



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 167, 168 and 169

No. 167 — Tuesday, 2 June 2026

- 1 The President took the Chair at 12.03 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **THE LATE HONOURABLE ROBERT IAN KNOWLES AO** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 29 April 2026, of the Honourable Robert Ian Knowles AO, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as a Member of the Legislative Council for the Electoral Province of Ballarat from 1976 to 1999, and as Minister for Housing from 1992 to 1996, Minister for Aged Care from 1992 to 1999, and Minister for Health from 1996 to 1999.

Other members addressed the House.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and the question was agreed to unanimously.

- 3 **THE LATE HONOURABLE NORMAN HENRY LACY** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 2 May 2026, of the Honourable Norman Henry Lacy, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Ringwood from 1973 to 1976 and the Electoral District of Warrandyte from 1976 to 1982, and as Minister for the Arts from 1979 to 1982 and Minister of Educational Services from 1981 to 1982.

Other members addressed the House.

Members rose in their places for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and the question was agreed to unanimously.

As a further mark of respect to the late Honourable Robert Knowles AO, and the late Honourable Norman Lacy, the sitting was suspended for one hour.

[Sitting suspended from 12.55 pm to 1.58 pm]

- 4 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read a Message from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on 19 May 2026, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

*Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026**Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Act 2026.*

- 5 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — The President advised the House that Dylan Wight, Member for Tarneit, resigned from the Electoral Matters Committee, effective from today.

6 **QUESTION TIME** —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed a minister to provide a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Rough sleepers (QwN 1328)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 4 June 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

7 **PETITIONS** —

IMMEDIATELY CANCEL THE DELBURN WIND FARM — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 889 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately cancel the Delburn Wind Farm and reverse the SEC Victoria funding due to a clear conflict of interest and unacceptable bushfire and financial risks (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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DESIST PROPOSED CAULFIELD TO BENTLEIGH AND ELSTERNWICK TRAIN AND TRAM ZONE ACTIVITY CENTRES — Georgie Crozier presented a petition bearing 658 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately desist from the proposed Caulfield to Bentleigh and Elsternwick Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres, consider significantly reducing the catchment walking radius from the stations, revise the area to only include roads managed by the Department of Transport and Planning, remove streets within the catchment radius of McKinnon Station, outline the proposal's environmental benefits and how it will provide promised 'jobs and services', engage in genuine and transparent consultation with affected local communities before decisions are finalised and make this consultation publicly available (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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MERENDA POLICE STATION — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 2,257 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to ensure that Mernda Police Station is fully staffed and returns to being open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (*Ordered to be tabled*).

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Wendy Lovell listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

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LEGISLATIVE REFORM FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM — Aiv Puglielli presented a petition bearing 376 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to change the current laws and

establish a comprehensive, trauma-informed and publicly managed workers' compensation system that includes statutory recognition of the right to worker wellbeing, safety and recovery; free, independent advocacy and peer-support services for all injured workers; integrated physical and psychological rehabilitation with safe, graduated return-to-work plans; stronger enforcement of employer compliance with workplace health and safety laws; and transparent reporting and clear accountability for all claims management decisions (*Ordered to be tabled*).

On the motion of Aiv Puglielli, the petition was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

8 PLANNING AMENDMENT (RESTRICTING NEW FAST FOOD DEVELOPMENTS)
BILL 2026 — David Ettershank introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to provide for restrictions on new fast food developments and for other purposes*.

On the motion of David Ettershank, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

9 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 7 of 2026 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Georgie Purcell tabled a Report on the Inquiry into electricity supply for electric vehicles (including an Appendix, Extracts of Proceedings and a Minority Report) from the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Georgie Purcell moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Auditor-General — Sustainability Reporting by Water Corporations, May 2026 (*released on 20 May 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 22 (*Gazette G19, 7 May 2026*).

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government responses to the —

Electoral Matters Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the 2025 Prahran and Werribee by-elections.

Integrity and Oversight Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the adequacy of the legislative framework for the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission.

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local government: a follow up of two Auditor-General reports.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
 Bass Coast, Cardinia and Casey Planning Schemes — Amendment GC148.
 Buloke Planning Scheme — Amendment C44.
 Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C282.
 Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme — Amendment C270.
 Horsham Planning Scheme — Amendment C88.
 Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C488 and C489.
 Moorabool Planning Scheme — Amendment C103.
 Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme — Amendment C318.
 Southern Grampians Planning Scheme — Amendment C63.
 Whittlesea Planning Scheme — Amendment C287.
 Yarra Planning Scheme — Amendment C338.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Building Act 1993 — No. 42.
 County Court Act 1958 — No. 56.
 Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004 — No. 41.
 Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012 — No. 44.
 Electoral Act 2002 — No. 45.
 Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — No. 47.
 Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — No. 46.
 Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 — No. 43.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56.

Legislative instruments and related documents under section 16B in respect of —

2026 Ministerial Order under section 16BA of the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005.

2026 Ministerial Order under section 22A of the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005.

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Wetlands Closure) Notice No. 2/2026, under section 86 of the Act (*Gazette S235, 5 May 2026*).

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PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers.

Government response to the Report of the Select Committee on Victoria Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274.

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PROCLAMATIONS — The Clerk tabled proclamations of the Governor in Council fixing operative dates for the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Act 2026 — Whole Act — 12 May 2026 (*Gazette S232, 5 May 2026*).

Electoral Amendment Act 2026 — Parts 1 and 2, other than section 73 —
25 May 2026 (*Gazette S251, 19 May 2026*).

10 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 1 June 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 1 April 2026 (on the motion of Melina Bath), relating to bushfire management, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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PUBLIC LOTTERY LICENCE AGREEMENT — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 1 June 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 13 May 2026 (on the motion of Bev McArthur), relating to the Public Lottery Licence agreement, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

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PAYROLL TAX FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS — In response to a resolution of the Council on 28 May 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), and further to the Government's initial response on 19 June 2025, relating to payroll tax for General Practitioners and other health professionals, the Clerk tabled —

- eight documents in full, two documents in part and schedules of the 21 documents identified; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 1 June 2026, making a claim of executive privilege over 11 documents in full and over two documents in part.

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ALTERNATIVES TO DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING SITES — In response to a resolution of the Council on 15 October 2025 (on the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio), and further to the Government's initial response on 5 January 2026, relating to alternatives to demolition of public housing sites, the Clerk tabled —

- four documents in full and schedules of the 25 documents identified; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 1 June 2026, making a claim of executive privilege over 21 documents in full.

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BRIEFINGS PROVIDED TO THE TREASURER — In response to a resolution of the Council on 14 May 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), and further to the Government's initial response on 18 June 2025, relating to briefings provided to the Treasurer, the Clerk tabled —

- three documents in part and schedules of the three documents identified; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 1 June 2026, making a claim of executive privilege over three documents in part.

On the motion of David Davis, the Attorney-General's letters and returns to orders for production of documents relating to bushfire management, the Public Lottery Licence agreement, payroll tax for General Practitioners and other health professionals, alternatives to demolition of public housing sites and briefings provided to the Treasurer were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

- 11 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL** — Bev McArthur moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 3 June 2026 —
- (1) notice of motion given this day by Bev McArthur on integrity;
 - (2) notice of motion No. 1430, standing in David Davis' name revoking Planning Scheme Amendments GC270 and VC300; and
 - (3) notice of motion given this day by Katherine Copsey on public transport.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

- 13 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1440, be postponed until later this day.

- 14 COGNATE DEBATE — APPROPRIATION (2026-2027) BILL 2026 — BUDGET PAPERS, 2026-27** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Budget Papers, 2026-27 be taken into consideration.

Pursuant to an order of the Council on 13 May 2026, the second reading debate on the Appropriation (2026-2027) Bill 2026 was taken concurrently with the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2026-27 into consideration.

Debate resumed on the questions, That the Appropriation (2026-2027) Bill 2026 be now read a second time, and That the Budget Papers, 2026-27 be taken into consideration.

Richard Welch moved as a reasoned amendment to the question, That the Appropriation (2026-2027) Bill 2026 be now read a second time, That all the words after "That" be omitted and replaced with "this House refuses to read the Bill a second time until the Government legislates to require the Treasurer to publicly report on Treasurer's Advances within 30 days of approval."

Debate ensued.

Lee Tarlamis moved, That the debate on the motion to take the Budget Papers, 2026-27 into consideration be adjourned until later this day.

Question — put and agreed to.

The concurrent debate having concluded —

- 15 APPROPRIATION (2026-2027) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time — and on the reasoned amendment moved by Richard Welch — That all the words after "That" be omitted and replaced with "this House refuses to read the Bill a second time until the Government legislates to require the Treasurer to publicly report on Treasurer's Advances within 30 days of approval."

Question — That the reasoned amendment moved by Richard Welch be agreed to — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

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

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

[Sitting suspended from 6.29 pm to 7.32 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Jaclyn Symes declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

16 ADJOURNMENT — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 11.02 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 168 — Wednesday, 3 June 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Auditor-General — Out-of-Home Care Services, June 2026 *(Ordered to be published)*.

Owners Corporations Act 2006 — Final Report on the Statutory Review of the Owners Corporations Act 2006, under section 210 of the Act.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Conveyancers Act 2006 — Nos. 49 and 50.

Estate Agents Act 1980 — Nos. 51 and 52.

Owners Corporations Act 2006 — Nos. 53 and 54.

Relationships Act 2008 — No. 48.

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — No. 55.

3 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.**4 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — EXTENSION OF THE CRANBOURNE TRAIN LINE —**

David Limbrick moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) the significant population growth in the Clyde North area within the City of Casey, which has placed increasing pressure on existing transport infrastructure;
- (b) that local residents, community groups, and stakeholders in the City of Casey have been calling for an extension of the Cranbourne line for more than ten years;
- (c) that public confidence in such projects is best upheld through open access to relevant documentation and business cases; and

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within eight weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution, documents related to any business proposal, funding agreement or feasibility study between the Federal Government and the Victorian Government concerning an extension of the Cranbourne train line, including but not limited to, all business cases, cost-benefit analyses, economic assessments, and feasibility studies prepared for, or by, either the Federal Government or the Victorian Government.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

5 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECTS — Evan Mulholland moved, That this House, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 14 days of this resolution being agreed to, all documents, including briefs, correspondence, advice and reports, created since 1 January 2022, held by the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Minister for Industrial Relations, the Department of Transport and Planning, the Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority, WorkSafe Victoria, or the Labour Hire Authority relating to —

- (1) the engagement, subcontracting or payment of Women in Construction Pty Ltd, Rock Solid Civil Contractors Pty Ltd, or any associated entity on Victorian Government-funded construction or transport infrastructure projects;
- (2) any probity, due diligence or labour hire licensing checks concerning those entities, their directors, senior managers, or persons exercising control or influence over them;
- (3) any complaints, concerns or investigations concerning those entities, including matters relating to criminal associations, workplace conduct, family violence or outlaw motorcycle gang involvement;
- (4) any briefing or correspondence to or from a minister or ministerial office concerning those entities; and
- (5) any decision, proposed decision, assessment, review or enforcement action by the Labour Hire Authority relating to the labour hire licence of Women in Construction Pty Ltd or any associated entity.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 6, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

6 INTEGRITY — Bev McArthur moved, That this House —

(1) notes —

- (a) Victoria's deepening integrity crisis, including the continued delay of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission's (IBAC) long-awaited Operation Richmond report, allegations of CFMEU corruption on Big Build projects, and the Watson report's estimate that corrupt conduct may have cost Victorian taxpayers up to \$15 billion;
- (b) that \$15 billion is not an abstract figure, but money that could have funded hospitals, ambulances, mental health beds, schools, roads and essential public services in a state burdened by record debt and failing to meet basic service standards;
- (2) condemns the revelation that Women in Construction Pty Ltd, a labour hire company that won major Big Build work under Labor's gender equity policy, was founded by a convicted domestic violence offender, managed by a jailed drug trafficker facing further charges, and used by bikie gang bosses from the Bandidos and Comancheros to place associates on taxpayer-funded projects earning up to \$300,000 a year;
- (3) notes that this firm operated while the Premier was the responsible minister, was granted a new CFMEU enterprise bargaining agreement as recently as February 2025, and that the Labour Hire Authority moved to rescind its licence only after media exposure;
- (4) calls on the Government to support publication of the Operation Richmond report and stronger 'follow the money' powers for IBAC; and
- (5) affirms that Victorians deserve to know whether public money was spent in the public interest, or funnelled to the crooks, bikies and abusers of women that Labor's Big Build has enriched.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

7 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — Ordered that the following answers be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting —

- On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to CFMEU monopoly on Big Build sites (QwN 1336).
- On the motion of David Ettershank, the answers given by Enver Erdogan to questions relating to the environmental impact of data centres (QwN 1337).

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

8 INTEGRITY — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

- (1) notes —
 - (a) Victoria’s deepening integrity crisis, including the continued delay of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission’s (IBAC) long-awaited Operation Richmond report, allegations of CFMEU corruption on Big Build projects, and the Watson report’s estimate that corrupt conduct may have cost Victorian taxpayers up to \$15 billion;
 - (b) that \$15 billion is not an abstract figure, but money that could have funded hospitals, ambulances, mental health beds, schools, roads and essential public services in a state burdened by record debt and failing to meet basic service standards;
- (2) condemns the revelation that Women in Construction Pty Ltd, a labour hire company that won major Big Build work under Labor’s gender equity policy, was founded by a convicted domestic violence offender, managed by a jailed drug trafficker facing further charges, and used by bikie gang bosses from the Bandidos and Comancheros to place associates on taxpayer-funded projects earning up to \$300,000 a year;
- (3) notes that this firm operated while the Premier was the responsible minister, was granted a new CFMEU enterprise bargaining agreement as recently as February 2025, and that the Labour Hire Authority moved to rescind its licence only after media exposure;
- (4) calls on the Government to support publication of the Operation Richmond report and stronger ‘follow the money’ powers for IBAC; and
- (5) affirms that Victorians deserve to know whether public money was spent in the public interest, or funnelled to the crooks, bikies and abusers of women that Labor’s Big Build has enriched.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 REVOCATION OF PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS GC270 AND VC300 — David Davis moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that —
 - (a) Planning Scheme Amendment GC270 was gazetted on 31 March 2026 and tabled in this House on 1 April 2026 and allows high-rise and high-density development without adequate checks and balances, including the central involvement of local councils and communities in 26 high-rise, high-density zones;
 - (b) Planning Scheme Amendment VC300 was gazetted on 19 March 2026 and tabled in this House on 31 March 2026 and allows development up to six storeys without council or community input;
- (2) pursuant to section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, revokes —
 - (a) Amendment GC270 to Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Glen Eira, Maribyrnong, Merri-bek, Monash and Stonnington Planning Schemes; and
 - (b) Amendment VC300 to the Victoria Planning Provisions.

Debate ensued.

The Acting President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

10 PUBLIC TRANSPORT — Katherine Copsey moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) in a cost-of-living crisis, free public transport has been good for Victoria;
- (2) Victoria still needs significant public transport improvements, including in outer suburban areas and regional Victoria;
- (3) these improvements could be funded by taxing the major banks and big corporations;

and calls on the Government to make public transport permanently free and frequent.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the total time allocated for debate, pursuant to Sessional Order 3, had elapsed.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

Katherine Copsey; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Sarah Mansfield; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell.

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NOES, 31

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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Question negated.

11 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.

12 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — SELECT COMMITTEE ON FIRE SERVICES FUNDING AND RESOURCES — Nick McGowan moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

The President advised that the time allocated for debate had concluded.

Question — put and agreed to.

13 ADJOURNMENT — Enver Erdogan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.13 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 169 — Thursday, 4 June 2026

1 The President took the Chair at 9.32 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to further amend the Electoral Act 2002 in relation to political donations, State funding and reporting requirements, to make consequential amendments to the Electoral Amendment Act 2026 and the Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Act 2026 and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.*

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 24

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 15

Melina Bath; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 14.35, Ingrid Stitt declared the Bill to be an urgent bill and moved, That the Bill be treated as an urgent bill.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 25

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an order of the Council on 23 April 2020)

Question agreed to.

On the motion of Ingrid Stitt, the Bill was ordered to be read a second time later this day.

3 PETITIONS —

MAINTAIN 100KM SPEED LIMITS FROM TRARALGON TO CHURCHILL — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 632 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to fix country roads, in particular Hazelwood Road and Boldings Road between Traralgon and Churchill, and increase the speed limit to 100 kilometres per hour *(Ordered to be tabled)*.

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REVIEW ALPINE RESORTS VICTORIA'S GOVERNANCE MODEL — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 794 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to review the Alpine Resorts Victoria's centralised governance model, in particular the flawed funding model, and provide targeted funding that reflects Mt Baw Baw's economic, social and strategic importance to Gippsland and Victoria's alpine system *(Ordered to be tabled)*.

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PROSTATE CANCER AND MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS — Nick McGowan presented a petition bearing 2,001 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to address the issue of prostate cancer and men's health awareness by encouraging sporting groups, including the Australian Football League and Cricket Victoria, to hold 'Blue' matches as a way of raising awareness *(Ordered to be tabled)*.

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Nick McGowan listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

4 PAPERS PRESENTED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled the following papers:

Auditor-General — Results of 2025 Audits: TAFEs and Universities, June 2026 *(Ordered to be published)*.

Commission for Children and Young People — Left behind: Systemic inquiry into responses to children and young people who are the subject of multiple reports to Child Protection *(Ordered to be published)*.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Administration and Probate Act 1958 — No. 57.

Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 — No. 60.

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — No. 61.

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — No. 58.

Taxation Administration Act 1997 — No. 62.

Worker Screening Act 2020 — No. 59.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

6 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1452, be postponed until later this day.

7 CONDOLENCE STATEMENT — THE LATE NEALE DANIHER AO — Harriet Shing moved, That this House expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Neale Daniher AO, footballer, coach, Victorian of the Year, Australian of the Year, and co-founder of FightMND, who faced motor neurone disease with extraordinary courage and grace, transforming personal hardship into hope for millions, and whose legacy will endure in Victoria and across the nation.

Other members addressed the House.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned until later this day.

8 ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Ingrid Stitt laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

Debate ensued.

Evan Mulholland (*EM70C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

9 QUESTION TIME —

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Members asked questions without notice and ministers made statements.

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ANSWERS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Harriet Shing to questions relating to non-emergency patient transport fuel costs (QwN 1342) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

10 ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ingrid Stitt (*IS30C and IS31C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt.

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NOES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

[Sitting suspended from 6.31 pm to 7.32 pm]

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 10.00 pm.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

Ingrid Stitt declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension.

The Council continued to sit after 12.00 midnight.

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the sitting be extended.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Ingrid Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 23

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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NOES, 12

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill with amendments and requesting their agreement.

11 BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT

BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Building Act 1993 in relation to places of public entertainment, emergency orders, building notices, building orders, decennial insurance, flood prone areas and minor matters, the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 in relation to adjudicators, authorised nominating authorities and reviews of that Act, the Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025 in relation to the statutory insurance scheme, minimum financial requirements and minor matters, the Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Act 2025 in relation to minor matters, the Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026 in relation to Ministerial guidelines, flood prone areas and minor matters, the Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Act 2026 in relation to a minor matter, the Sale of Land Act 1962 in relation to off-the-plan contracts and section 32 statements, the Water Act 1989 in relation to floodplain management, the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Act 2012 in relation to exemptions and offsets and the fixed charge on residential land, the Duties Act 2000 in relation to the concession from duty for newly constructed dwellings and the Land Tax Act 2005 in relation to the principal place of residence exemption and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Harriet Shing laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland (for David Davis), the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 12 OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to establish Outdoor Recreation Victoria, to establish the Land Access Panel, to repeal the Game Management Authority Act 2014 and the Victorian Fisheries Authority Act 2016, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Enver Erdogan), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Harriet Shing laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland (for Melina Bath), the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 13 VICTORIA POLICE AMENDMENT (POLICE RESERVISTS) BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Victoria Police Act 2013 in relation to police reservists, to consequentially amend the Firearms Act 1996 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Enver Erdogan), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Harriet Shing laid on the Table statements of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Harriet Shing incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Evan Mulholland, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 14 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Harriet Shing moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 15 ADJOURNMENT** — Harriet Shing moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 4.46 am until Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 167, 168 and 169

APPROPRIATION (2026-2027) BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Clauses 1 to 10 — put and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 3 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Thursday, 4 June 2026

Amendments circulated: Evan Mulholland (EM70C) (pp. 1625-6) and Ingrid Stitt (IS30C and IS31C) (p. 1626)

Clauses 1 to 4 — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 (EM70C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans;
Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey;
Enver Erdogan; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane;
David Limbrick; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli;
Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra;
Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment Nos. 1, 2 and 4 (IS31C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 3 (IS31C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Evan Mulholland moved amendment Nos. 3 to 5 (*EM70C*).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 21

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

Clause 5, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 11 — put and agreed to.

Clause 12 — Ingrid Stitt moved amendment No. 1 (*IS30C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Shaun Leane; Sarah Mansfield; Tom McIntosh; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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NOES, 13

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; David Limbrick; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Evan Mulholland; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

Clause 12, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 13 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026***Amendments circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM70C)*

1. Clause 5, page 7, lines 27 to 30 and page 8, lines 1 to 15, omit all words and expression on these lines and insert—

"associated entity means—

- (a) an entity that is controlled by one or more registered political parties; or
- (b) an entity that operates wholly, or to a significant extent, for the benefit of one or more registered political parties; or
- (c) an entity that is a financial member of a registered political party; or
- (d) an entity on whose behalf another person is a financial member of a registered political party; or
- (e) an entity that has voting rights in a registered political party; or
- (f) an entity on whose behalf another person has voting rights in a registered political party—

but does not include a trade union;"

2. Clause 5, page 101, line 7, omit "1 July 2023" and insert "27 November 2022".
3. Clause 5, page 102, lines 9 to 33 and page 103, lines 1 to 25, omit all words and expression on these lines and insert—

"279 Disclosure of amounts received by registered political parties from nominated entities since 2022 general election

- (1) A registered political party that received an amount from a nominated entity during the period beginning on 27 November 2022 and ending on the day on which the **Electoral Further Amendment Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent must disclose to the Commission, within 30 days after the end of that period the details specified under subsection (2) in respect of that amount.

Penalty: 200 penalty units.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following details are specified—

- (a) the name of the registered political party;
- (b) the name of the nominated entity;
- (c) the date on which the amount was received;
- (d) the size of the amount.

280 Disclosure of amounts given to registered political parties by nominated entities since 2022 general election

- (1) A nominated entity that gave an amount to a registered political party during the period beginning on 27 November 2022 and ending on the day on which the **Electoral Further Amendment Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent must disclose to the Commission, within 30 days after the end of that period the details specified under subsection (2) in respect of that amount.

Penalty: 200 penalty units.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following details are specified—

- (a) the name of the registered political party;
- (b) the name of the nominated entity;
- (c) the date on which the amount was given;
- (d) the size of the amount."

- 4. Clause 5, page 105, line 2, omit "**specified gift**" and insert "**other**".
- 5. Clause 5, page 105, line 10, omit "a specified gift" and insert "an amount".

Amendment circulated by Ingrid Stitt (IS30C)

- 1. Clause 12, page 115, line 7, after "Assembly" insert "or former member, however described, of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or the Parliament of another State or a Territory".

Amendments circulated by Ingrid Stitt (IS31C)

- 1. Clause 5, page 13, lines 21 to 23, omit "or, if a higher amount is prescribed by the regulations, the prescribed amount".
- 2. Clause 5, page 92, in the Table, in Column 2 of Item 2, omit "or the prescribed amount".
- 3. Clause 5, page 101, line 7, omit "1 July 2023" and insert "25 November 2018".
- 4. Clause 5, page 107, lines 33 to 35, omit "or, if a higher amount is prescribed by the regulations, the prescribed amount".