

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 150, 151 and 152

No 150 — Wednesday 12 November 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 October 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Confiscation Act 1997**, the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004**, the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, the **Firearms Act 1996**, the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**, the **Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004**, the **Summary Offences Act 1966**, the **Surveillance Devices Act 1999** and the **Victoria Police Act 2013** and to make related amendments to 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.
- 3 **SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**, the **Worker Screening Act 2020**, the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021**, the **Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018**, the **Disability Act 2006**, the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** and other Acts and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll 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 (*Ben Carroll*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

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

- 4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Education and Care Services National Law set out in the Schedule to the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*, and to make Victorian specific modifications to that Law as it applies as a law of Victoria, to improve child safety in education and care services and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was

read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll 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 (*Ben Carroll*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day (*Ben Carroll*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 5 **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 1379 signatures (*Ellen Sandell*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 6 **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.

7 DOCUMENTS

VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION — Examining Aspects of Family Violence Intervention Orders for Children and Young Adults: Stage 1 — Protection for Children Who Turn 18 While on a Family Violence Intervention Order tabled by leave (*Sonya Kilkenney*).

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 15 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Ending Political Corruption) Bill 2024

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025

Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025

Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025

Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025

SR No 31 — Meat Industry Regulations 2025

together with appendices and a minority report.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled the Parliamentary Budget Office Report 2024–25 under s 28 of the *Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2017*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Alexandra Gardens Reserve

Kings Domain South Reserve

Queen Victoria Gardens and Memorial Statue Reserve

Order under s 17D granting a lease over Tasma Terrace Reserve

Duties Act 2000:

Report 2024–25 of corporate reconstruction and consolidation concessions and exemptions under s 250B

Report 2024–25 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the reports 2024–25 of the:

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust

Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board

Environment Protection Authority

Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board

Trust for Nature

Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board

Zoos Victoria

together with explanations for the delay

Infrastructure Victoria — Victoria's infrastructure strategy 2025–2055

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 91 (*Gazette G42, 16 October 2025*)

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee — Report 2024–25 together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ombudsman — Investigation report: *'That's assault mate'*: Investigation into alleged misconduct in a private prison and how it was handled — Ordered to be published

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

Boroondara — C394
 Golden Plains — C105
 Latrobe — C143
 Port Phillip — C224, C227
 Victoria Planning Provisions — VC291, VC295

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report 2024–25

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 — SR 114
Charities Act 1978 — SR 115
National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 — SR 113

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 114

Victoria Legal Aid — Report 2024–25.

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

National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Act 2025 — Part 2 (other than section 36(2) and (3)), Divisions 1 and 5 of Part 3 and Parts 4 and 5 — 1 November 2025 (*Gazette S588, 28 October 2025*)
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2025 — Division 2 of Part 2 and Division 2 of Part 3 — 1 November 2025 (*Gazette S588, 28 October 2025*).

- 8 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Statewide Treaty Bill 2025
 Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025
 Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 November 2025, given the royal assent to the Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- 10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025
 Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025

Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025.

- 11 **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 November 2025:

Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2025

Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025

Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025

Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 —

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

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

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; 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; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; 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; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

- 13 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025, the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 and the Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

- 14 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025, SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025 AND VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 15 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 17 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025, SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025 AND VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 in detail.

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 in detail.

Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 151 — Thursday 13 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Natalie Hutchins introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*, the *Crimes Act 1958*, the *Criminal Procedure Act 2009*, the *Evidence*

(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958, the Jury Directions Act 2015 and the Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010 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 TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Climate Action Act 2017 — Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2023

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 — SR 117

Domestic Animals Act 1994 — SR 116

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 116.

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, today, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025

Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Statewide Treaty Bill 2025.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until tomorrow at 9.30 am (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

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

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) 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.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for four days (*Anthony Carbines*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 17 November 2025.

- 9 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) 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.

- 10 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 12 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN STUDENTS** — The Speaker read Nina Taylor's proposal to the House —

'That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's nation leading investments in school infrastructure, safety, learning supports and cost of living relief to set Victorian students up for the future and enhance state productivity.'

The proposer not being present, the matter did not proceed.

- 14 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) 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 (*Melissa Horne*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 15 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) 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.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.22 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 152 — Friday 14 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 13 November 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RETAIL, FAST FOOD, HOSPITALITY AND TRANSPORT WORKER HARM) BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** and the **Summary Offences Act 1966** to create new offences for certain conduct engaged in against certain workers and to provide that a burglary that involves a ram raid is an aggravated burglary, to make consequential amendments to the **Youth Justice Act 2024** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow (*Anthony Carbines*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 15 November 2025.

3 DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following document had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Magistrates’ Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Court Services Victoria — Report 2024–25

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the report 2024–25 of the Heritage Council of Victoria

Harness Racing Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

Judicial College of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

Judicial Commission of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

National Health Funding Pool, Administrator of — Report 2024–25

Public Advocate, Office of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Racing Integrity Commissioner — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 115

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — Report 2024–25

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt.

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

5 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkeny 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 Kilkeny*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for three days. Debate adjourned until 17 November 2025.

6 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) 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.

7 **QUESTION TIME.**

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

9 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025**
— Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 November 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.

10 **VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025, EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025 AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) 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 52

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; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; 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; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 12 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) 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 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

- 13 **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 5.36 pm.

VAUGHN KOOPS
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker