



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 173, 174 and 175

No. 173 — Tuesday, 28 July 2026

- 1 The President took the Chair at 12.03 pm, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read Messages from the Governor informing the Council that she had:
 - On 23 June 2026, given the Royal Assent to the following Act presented to her by the Deputy Speaker:
Appropriation (Parliament 2026-2027) Act 2026.
 - On 23 June 2026, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:
Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Act 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Act 2026.
- 3 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Pursuant to Standing Order 14.34, the President announced receipt of a report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in the schedule of amendments made by the Council to this Bill:
 - Original Amendment 10 in the schedule of amendments has been moved to before original Amendment 5 and the insertion reference has been changed in the Amendment from “Clause 3, page 4, after line 27 insert—” to “Clause 3, after line 32 insert—”.
- 4 **OMBUDSMAN REFERRAL — QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND REGULATION DIVISION’S OVERSIGHT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES — UPDATE ON INVESTIGATION** — The President read a letter from the Ombudsman, dated 3 July 2026, advising that the investigation into matters referred by the Legislative Council on 30 July 2025 relating to the performance of the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division of the Department of Education in monitoring, investigating, and enforcing compliance with Victoria’s Child Safe Standards and the National Quality Framework is progressing well, however it appears unlikely they will be in a position to report to Parliament during the current parliamentary term, and further advising that the Ombudsman will

keep the House apprised of any further developments and table the investigation report in both Houses when it is complete.

On the motion of David Davis, the letter was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

5 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 David Davis, the answers given by Jaclyn Symes to questions relating to Big Build corruption (QwN 1379) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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

- **Albert Park Advisory Committee (QwN 1374)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Katherine Copsey — response from Enver Erdogan due Wednesday, 29 July 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

6 PETITIONS —

PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY — Katherine Copsey presented a petition bearing 11 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to increase funding for public transport accessibility, construct compliant ramps and employ additional staff to aid disabled commuters (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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REMOVE THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE CENTRAL NORTH REZ FROM THE 2025 VICTORIAN TRANSMISSION PLAN — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 10,460 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Minister for Energy and Resources and VicGrid to remove the eastern section of the Central North Renewable Energy Zone from the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan until proper consultation with affected landowners and community is undertaken (*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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FARMERS LAND ACCESS VETO RIGHTS — David Davis presented a petition bearing 5,786 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to amend the relevant agriculture legislation to include the right for all Victorian farmers to veto any proposed land access where they believe access activities would adversely affect their farm (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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RETURN HAROLD FREEDMAN'S GEELONG REGIONAL HISTORY MOSAIC MURAL TO PUBLIC DISPLAY — Bev McArthur presented a petition bearing 1,975 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the

Government to return the Harold Freedman Geelong regional history mosaic mural to unimpeded public display as soon as possible (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ROADWORKS IN PAKENHAM — Renee Heath presented a petition bearing 2,018 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to take immediate steps to lay out specific criteria and timelines for financial assistance to those affected by roadworks in Pakenham, and open channels of communication so that business owners are informed and supported throughout the process (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

- 7 CANNABIS LEGALISATION PLEBISCITE BILL 2026** — David Ettershank introduced *A Bill for an Act to provide for the conduct of a plebiscite about the legalisation of cannabis*.

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.

- 8 FORESTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CLOSING LOGGING LOOPHOLES) BILL 2026** — Sarah Mansfield introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Forests Act 1958, the Conservation Forests and Lands Act 1987 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and to repeal the Forests (Wood Pulp Agreements) Act 1996 and for other purposes*.

On the motion of Sarah Mansfield, 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. 9 of 2026 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Tom McIntosh tabled a Report on the Inquiry into the review of the Members Code of Conduct (including Appendices) from the Parliamentary Ethics Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

Tom McIntosh moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE — Pursuant to Standing Order 23.22, Michael Galea tabled a Report on the Inquiry into the 2026 summer fires across Victoria (including an Appendix, Extracts of Proceedings and Minority Reports) from the Environment and Planning Committee, and presented Transcripts of Evidence (*Transcripts of Evidence ordered to be tabled and the Report published*).

Michael Galea moved, That the Council take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Auditor-General —

Annual Plan, 2026-27 (*released on 24 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Delivering School Upgrade Projects, June 2026 (*replacement for copy tabled on Wednesday, 17 June 2026*) (*released on 30 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Follow-up: Service Victoria – Digital Delivery of Government Services, June 2026 (*released on 24 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Investing in Early Intervention Initiatives, June 2026 (*released on 30 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Planning and Managing Drainage Schemes in Melbourne's Growth Areas, June 2026 (*released on 24 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — Partnerships for Nature: Framework for Victorian State of the Environment Reporting, under section 17 of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria Act 2003.

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 —

Order of 8 July 2026 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Alexandra Gardens Reserve.

Order of 6 July 2026 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Sandringham Beach Park.

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2026, under section 303 of the Act.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan, 2026-27 (*released on 29 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Annual Plan, 2026-27 (*released on 29 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notices under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to —

Statutory Rule No. 38 (*Gazette S408, 15 July 2026*).

Statutory Rule No. 58 (*Gazette G26, 25 June 2026*).

Statutory Rule No. 71 (*Gazette G27, 2 July 2026*).

Inquiries Act 2014 — 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, May 2026 (*released on 16 July 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Ombudsman — Annual Plan, 2026-27 (*released on 29 June 2026 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —

Alpine Planning Scheme — Amendment C73.

Ballarat Planning Scheme — Amendment C234.

Bayside and Kingston Planning Schemes — Amendment GC246.

Boroondara, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Stonnington and Whitehorse Planning Schemes — Amendment GC285.

- Casey Planning Scheme — Amendment C302.
- Darebin Planning Scheme — Amendment C231.
- Golden Plains Planning Scheme — Amendment C113.
- Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme — Amendment C251.
- Greater Dandenong and Moorabool Planning Schemes — Amendment GC260.
- Kingston and Monash Planning Schemes — Amendment GC247.
- Monash Planning Scheme — Amendments C176 and C177.
- Monash and Whitehorse Planning Schemes — Amendment GC248.
- Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme — Amendment C295.
- Port Phillip Planning Scheme — Amendments C231 and C234.
- Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendments C316 and C361.
- Whitehorse Planning Scheme — Amendment C255.
- Yarra and Warrnambool Planning Schemes — Amendment GC278.
- Professional Standards Act 2003 — Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited Professional Standards Scheme, under section 14 of the Act (*Gazette S366, 30 June 2026*).
- State Owned Enterprises Act 1992 — Constitution of Innovation Victoria Pty Ltd, together with a Record of a resolution of the sole member of Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd adopting this Constitution, dated 29 June 2026, under section 75 of the Act.
- Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —
 - Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — No. 89.
 - Building Act 1993 — Nos. 72, 73, 87, 96 and 97.
 - Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — No. 103.
 - Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — Nos. 92 and 93.
 - Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 — No. 88.
 - Coroners Act 2008 — No. 68.
 - County Court Act 1958 — No. 102.
 - Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — No. 80.
 - Dangerous Goods Act 1985 — Nos. 100 and 101.
 - Electricity Safety Act 1998 — No. 71.
 - Estate Agents Act 1980 — No. 90.
 - Forests Act 1958 — Nos. 81 and 82.
 - Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — No. 79.
 - Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 — No. 69.
 - Land Act 1958 — No. 83.
 - Local Government Act 2020 — No. 75.
 - Local Jobs First Act 2003 — Nos. 74 and 98.
 - Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — No. 78.
 - National Parks Act 1975 — No. 84.
 - Private Security Act 2004 — No. 76.
 - Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 — No. 91.
 - Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — No. 86.
 - Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — No. 99.
 - Retirement Villages Act 1986 — No. 105.
 - Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — No. 106.
 - Service Victoria Act 2018 — No. 94.

Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — No. 77.

Tobacco Act 1987 — No. 95.

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — No. 70.

Wildlife Act 1975 — No. 85.

Worker Screening Act 2020 — No. 104.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —

Documents under section 15 in relation to —

Statutory Rule Nos. 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 and 107.

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

Building Act 1993 —

Minimum Financial Requirements and Administrative Guidelines 2026, under section 316A of the Act.

Ministerial Direction to Building Surveyors in relation to the operation of section 24A, under section 188AA of the of the Act.

Statutory Insurance Scheme Premiums Order 2026, under section 137Q of the Act.

Local Jobs First Policy, under the Local Jobs First Act 2003.

Ministerial Order No. 1498 – Order amending Ministerial Order No. 713 – Exemptions from Attendance and Enrolment at School (Amendment) Order, under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Transfer of Bond Guidelines, under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997.

Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — Surveillance Devices Inspection Report by Integrity Oversight Victoria on its inspections of surveillance device records during the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024, under section 30Q of the Act (*Ordered to be published*).

Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — Counter-Terrorism Powers Inspection Reports by Integrity Oversight Victoria on Victoria Police records, under section 37D of the Act, for the period —

November 2024 to February 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

March 2025 to August 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2026, effective 1 July 2026, together with a Statement of Reasons, under section 26 of the Act.

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

Response from the Minister for Police to petition titled Mernda Police Station (petition No. 766) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 2 June 2026) (*released on 1 July 2026*).

Response from the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to petition titled Improve safety of Elmore-Raywood Road and Northern Highway Intersection (petition No. 731) (presented by Gaelle Broad on 18 February 2026) (*released on 1 July 2026*).

Response from the Minister for Sport and Major Events to petition titled Prostate cancer and men's health awareness (petition No. 767) (presented by Nick McGowan on 4 June 2026) (*released on 9 July 2026*).

Response from the Minister for the State Electricity Commission to petition titled Immediately cancel the Delburn Wind Farm (petition No. 761) (presented by Melina Bath on 12 May 2026) (*released on 26 June 2026*).

Response from the Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC to petition titled Legislative reform for workers' compensation system (petition No. 715) (presented by Aiv Puglielli on 2 June 2026) (*released on 1 July 2026*).

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

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

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

10 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

EXTENSION OF THE CRANBOURNE TRAIN LINE — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 27 July 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 3 June 2026 (on the motion of David Limbrick), relating to the extension of the Cranbourne train line, 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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BALLARAT STATION UPGRADE — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 27 July 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 17 June 2026 (on the motion of Joe McCracken), relating to the Ballarat Station Upgrade, 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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INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP EAST PROJECT — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 27 July 2026, in response to a resolution of the Council on 17 June 2026 (on the motion of David Ettershank), relating to Infrastructure Australia's assessment of the Suburban Rail Loop East Project, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

11 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Bev McArthur moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 29 July 2026 —

- (1) order of the day No. 3, second reading of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitating Timely Reporting) Bill 2026;
- (2) order of the day made this day, second reading of the Cannabis Legalisation Plebiscite Bill 2026;
- (3) notice of motion given this day by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell on the Victorian road network;

- (4) notice of motion given this day by Bev McArthur on leadership in the Victorian Labor Party; and
- (5) notice of motion given this day by Evan Mulholland expressing that the House does not have confidence in the Victorian Labor Party to govern Victoria.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 12 LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO CLAIMS MADE THROUGH THE TRANSPORT ACCIDENT COMMISSION (TAC) —** Joe McCracken moved, by leave, That the reporting date for the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Inquiry into claims made through the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) be extended to 25 August 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 13 SELECT COMMITTEE — EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE — INQUIRY INTO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SECTOR IN VICTORIA —** Anasina Gray-Barberio moved, by leave, That the reporting date for the final report of the Select Committee on the Early Childhood Education and Care Sector in Victoria be extended to 9 September 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 14 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — ORDER OF BUSINESS —** Lee Tarlamis moved, by leave, That so much of Sessional Orders be suspended to the extent necessary to allow on Wednesday, 29 July 2026, Petitions (qualifying for debate) to take place before Statements on tabled papers and petitions.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

- 16 BUSINESS POSTPONED —** Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1517, be postponed until later this day.

- 17 EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026 —** Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Evan Mulholland (*EM71C*) and Lizzie Blandthorn (*LB45C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 35

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 3

Moir Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

Question agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

Bill reported with amendments, the Report was adopted.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 35

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; David Ettershank; Michael Galea; Anasina Gray-Barberio; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Sarah Mansfield; Bev McArthur; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Tom McIntosh; Evan Mulholland; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 3

Moira Deeming; David Limbrick; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell.

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

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.

18 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of orders of the day, government business, Nos. 2 to 4, be postponed until later this day.

19 COGNATE DEBATE — DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026 — OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026 — The concurrent debate commenced on the questions, That these Bills be now read a second time.

The concurrent debate having concluded —

20 DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026 — 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.

Business interrupted at 6.30 pm.

On the motion of Jaclyn Symes, the meal break scheduled for this day was suspended.

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.

21 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026

— 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.

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.

22 ADJOURNMENT — Ingrid Stitt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.15 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD

Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 174 — Wednesday, 29 July 2026

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

- 2 **PETITION — POUND ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** — Ann-Marie Hermans presented a petition bearing 859 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to install appropriate safety barriers along Pound Road, particularly in the vulnerable sections, relocate the footpath further away from the roadway, reduce the speed limit to 60 km/h in this predominantly residential area, undertake a comprehensive road safety review of Pound Road to prevent further tragedies, and consider updating the relevant legislation or regulations to require footpaths to be a minimum of a metre from high traffic roads (*Ordered to be tabled*).

- 3 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FUNCTIONS) BILL 2026** — Rachel Payne introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 to repeal the requirement that the Commission prioritise the investigation of serious or systemic corrupt conduct and for other purposes*.

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

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

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Electoral Act 2002 — No. 108.

Victoria Police Act 2013 — No. 107.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 76, 100 and 101.

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

- 6 INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FACILITATING TIMELY REPORTING) BILL 2026** — David Davis 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*.

David Davis moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Ryan Batchelor, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

- 7 CANNABIS LEGALISATION PLEBISCITE BILL 2026** — David Ettershank 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*.

David Ettershank moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Lee Tarlamis, the debate was adjourned for two weeks.

- 8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — VICTORIA'S THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES** — Sarah Mansfield moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) delivered a thorough assessment of the State Government's response to biodiversity decline in 2021;
- (b) VAGO's *Protecting Victoria's Biodiversity* report found that the former Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (the Department) could not demonstrate if, or how well, it is halting further decline in Victoria's threatened species populations;
- (c) the Department accepted all nine of VAGO's recommendations, including Recommendation —
 - (i) 8, that the Department "provides updated, comprehensive, scientific and evidence-based advice to the government on the ongoing resources required to improve the net outlook for all threatened species listed under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*";
 - (ii) 9, that the Department "provides advice to the government about the investment required to protect and recover prioritised critically endangered species at extreme risk of extinction";
- (d) the Department has since fulfilled both recommendations and provided advice to the Government on the investment required to manage Victoria's threatened species crisis and protect and recover critically endangered species;
- (e) the Government has not made this advice public; and

- (2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 60 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, departmental advice developed pursuant to Recommendations 8 and 9 of VAGO's *Protecting Victoria's Biodiversity* report regarding the investment required to manage Victoria's threatened species crisis and protect and recover critically endangered species.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — JOHN MERRITT REVIEW OF INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKSITES — Bev McArthur moved, That this House, in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within 30 days of the House agreeing to this resolution, copies of the following documents —

- (1) the final, unredacted review, report or advice prepared by or involving Mr John Merritt concerning corruption, criminal infiltration, unlawful conduct, industrial misconduct and related probity or governance issues on Big Build or other Victorian Government infrastructure worksites;
- (2) all drafts, interim reports, recommendations, appendices, attachments and supporting materials provided by Mr Merritt or any person assisting him;
- (3) all correspondence, including emails, letters and file notes, between Mr Merritt and any minister, ministerial office, department or agency concerning the commissioning, scope, findings, recommendations, release or implementation of the review;
- (4) all briefs, advice, submissions, meeting papers and decision documents provided to or from the Premier, Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Minister for Police, Attorney-General, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Transport and Planning, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority or Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority concerning the review's findings or recommendations, including —
 - (a) when it was received by Government;
 - (b) any decision not to release it in full;
 - (c) any proposed redactions, legal concerns or communications strategy;
 - (d) any delay in accepting, announcing or implementing recommendations;
 - (e) whether it affected the Government's decision not to establish a royal commission into Big Build corruption; and
- (5) recording implementation plans, timelines, responsible agencies, funding or legislative changes arising from the review.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

10 VICTORIAN ROAD NETWORK — Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that Victoria's road network is fundamental to the safety, economic prosperity and connectivity of communities across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria;
- (2) acknowledges that Victorians rely on a safe and well-maintained road network for access to employment, education, healthcare, freight transport, tourism, and emergency services;
- (3) notes —
 - (a) the declining condition of many State-managed roads, including deteriorating surfaces, potholes, damaged shoulders, inadequate drainage, faded line markings and deteriorating safety barriers;
 - (b) that the condition of the Hume, Western, Midland and Goulburn Valley Highways have been the subject of sustained community concern;
 - (c) that deteriorating road conditions —
 - (i) increase the likelihood of crashes;
 - (ii) create significant hazards for motorcyclists and cyclists;
 - (iii) increase the risk of tyre failures and vehicle damage;

- (iv) place emergency services personnel at greater risk;
- (v) increase freight operating costs through vehicle damage and delays;
- (4) expresses concern that short-term pothole repairs have failed to provide lasting improvements, resulting in increased maintenance costs and ongoing safety risks;
- (5) condemns the Government for its ongoing mismanagement of the road network, its failure to prioritise preventative maintenance and long-term asset renewal, and provide road users with safe and reliable road infrastructure;
- (6) calls on the Government to —
 - (a) publish a statewide road condition assessment identifying roads requiring urgent intervention;
 - (b) prioritise permanent surface reconstruction;
 - (c) establish publicly reported maintenance performance targets, including response times for hazardous defects; and
 - (d) provide regular public reporting on the condition of Victoria's arterial road network and maintenance expenditure.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

11 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 Ambulance response times (QwN 1388) were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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

- **Data centre development approvals (QwN 1381)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by David Ettershank — response from Harriet Shing due Friday, 31 July 2026.
- **Support for regional tourism (QwN 1385)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell — response from Enver Erdogan due Friday, 31 July 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

12 VICTORIAN ROAD NETWORK — Debate continued on the question, That this House —

- (1) notes that Victoria's road network is fundamental to the safety, economic prosperity and connectivity of communities across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria;
- (2) acknowledges that Victorians rely on a safe and well-maintained road network for access to employment, education, healthcare, freight transport, tourism, and emergency services;
- (3) notes —

- (a) the declining condition of many State-managed roads, including deteriorating surfaces, potholes, damaged shoulders, inadequate drainage, faded line markings and deteriorating safety barriers;
- (b) that the condition of the Hume, Western, Midland and Goulburn Valley Highways have been the subject of sustained community concern;
- (c) that deteriorating road conditions —
 - (i) increase the likelihood of crashes;
 - (ii) create significant hazards for motorcyclists and cyclists;
 - (iii) increase the risk of tyre failures and vehicle damage;
 - (iv) place emergency services personnel at greater risk;
 - (v) increase freight operating costs through vehicle damage and delays;
- (4) expresses concern that short-term pothole repairs have failed to provide lasting improvements, resulting in increased maintenance costs and ongoing safety risks;
- (5) condemns the Government for its ongoing mismanagement of the road network, its failure to prioritise preventative maintenance and long-term asset renewal, and provide road users with safe and reliable road infrastructure;
- (6) calls on the Government to —
 - (a) publish a statewide road condition assessment identifying roads requiring urgent intervention;
 - (b) prioritise permanent surface reconstruction;
 - (c) establish publicly reported maintenance performance targets, including response times for hazardous defects; and
 - (d) provide regular public reporting on the condition of Victoria's arterial road network and maintenance expenditure.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

13 LEADERSHIP IN THE LABOR PARTY — Bev McArthur moved, That this House —

- (1) notes that after more than a decade of Labor Government, Victorians now have their third Labor Premier in three years, the second in a row installed by factions of the Labor Party;
- (2) further notes that the new Premier, the Hon. Ben Carroll MP —
 - (a) served as Deputy Premier throughout a Government mired in CFMEU corruption allegations, record debt approaching \$200 billion and record crime;
 - (b) as Minister for Education, presided over botched VCE exams, the collapse of teacher pay negotiations, statewide strikes and lost learning for Victorian children;
 - (c) refused to support a royal commission into Big Build corruption, dismissing it as something that would take too long and cost too much;
- (3) observes that Mr Carroll's sudden leadership challenge, after publicly looking Premier Allan in the eye, pledging loyalty only weeks earlier, exposes the division, dishonesty and desperation inside Victorian Labor;
- (4) further observes that elevating the Deputy Premier of a failing Government is not 'renewal' but rewarding failure, and that swapping one architect of the mess for another is factional juggling, not real change;

- (5) declares that every crisis confronting Victoria today, in crime, health, education, housing, debt and integrity, was created by the Cabinet in which Mr Carroll sat as Deputy Premier; and
- (6) concludes that the only leadership ballot that can fix Victoria is November's election, when Victorians finally get the vote Labor's factions have twice denied them and can throw this entire failed Government out of office.

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, 14

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; 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, 15

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Tom McIntosh; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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Question negated.

- 14 VICTORIAN LABOR PARTY'S GOVERNING OF VICTORIA** — Evan Mulholland moved, That this House does not possess confidence in the Victorian Labor Party to govern Victoria.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 17

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; David Ettershank; 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, 15

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Shaun Leane; Tom McIntosh; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Jaclyn Symes; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.

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

Question agreed to.

- 15 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of the remaining notices of motion and orders of the day, general business, be postponed until later this day.

- 16 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — SAVE VICHEALTH** — Sarah Mansfield 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.

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

18 EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly informing the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill.

19 ADJOURNMENT — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.18 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 175 — Thursday, 30 July 2026

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

2 ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026 — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *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 requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

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.

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

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

Commission for Children and Young People — With us, not against us: A systemic inquiry to learn from the experiences of children who entered the criminal justice system before 14 (*Ordered to be published*).

Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 — Final Report on the Statutory Review of the Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019, under section 102 of the Act.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013 — No. 109.

Road Safety Act 1986 — No. 110.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 74, 103 and 104.

- 4 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

- 6 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1517, be postponed until later this day.

- 7 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted for members to attend a special sitting to consider a motion endorsing a statement of apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools, pursuant to a resolution of the Council on 18 June 2026.

[Sitting suspended from 11.18 am to 2.00 pm]

- 8 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:

- **Firearms safety inspections and police resourcing (QwN 1394)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 3 August 2026.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 9 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

House in Committee.

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.

- 10 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of orders of the day, government business, Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until later this day.

- 11 BUDGET PAPERS, 2026-27** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Budget Papers, 2026-27 be taken into consideration.

On the motion of Wendy Lovell, the debate was adjourned until the next day of meeting.

- 12 CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Corrections Act 1986 to provide that a prisoner's right to be in the open air is subject to operational considerations and*

to validate certain actions taken without delegations in place between 29 April 2024 and 18 May 2026 and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Lizzie Blandthorn 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*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard (except for the statement under section 31(1) of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*).

Lizzie Blandthorn made a statement pursuant to section 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of an override declaration.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 13 CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 in relation to forfeiture, seizure and debt collection, the Conveyancers Act 2006 in relation to the suspension of licences, the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995 in relation to certain agreements to vary domestic building contracts, the Estate Agents Act 1980 in relation to the suspension of licences and the sale of residential properties, the Owners Corporations Act 2006 in relation to payment plans and proceedings, the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 in relation to persons subjected to family violence and personal violence, compensation, keys and security devices, bonds and Part 4A parks, the Retirement Villages Act 1986 in relation to the release of entry payments, the Sale of Land Act 1962 in relation to section 32 statements and deposit moneys, the Subdivision Act 1988 in relation to applications to VCAT, the Tobacco Act 1987 in relation to powers to close premises, powers and penalties for commercial landlords and the forfeiture and destruction of illicit tobacco, the Motor Car Traders Act 1986 in relation to the administration of the Motor Car Traders' Guarantee Fund, warranty periods, licences, record keeping and the sale of used motor cars, certain other Acts and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.*

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn (for Ingrid Stitt), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Lizzie Blandthorn 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*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 14 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 to enact a right to work from home and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.*

On the motion of Lizzie Blandthorn (for Jaclyn Symes), the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

Lizzie Blandthorn 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*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 15 FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Firearms Act 1996 to ensure the continuation of the firearm prohibition order scheme, to make further provision for the categorisation of firearms, to increase penalties for certain offences and to impose a citizenship requirement and a firearms background check requirement on the holding of a licence, to make consequential amendments to the Firearms Amendment Act 2018 and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.

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

Lizzie Blandthorn 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*.

Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Lizzie Blandthorn incorporated the second reading speech in Hansard.

On the motion of Melina Bath, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT** — Lizzie Blandthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.49 pm until Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 173, 174 and 175

EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 28 July 2026

Amendments circulated: Lizzie Blandthorn (LB45C) (p. 1713) and Evan Mulholland (EM71C) (p. 1713)

Clause 1 — Lizzie Blandthorn moved amendment No. 1 (*LB45C*).

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

Clause 1, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 — put and agreed to.

Clause 5 — Evan Mulholland moved amendment No. 1 (*EM71C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 16

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; 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, 22

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Sheena Watt.

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Question negatived.

Clause 5 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 30 — put and agreed to.

Clause 31 — Lizzie Blandthorn moved amendment Nos. 2 to 5 (*LB45C*).

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

Clause 31, as amended — put and agreed to.

Clause 32 — put and agreed to.

Long title — Lizzie Blandthorn moved amendment No. 6 (*LB45C*).

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

Question — That the long title, as amended, be the long title of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

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DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 28 July 2026

Clauses 1 to 187 — put and agreed to.

Schedules 1 to 3 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026

Committed Tuesday, 28 July 2026

Clauses 1 to 274 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026

Committed Thursday, 30 July 2026

Clauses 1 to 43 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026***Amendments circulated by Lizzie Blandthorn (LB45C)*

1. Clause 1, page 3, lines 8 and 9, omit "statute law revision amendment" and insert "technical amendment in relation to the publication of information".
2. Clause 31, line 3, omit "**Statute law revision**" and insert "**Publication of information**".
3. Clause 31, line 6, before "that subsection" insert "subsection (5) of".
4. Clause 31, line 7, omit "'that section',' and insert "'subsections (5) and (6) of that section'".
5. Clause 31, lines 8 and 9, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
6. Long title, omit "statute law revision amendment" and insert "technical amendment in relation to the publication of information".

Amendment circulated by Evan Mulholland (EM71C)

1. Clause 5, page 7, lines 1 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

