

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 156, 157 and 158

No 156 — Tuesday 2 December 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 November 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to provide support for the making of decisions about certain medical treatment for persons who have an innate variation in sex characteristics, including provisions about the giving of informed consent to the decisions, panels of persons who may give approvals about the decisions, prohibiting the medical treatment in certain circumstances and other related matters and to amend the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998** to provide for review processes for those decisions and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Lily D’Ambrosio introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005** to provide for responsibilities of supporting stable and strong families partners in relation to supporting stable and strong families and to consequentially amend the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**, the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**, the **Magistrates’ Court Act 1989** and 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.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (Sonya Kilkenny).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day (*Sonya Kilkenny*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carabines; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; 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; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; 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.

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

Safety on Liddiard Street in Hawthorn — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to install a pedestrian crossing on Liddiard Street in Hawthorn, or reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h permanently, bearing 10 signatures (*John Pesutto*).

24-hour Police Station in Caroline Springs — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently review policing needs in the City of Melton and make Caroline Springs a 24-hour police station, bearing 457 signatures (*Luba Grigorovitch*).

Traffic safety in Trafalgar — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs traffic lights at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Davey Drive, Trafalgar, bearing 75 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Fire services levy — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly abolishes any change to the fire services levy that would disadvantage rural Victoria, bearing 845 signatures (*Richard Riordan*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — 24-HOUR POLICE STATION IN CAROLINE SPRINGS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kororoit be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Luba Grigorovitch*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — SAFETY ON LIDDIARD STREET IN HAWTHORN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **PETITION — TRAFFIC SAFETY IN TRAFALGAR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 10 **PETITION — FIRE SERVICES LEVY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 11 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 17 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Control of Weapons Amendment (Establishing Jack's Law, Use of Electronic Metal Detection Devices) Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Act 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Act 2025
Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into the 2025 Prahran and Werribee by-elections together with an appendix, extracts from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix and extracts from the proceedings ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into Victoria's Upper House electoral system together with an appendix, extracts from the proceedings, minority reports and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix, extracts from the proceedings and minority reports ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2024–25 — released on 24 November 2025

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2024–25 (*replacement for copy tabled on 18 November 2025*)

Judicial Entitlements Panel — Own motion recommendations report 2025

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the Inquiry into the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2022–23 — released on 1 December 2025

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

Glen Eira — C276
 Greater Geelong — C480
 Greater Shepparton — C251
 Mansfield — C57 Part 1
 Melbourne — GC243
 Mildura — C127
 Port Phillip — GC243
 Stonnington — C359
 Towong — C42
 Victoria Planning Provisions — VC298, VC301
 Wangaratta — C86

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — SRs 119, 120
Building Act 1993 — SR 125
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 124
Funerals Act 2006 — SR 121
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 123
Retirement Villages Act 1986 — SR 122

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 113, 117, 121, 122, 124 and 125.

- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025 without amendment.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 25 November 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025
 State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025
 Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025
 Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Bill 2025.

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had today given the royal assent to the Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025.

- 17 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — The Speaker announced that she had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under JSO 6(1), she has made the following corrections in the Bill:

Council amendment No 2 agreed to by the Assembly inserts the words ‘and acknowledgment’ after the word ‘agreement’ into Clause 10 of the bill. She has inserted another ‘e’ into the word ‘acknowledgment’ so that it reads ‘acknowledgement’.

The correction ensures the spelling of the insertion is consistent with the wording in the rest of the bill.

- 18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

- (1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2025 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 December 2025; and
- (2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 4 December 2025:

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025 —

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

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; 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; 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; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

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; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **QUESTION TIME.**

21 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

22 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

23 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY SAFETY) 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 Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide an 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' regime in Victoria that will deliver consequences for a range of serious offences and a meaningful impact upon the crime crisis gripping the State' (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed to James Newbury's amendment — That all the words after 'this' be omitted and replaced with the words 'House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has conducted meaningful consultation with First Nations, legal and community experts to develop an evidence-based policy' (*Gabrielle de Vietri*) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the bill under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by Gabrielle de Vietri's amendment stand part of James Newbury's amendment — put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; 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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; 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.

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 53

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; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; 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; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; 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 76

Juliana Addison; 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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; 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.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 24 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) 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.

- 25 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) 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.

- 26 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 157 — Wednesday 3 December 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 BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** and for other purposes*’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (COERCIVE CONTROL) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Eildon introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** to provide for a new offence in relation to coercive control and for other purposes*’ (Cindy McLeish) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny 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 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; 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; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Auditor-General:

Managing the Transition to Renewable Energy — Ordered to be published
Service Delivery Performance 2025 — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Investigation report ‘We just want to finish our home’: Management of domestic building insurance claims by VMIA — Ordered to be published

Respect Victoria — Maintain the momentum: Three-yearly Report to Parliament on the progress of prevention 2022–24

Statutory Rules 126, 127 and 128 under the *Supreme Court Act 1986*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 123, 126, 127, 128

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — 2026 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Rates*.

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

Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality and Transport Worker Harm) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Transport 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 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas 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 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

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 for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

- 10 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio 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 (*Lily D'Ambrosio*).

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 for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

- 11 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — 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 for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

- 12 **SUSTAINABILITY FUND ACTIVITIES REPORT 2024–25** — Motion made and question — That the Sustainability Fund Activities Report 2024–25 be tabled (*Steve Dimopoulos*) — put and agreed to.

- 13 **COMMITTEE REFERENCES** — Motion made and question — That this House refers:

- (1) an inquiry into the accessibility of voting centres at Victorian State elections, with reference to:

- (a) compliance with disability access standards, including physical access and way finding;
- (b) signage, lighting and safety measures at polling places;
- (c) the provision of information and assistance to voters with accessibility needs;
- (d) examples of best practice from other jurisdictions; and
- (e) recommendations to improve accessibility for voters at future Victorian State elections

to the **Electoral Matters Committee** for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026;

- (2) an inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance through:

- (a) greater accountability, transparency, and elevated community, staff and student voice at the highest governance level; and

- (b) implementing the Principles of the Expert Council on University Governance; and the agreed priorities of the Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers responsible for higher education; and
- (c) when considering the distinctive objectives of each university, the Committee will inquire into the ways by which universities are giving, and intend to give, effect, in a timely fashion, to the Final Report of the Expert Council on University Governance, with specific reference to how each university will:
 - (i) strengthen accountability for university performance and outcomes;
 - (ii) increase the transparency and representation of university council appointment processes, composition and decision-making;
 - (iii) support councils with greater higher education expertise and a range of staff, student and community perspectives and representation; and
 - (iv) ensure that university council decision-making is inclusive of and responsive to staff, students and other stakeholders

to the **Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 31 May 2026;

- (3) an inquiry into how best to expand access to renewable and affordable electricity for Victorians in apartments and other multi-unit dwellings, including consideration of:
 - (a) recent developments in energy supply and technology options for these dwellings over the last four years;
 - (b) barriers and inequities experienced by Victorians in such dwellings, including renters and social housing tenants, when accessing renewable and affordable electricity compared with other households;
 - (c) options to increase access to renewable and affordable electricity for these dwellings, including shared rooftop solar, balcony or façade solar, community batteries and virtual power plants;
 - (d) the likely impacts of those options on different groups of Victorians, including by tenure type, income, housing type and location, on the type, affordability and reliability of energy they receive; and
 - (e) any legislative, regulatory, planning or market reforms that could support the implementation of options, consistent with Victoria's legislated emissions reduction and renewable energy targets

to the **Environment and Planning Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

- 14 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Tuesday 9 December 2025 to allow:

- (1) The House to meet at 11.00 am.
- (2) Legislative Council members to be admitted onto the floor of the House from the ringing of the bells and to remain until the question for the endorsement of the apology to First Peoples is put.
- (3) The Premier to table a statement of apology to First Peoples.
- (4) The Premier to move a motion that the House endorses the apology, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples, and the Leader of the Victorian Greens to speak on the motion.
- (5) At the conclusion of the motion the House to suspend until 12.00 noon.
- (6) The order of business on resumption to be:

Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Constituency questions
Government business
General Business subject to SO 34
Adjournment debate or motion to continue sitting.
- (7) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm.
- (8) Condolences under SO 42 not to take precedence until the next sitting day —

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

- 15 **ATTENDANCE AT APOLOGY** — Motion made and question — That:

- (1) The Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend a sitting of the Assembly in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 11.00 am for the consideration of the motion endorsing the apology statement to First Peoples;
- (2) The lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Assembly standing orders be applied for the time that Council members are invited onto the floor of the House;

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Natalie Hutchins) — put and agreed to.

- 16 **TRANSPORT 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.

- 17 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) 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.

- 18 **QUESTION TIME.**

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.11 pm and resumed it at 3.27 pm]

Question time continued.

- 19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

Business interrupted at 4.07 pm under sessional orders.

- 20 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — ALLAN LABOR GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE** — The Deputy Speaker read Jess Wilson's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for their failure to:

- (a) ease cost of living for Victorians;
- (b) keep communities safe;
- (c) strengthen Victoria's healthcare system; and
- (d) enable more Victorians to own their own home.'

Jess Wilson addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 21 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

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

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 158 — Thursday 4 December 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the ***Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021***, the ***Environment Protection Act 2017***, the ***Marine and Coastal Act 2018***, the ***Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003***, the ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990***, the ***Public Administration Act 2004***, the ***Financial Management Act 1994***, the ***Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022***, the ***Local Government Act 1989***, the ***Essential Services Commission Act 2001***, the ***Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017***, the ***Accident Towing Services Act 2007***, the ***Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020*** and the ***Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024***, to repeal the ***Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001*** and the ***Road Safety Camera Commissioner Act 2011*** and to make consequential 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 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:
- Fingerboards Project Area** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to permanently exempt the Fingerboards project area from all mining activity, bearing 3322 signatures (*Ellen Sandell*).
- Ordered to be tabled.
- 4 **PETITION — FINGERBOARDS PROJECT AREA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Ellen Sandell*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **DOCUMENTS**

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the appointment of a person to conduct the

independent performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Integrity Oversight Victoria.

Ordered to be published.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Legislative Framework for the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, together with appendices, an extract from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and extract from the proceedings ordered to be published.

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

Children’s Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

County Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Supreme Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with an explanation for the delay

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

Environment Protection Authority:

Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Forensic Leave Panel — Report 2024

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the Report 2024–25 of the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2024–25 of the Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 116 (*Gazette S 674, 3 December 2025*)

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 119, 120, 130

Trust for Nature (Victoria) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt

Victoria Police — Report 2024–25 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Zoological Parks and Gardens Board (Zoos Victoria) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister’s reported date of receipt.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee’s Report on the Inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors.

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

7 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 1 be postponed until tomorrow.

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) 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 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 2 December 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.

12 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) 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 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 13 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Opposition Leader for failing to:

- (a) stop the Shadow Treasurer's reckless campaign for mandatory five-day office return;
- (b) condemn the Shadow Treasurer for spreading misinformation on working from home; and
- (c) commit to Labor's plan to legislate working from home as a right for Victorians —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — and after debate —

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.

- 14 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 15 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 6.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker