LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 187 — Tuesday 28 July 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF MAXWELL JOHN TURNER** — The Speaker announced the death of Maxwell John Turner, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Bendigo West from 1992 to 1996; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Multicultural Victoria Act 2011*** *to establish Multicultural Victoria, to require certain public sector entities to acquire interpreting and translating services from VITS LanguageLoop and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015*** *to categorise or recategorise certain hospitals for the purposes of nurse to patient and midwife to patient ratios and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Electoral Act 2002*** *to remove group voting tickets from Legislative Council elections and to improve the operation of that Act and the electoral system of Victoria, to make consequential amendments and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Paul Hamer gave a notice of intention to make a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clause 4 of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026.

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

Portable classrooms at Wodonga Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that two portable classrooms are not removed from Wodonga Primary School, bearing 540 signatures *(Bill Tilley)*

Fire safety in regional and rural Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly holds an urgent vote of no confidence in the Government for the safety of regional and rural Victoria and allocate resources to get the current and future fires under control, bearing 35 signatures *(Brad Battin)*

Crossway Preschool, Brighton — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly introduces flexibility in regulations and compliance procedures for small, local, not for profit preschools to ensure their sustainability, bearing 4 signatures *(James Newbury)*

Locks on disabled bathrooms — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly implements a Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia Limited lock system to all disabled bathroom facilities across the state, bearing 96 signatures *(James Newbury)*

Brunswick Street Oval Precinct project — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures that the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct project scope is limited to the number of tennis courts that can fit within the existing club footprint, mandates the retention of the 1884 elm avenue and its associated paths, and defers all further grants and permits until a comprehensive Heritage Impact Assessment is conducted, bearing 1,866 signatures *(Tim Read)*

Hazelwood and Boldings Roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly leaves the speed limit on the Hazelwood to Boldings Roads between Traralgon and Churchill at 100 km/h, bearing 148 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*

Funding for Football Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit new investment and resources to help Football Victoria deliver its strategic priorities, including the re-establishment of a dedicated World Game Facilities Fund, bearing 7,259 signatures *(Anthony Carbines)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — CROSSWAY PRESCHOOL, BRIGHTON** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brighton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — LOCKS ON DISABLED BATHROOMS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brighton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — BRUNSWICK STREET OVAL PRECINCT PROJECT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brunswick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

11 **PETITION — HAZELWOOD AND BOLDINGS ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

12 **DOCUMENTS**

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026
Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026
Electoral Further Amendment Act 2026
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026
Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026
Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026
Planning Amendment (Restricting New Fast Food Developments) Bill 2026
Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
SR No 118 — Corrections Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 129 — Liquor Control Reform (Prohibited Supply) Regulations 2025
SR No 145 — Gas Safety (Gas Installation) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 13 — Conservation, Forests and Lands (Wildlife (Game) Infringement Notices) Regulations 2026
SR No 20 — Wildlife (Game) Amendment Regulations 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE — Kim Wells, Chair, tabled a report from the Parliamentary Ethics Committee on the Inquiry into the review of the Members Code of Conduct, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 24 June 2026

Delivering School Upgrade Projects — released on 30 June 2026 replacing copy released on 17 June 2026
Follow-up: Service Victoria — Digital Delivery of Government Services — released on 24 June 2026
Investing in Early Intervention Initiatives — released on 30 June 2026
Planning and Managing Drainage Schemes in Melbourne's Growth Areas — released on 24 June 2026

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003 — Framework for Victorian State of the Environment Reporting: Partnerships for Nature

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Alexandra Gardens Reserve
Sandringham Beach Park

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2026 under s 303

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026

Integrity Oversight Victoria:

Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026
Report November 2024 to February 2025 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003* — Ordered to be published
Report March 2025 to August 2025 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003* — Ordered to be published
Report 1 July to 31 December 2024 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999* — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to:

Statutory Rule 38 *(Gazette S408, 15 July 2026)*
Statutory Rule 58 *(Gazette G26, 25 June 2026)*
Statutory Rule 71 *(Gazette G27, 2 July 2026)*

Inquiries Act 2014 — Report of the Forum for Truth and Recognition — Truth, recognition and healing: Report on victim-survivors' experiences of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools and certain non-government schools before 2000 — released on 16 July 2026

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by a member of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Return 2 June 2026 — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Report on Distribution from the Assembly Suspension Fines Fund 2025–26

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission — Matter involving Mr James Newbury, Member for Brighton

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

Alpine — C73
Ballarat — C234
Bayside — GC246
Boroondara — GC285
Casey — C302
Darebin — C231
Glen Eira — GC285
Golden Plains — C113
Greater Dandenong — C251, GC260, GC285
Kingston — GC246, GC247, GC285
Monash — C176, C177, GC247, GC248
Moorabool — GC260
Mornington Peninsula — C295
Port Phillip — C231, C234
Stonnington — C316, C361, GC285
Warrnambool — GC278
Whitehorse — C255, GC248, GC285
Yarra — GC278

Professional Standards Act 2003 — Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S366, 30 June 2026)*

State Owned Enterprises Act 1992:

Constitution of Innovation Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75
Record of a resolution of the sole member of Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — SR 89
Building Act 1993 — SRs 72, 73, 87, 96, 97
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 103
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SRs 92, 93
Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 — SR 88
Coroners Act 2008 — SR 68
County Court Act 1958 — SR 102
Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — SR 80
Dangerous Goods Act 1985 — SRs 100, 101
Electricity Safety Act 1998 — SR 71

Estate Agents Act 1980 — SR 90
Forests Act 1958 — SRs 81, 82
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 79
Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 — SR 69
Land Act 1958 — SR 83
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 75
Local Jobs First Act 2003 — SRs 74, 98
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 78
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 84
Private Security Act 2004 — SR 76
Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 — SR 91
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 86
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 99
Retirement Villages Act 1986 — SR 105
Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — SR 106
Service Victoria Act 2018 — SR 94
Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2004 — SR 77
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 95
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 70
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 85
Worker Screening Act 2020 — SR 104

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 64, 66, 68, 70, 75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 102, 105, 106, 107
Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Building Act 1993:
Minimum Financial Requirements and Administrative Guidelines 2026
Ministerial Direction to Building Surveyors made under s 188AA of the *Building Act 1993* in relation to the Operation of Section 24A of that Act
Premiums Order made under s 137Q
Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Ministerial Order No 1498, Exemptions from Attendance and Enrolment at School (Amendment) Order
Local Jobs First Act 2003 — Local Jobs First Policy
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — Transfer of Bond Guidelines

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2026.

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

Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Division 1 of Part 2 — 30 June 2026 *(Gazette S367, 30 June 2026)*

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaint and Worker Regulation) Act 2025 — Divisions 1 (other than ss 75 and 83(1)), 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 (other than ss 115 and 125) of Part 3.2 — 28 July 2026 *(Gazette S389, 7 July 2026)*.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill 2026 with amendments.

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

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 23 June 2026, given the royal assent to the Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026, presented to her by the Deputy Speaker.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 23 June 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026.

17 **ACTING DEPUTY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 27 July 2026, she administered to Keegan Scott Bartlett, the Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner of the Victorian Electoral Commission, the affirmation required by s 16 of the *Electoral Act 2002*.

18 **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 30 July 2026:

Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

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; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence;

Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

20 **NO CONFIDENCE MOTION** — Motion made and question — That the Premier and the other Ministers of State for the State of Victoria no longer possess the confidence of this House *(Jess Wilson)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **QUESTION TIME**.

22 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

23 **NO CONFIDENCE MOTION** — Debate continued on question — That the Premier and the other Ministers of State for the State of Victoria no longer possess the confidence of this House.

Motion made and question — That the question now be put *(Anthony Carbines)* — put.

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

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Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

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Question defeated.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **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 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker