; and (b) adopts the Liberal and National Parties’ Break Bail Face Jail policy to ensure that Victoria’s bail laws do not continue to fail to protect community safety’.

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

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; 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 73

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 15 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT 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.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker