

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 168, 169 and 170

No 168 — Tuesday 3 March 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 February 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** to make further provision in relation to who can commence a prosecution for an offence against section 195N(1) or 195O(1) of that Act 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.

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

- 3 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011** to expand the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission’s jurisdiction and provide further for public hearings and for other purposes’ (*James Newbury*) — 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; 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 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; 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; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

- 4 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (TOUGH ON CORRUPTION) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brunswick introduce 'A *Bill for an Act to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** in relation to the meaning of corrupt conduct, to provide for follow the dollar powers, to remove unnecessary barriers to holding public hearings and for other purposes*' (Tim Read) — 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; 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.

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Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; 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; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Pedestrian infrastructure — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to improve pedestrian access for Point Cook residents as part of the proposed Werribee Precinct Development, bearing 112 signatures (*Mathew Hilakari*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 6 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I discharge Alison Marchant from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, and 6 February, 14 May and 30 July 2024, and 14 October 2025.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
3 March 2026

- 7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 3 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Act 2025
National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2025 under s 303

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 145/2025 (*Gazette G8, 19 February 2026*)

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

Alpine — GC269
Alpine Resorts — GC269
Ararat — GC269
Ballarat — GC269
Banyule — GC269
Bass Coast — GC269
Baw Baw — GC269
Bayside — GC269
Benalla — GC269
Boroondara — GC269

Brimbank — GC269
Buloke — GC269
Campaspe — GC269
Cardinia — GC269
Casey — GC269
Central Goldfields — GC269
Colac Otway — GC269
Corangamite — GC269
East Gippsland — GC269
Frankston — C148, GC269
French Island and Sandstone Island — GC269
Gannawarra — GC269
Glen Eira — GC269
Glenelg — GC269
Golden Plains — GC269
Greater Bendigo — GC269
Greater Dandenong — GC269
Greater Geelong — GC269
Hepburn — GC269
Hindmarsh — GC269
Hobsons Bay — GC269
Horsham — GC26
Hume — GC269
Indigo — GC269
Kingston — GC269
Knox — GC269
Latrobe — GC269
Loddon — GC269
Macedon Ranges — GC269
Manningham — GC269
Mansfield — GC269
Maribyrnong — GC269
Maroondah — GC269
Melbourne — GC269
Melton — GC269
Merri-bek — GC269
Mildura — GC269
Mitchell — GC269
Moir — GC269
Monash — GC269
Moonee Valley — C240, GC269
Moorabool — GC269
Mornington Peninsula — GC269
Mount Alexander — GC269
Moyne — GC269
Murrindindi — GC269
Nillumbik — GC269
Northern Grampians — GC269

Port of Melbourne — GC269
 Queenscliffe — GC269
 South Gippsland — GC269
 Southern Grampians — GC269
 Stonnington — GC269
 Strathbogie — GC269
 Surf Coast — GC269
 Swan Hill — GC269
 Towong — GC269
 Wangaratta — GC269
 Warrnambool — GC269
 Wellington — GC269
 West Wimmera — GC269
 Whitehorse — GC269
 Whittlesea — GC269
 Wodonga — GC269
 Wyndham — GC269
 Yarra — C333, GC269
 Yarra Ranges — GC269
 Yarriambiack — GC269

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Land Act 1987 — SR 13
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 9
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 11, 12
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 10
Unclaimed Money Act 2008 — SR 8

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, 11
 Documents under s 16B in relation to *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* — Electricity
 Distribution Code of Practice Amendment 2026.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025 without amendment.
- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 February 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025
 Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025.

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

- (1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Crimes Amendment Bill 2026 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 3 March 2026; and
- (2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 5 March 2026:

National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025

Electoral Amendment Bill 2025

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2025 —

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

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

AYES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; 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; 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 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; 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; 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.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME.**

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

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

15 **CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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

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

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

AYES 77

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; Will Fowles; 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; 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; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

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Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question 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.

- 16 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT 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 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 169 — Wednesday 4 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Ros Spence introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act to establish Safe Food Victoria and to provide for it to perform functions in regulating the Victorian food industry, to abolish Dairy Food Safety Victoria and PrimeSafe, to amend the **Dairy Act 2000** to regulate foods that have not traditionally been produced or processed for human consumption in Victoria or that are produced or processed using new technologies, to make consequential and related amendments to the **Dairy Act 2000**, the **Food Act 1984**, the **Meat Industry Act 1993**, the **Seafood Safety Act 2003** and certain 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 **CONSTRUCTION ENFORCEMENT VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Sandringham introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to ensure Victorian Government construction and development activity complies with the Construction Industry Code by providing for a Head, Construction Enforcement Victoria who will monitor and enforce compliance with that Code and for other purposes*’ (Brad Rowsell) — 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; 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 Rowsell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 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; 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; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Auditor-General — Major Projects Performance Reporting 2025 — Ordered to be published

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Order for the Formula 1 Australian Grands Prix 2026 to 2030.

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

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025.

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

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

- 8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) 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.

- 9 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 11 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 12 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Gabrielle Williams circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

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 — ADDRESSING CORRUPTION** — The Speaker read David Southwick’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government’s failure to address corruption and organised crime on Big Build sites, resulting in \$15 billion in waste, and affirms the need for a comprehensive plan to enforce the law, find the money and stop the rorts.’

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 14 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

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

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 7.19 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 170 — Thursday 5 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce ‘*A Bill for an Act to ensure the integrity of Government construction projects, to amend the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** and for other purposes*’ (James Newbury) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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 50

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; 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; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Container deposit scheme in Launching Place — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides Return-It Vic with an exemption to operate outside of their network zone to manage the container deposit scheme depot at Little Yarra Free Range Eggs in Launching Place, bearing 2,518 signatures (*Cindy McLeish*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 4 **PETITION — CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN LAUNCHING PLACE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

- 5 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme — Report 2024–25.

- 6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 17 March 2026 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 8 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Ros Spence*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 March 2026.

- 9 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Order read for resuming debate on 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; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That the word ‘former’ be inserted before the word ‘Shadow’ wherever occurring (*Tim Richardson*) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed to Tim Richardson’s amendment — That after the word “occurring” the words “and after the word ‘Victorians’ insert ‘and that this House notes how stale and political this sledge motion is’” be inserted (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 10 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 12 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment— and on the amendment to the amendment.

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

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

- 13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) 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 (*Ros Spence*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

- 15 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — 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 —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 3 March 2026 had expired.

- 16 **ELECTORAL 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, Government amendment Nos 1 to 34 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 17 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 18 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) 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 5.01 pm under sessional orders.

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

- 19 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; 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; 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; 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 26

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

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; 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; 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; 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; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

- 20 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Crimes Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.
- 21 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 5.52 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker