LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 164, 165, 166 and 167

No 164 — Tuesday 17 February 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 February 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 13 February 2026, she had received the resignation of the Member for Nepean.

3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE ALAN HENRY SCANLAN** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Alan Henry Scanlan and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Oakleigh from 1961 to 1979, Minister for Health from 1973 to 1976 and Minister for Special Education from 1976 to 1979 *(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.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Alan Henry Scanlan, the House now adjourns until 1.30 pm today *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.23 pm, adjourned until 1.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 165 — Tuesday 17 February 2026
(1.30 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Danny Pearson introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and***

***Recycling) Act 2021**, the **Competition Policy Reform (Victoria) Act 1995**, the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987**, the **Environment Protection Act 2017**, the **Gas Industry Act 2001**, the **Grain Handling and Storage Act 1995**, the **Local Government Act 2020**, the **Spent Convictions Act 2021**, the **Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972**, the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013** and the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** in relation to minor, technical and operational matters, to make statute law revision amendments to the **Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2025** and minor amendments to the **Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Act 2025** 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:

Road safety along the Sydney Road Corridor, North Coburg — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly addresses urgent new road safety measures on the Sydney Road corridor, from O'Hea Street in Coburg North to Boundary Road in Fawkner, bearing 514 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — ROAD SAFETY ALONG THE SYDNEY ROAD CORRIDOR, NORTH COBURG** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Act 2025
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026
Electoral Amendment (Group Voting and Vote Counting) Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Act 2025
SR No 72 — Country Fire Authority Regulations 2025
SR No 82 — Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (Project-Based Activities) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 105 — Surveillance Devices Amendment (Body-worn Cameras and Other Matters) Regulations 2025
SR No 107 — Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Link) Amendment Regulations 2025
Notice to Fix Fees under Section 73 of the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*
Energy Retail Code of Practice (Energy Consumer Reforms) Amendment 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17D granting leases over Albert Park (2 orders)

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 146/2025 *(Gazette S74, 12 February 2026)*

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2024–25 *(replacement for copy tabled on 30 October 2025)*

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

Alpine — C56
Hobsons Bay — C133
Monash — C173
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC245, VC271

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Grands Prix Act 1994 — SR 7
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SRs 5, 6

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 146/2025, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

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

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Act 2025 — ss 75, 83(1), 115 and 125, Division 10 of Part 3.2, Part 3.3 (other than s 131) and Part 4.5, and Schedule 2 — 9 February 2026 — Part 3.1 and s 131, and Schedule 1 — 23 February 2026 *(Gazette S 50, 3 February 2026)*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025 without amendment.

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

On 10 February 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025

On 17 February 2026
Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025.

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

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

9 **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 19 February 2026:

Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026 —

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Debate continued on question — That the Government Business Program be agreed to.

Question put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; 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; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

14 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION 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.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 166 — Wednesday 18 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

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

Policing of jet ski users — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement regulatory reform and increase police patrols around the use of jet skis, bearing 46 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*

Rosebud Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund the redevelopment of the Rosebud Hospital, bearing 202 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — POLICING OF JET SKI USERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — ROSEBUD HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

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

Auditor-General — Ravenhall Correctional Centre: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Prisoners — Part 2 — Ordered to be published

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

Ballarat — C255
Boroondara — C413 Part 1
Greater Geelong — C414
Hobsons Bay — C146
Murrindindi — C78.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025 without amendment.

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

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

9 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — 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 *(Bridget Vallence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 4 March 2026.

10 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) 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.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION** — 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.'

Nina Taylor addressed the House — Discussion followed.

15 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 167 — Thursday 19 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

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

Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Order in Council — Amalgamation of the Wodonga Institute of Technical and Further Education and the Goulburn Ovens Institute of Technical and Further Education under s 3.1.11

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2024–25 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Public Prosecutions, Office of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 10, 12

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Report 2024–25.

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

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Parts 1, 2 and 5 and ss 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 20 — 1 March 2026 *(Gazette S88, 17 February 2026)*.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 3 March 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — 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.

6 **QUESTION TIME**.

7 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

8 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — 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 *(Colin Brooks)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; 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; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; 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; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

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

AYES 48

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; 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; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; 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; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

9 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON HOSPITAL PIPELINE** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for her plan to make $11.1 billion in cuts and calls on them to rule out cutting, downgrading or closing the pipeline of new hospitals to fill their budget black hole *(Melissa Horne)* — and after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the following words be inserted to the end of the motion: 'while noting the impact of $15 billion of corruption on services for Victorians' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 February 2026 had expired.

10 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) 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.

11 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION 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.

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

AYES 75

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; 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; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; 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 Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; 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.

12 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — 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.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.33 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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