

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 141, 142 and 143

No 141 — Tuesday 9 September 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 28 August 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **VICTORIA POLICE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that this House:
 - (a) expresses its deepest sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart who were tragically killed in the line of duty, alongside another officer who was seriously injured and is still recovering, in Porepunkah on 26 August 2025;
 - (b) pays tribute to their exceptional courage, dedication and sacrifice; and
 - (c) honours their unwavering commitment to serving and protecting their community —

(Jacinta Allan) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 1.27 pm and resumed it 2.00 pm]

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

3 **QUESTION TIME.**

Member named and suspended — The Member for Berwick (*Brad Battin*) having been named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair —

Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick (*Brad Battin*) be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the day's sitting (*Ben Carroll*) — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny;

Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Brad Battin accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Question time continued.

4 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.

- 5 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Jacinta Allan introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish a First Peoples' representative and deliberative body named Gellung Warl, to amend the **Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018** and the **Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act 2022**, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Jacinta Allan 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 (*Jacinta Allan*).

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 23 September 2025.

- 6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mining exploration application licence EL008505 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly bans any mining exploration or the placement of a mine within mining exploration application licence EL008505 near Strathfieldsaye, bearing 314 signatures (*Ellen Sandell*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — MINING EXPLORATION APPLICATION LICENCE EL008505** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Ellen Sandell*) — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (House Amendments)
 National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025
 Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025
Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the year ended 30 June 2025

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Alexandra Gardens Reserve

Princes Park Reserve

Orders under s 17D granting leases over:

Batman Park

Old Springfield Cheese Factory Reserve

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

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 72 (*Gazette G35, 28 August 2025*)

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

Greater Shepparton — C246

Macedon Ranges — C161

Port Phillip — C229

Victoria Planning Provisions — VC268, VC283

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Adoption Act 1984 — SR 84

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Act 2024 — SR 86

Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — SR 87

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 81

Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 83

Spent Convictions Act 2021 — SR 78

Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 84, 85

Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — SR 79

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 82

Youth Justice Act 2024 — SR 80

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 31, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* — Direction of the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation under s 3.8A.13A.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

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

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 2 September 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025

Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 11 September 2025:

Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025

Budget Papers — motion

Casino and Gambling Legislation 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; 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; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

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

14 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to (*Lily D'Ambrosio*) — and, after debate —

Question — that the Legislative Council's amendment No 1 be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — that the Legislative Council's amendment No 2 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

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

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 3 to 5 inclusive be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 6 to 10 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

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

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 11 to 21 inclusive be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025 without amendment.
- 16 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 142 — Wednesday 10 September 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced ‘A *Bill for an Act to amend the **Carlton (Recreation Ground) Land Act 1966**, the **Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978**, the **Forests Act 1958**, the **Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020**, the **Heritage Rivers Act 1992**, the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990**, the **National Parks Act 1975** and the **St. Kilda Land Act 1965** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘A *Bill for an Act to amend the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022** in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, information sharing and other matters, to amend the **Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997** to abolish the Forensic Leave Panel and to provide for the functions and powers of the Mental Health Tribunal under that Act, to amend the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, to amend the **Health Services Act 1988** in relation to information sharing and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘A *Bill for an Act to amend the **Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002**, the **Building Act 1993**, the **Environment Effects Act 1978**, the **Heritage Act 2017** and the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2025 — Ordered to be published.
- 6 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

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

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

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

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 50

Jacinta Allan; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 9 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 11 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 12 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN HOUSING** — The Speaker read John Lister’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House affirms the importance of housing to Victorians, and supports the Allan Labor Government’s target of 800,000 homes over 10 years, the reforms underpinning it and the skilled workforce that will deliver it.’

John Lister addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 14 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers.

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 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 143 — Thursday 11 September 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (GROUP VOTING AND VOTE COUNTING) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brunswick introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act 2002 to abolish group voting tickets in Council elections, to change the way surplus votes are counted in Council elections and for other purposes*’ (Tim Read) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; 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; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 48

Jacinta Allan; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan 2025–26 — Ordered to be published

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

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission (PWSIC) — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 65

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — 2024 report on the Operation of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* — Ordered to be published

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2024–25.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 14 October 2025 (*Ben Carroll*) — put and agreed to.

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

6 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) 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 (*Michael O'Brien*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2025.

- 7 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson 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 (*Danny Pearson*).

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 25 September 2025.

- 8 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson 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 (*Danny Pearson*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Danny Pearson made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

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 25 September 2025.

- 9 **ORDERS OF THE DAY DISCHARGED** — Motion made and question — That:

- (a) the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be read and discharged:

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024 — Second reading — Resumption of debate and that the Bill be withdrawn;

- (b) the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be read and discharged:

Health workforce — That this House acknowledges the massive investment of the Allan Labor Government in the health workforce, including — (1) Growing the workforce by more than 50 per cent; (2) Increasing nurse and midwife pay by 28.4 per cent; (3) Growing the on-road paramedic workforce by over 50 per cent; and (4) Upskilling thousands of health professionals — Resumption of debate;

Commitment to working families — That this House recognises the Allan Labor Government's commitment to working families by expanding free breakfast clubs, saving parents \$400 through the School Saving Bonus, and extending the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, ensuring every student has access to essential programs, no matter their circumstances — Resumption of debate —

(Danny Pearson) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 10 **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That, effective from 13 October 2025, this House:

(a) adopts the proposed amendments to standing and sessional orders as detailed in Appendix B as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee's *Interim report 2 on the Inquiry into including sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders, June 2025*; and

(b) deletes existing SO 52.

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 11 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) 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.

- 12 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 14 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (Belinda Wilson) — put and agreed to.

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

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

- 16 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow the following arrangements to apply on Tuesday 14 October 2025:

(1) At the break of business immediately after Statements by Members, the Chair will direct the Clerk to ring the bells for one minute to call members to the Chamber;

- (2) Once the bells have finished ringing, the Chair will invite Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa and Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Ngarra Murray, elected Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and Gunditjmara man, Rueben Berg, elected Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria to attend on the floor of the House;
- (3) The visitors may carry into the House possum skin cloaks, wooden message sticks, wooden digging sticks, and other objects or artefacts approved by the Speaker;
- (4) The Chair will invite Co-Chair Murray and Co-Chair Berg to address the House in English and Aboriginal languages to explain what the treaty process means to them, their families and Victorian Aboriginal communities and how it may support reconciliation to benefit all Victorians;
- (5) During the addresses, one of the visitors will read out the names of members of the First Peoples' Assembly —
 - (a) the names of the members of the First Peoples' Assembly must be provided to the Speaker at least one day in advance;
 - (b) after their name is read out, each member of the First Peoples' Assembly may attend on the floor of the House entering via the door closest to the bar of the House, walking directly through the Chamber and exiting via the door behind the Chair;
 - (c) members of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria may carry with them possum skin cloaks, wooden message sticks, and wooden digging sticks, and other objects or artefacts approved by the Speaker, and they may clap their objects or artefacts as they walk through the Chamber;
- (6) At the conclusion of the addresses, the visitors will leave the floor of the House; and
- (7) The House will immediately proceed with Government Business —

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 17 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 7 be postponed until later this day.
- 18 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — *The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 9 September 2025 had expired.*

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

- 19 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION 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.

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

AYES 73

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; 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; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; 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; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; 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.

- 20 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) 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 5.06 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **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