



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
60TH PARLIAMENT
Nos. 122, 123 and 124

No. 122 — Tuesday, 29 July 2025

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

2 **THE LATE HONOURABLE BRIAN JAMES DIXON** — Jaclyn Symes moved, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 9 July 2025, of the Honourable Brian James Dixon, 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 St Kilda from 1964 to 1982, and as Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation from 1973 to 1982, Minister of Social Welfare from 1976 to 1979, Minister of Housing from 1979 to 1981, and Minister for Employment and Training 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, the sitting was suspended for one hour.

[Sitting suspended from 12.33 pm to 1.36 pm]

3 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read Messages from the Governor informing the Council that she had —

On 24 June 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Deputy Speaker:

Appropriation (2025-2026) Act 2025

Appropriation (Parliament 2025-2026) Act 2025.

On 24 June 2025, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Act 2025

State Taxation Acts Amendment Act 2025.

4 **QUESTION TIME** —

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

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

- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to notifications of outcomes of Working with Children Checks (QwN 966).
- On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the answers given by Lizzie Blandthorn to questions relating to the effectiveness of the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division (QARD) (QwN 969).

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MINISTER'S STATEMENT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION — On the motion of Georgie Crozier, the minister's statement made by Lizzie Blandthorn relating to response to childcare allegations was 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 a written response to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Nationally harmonised Working with Children Checks (QwN 968)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Rachel Payne — response from Enver Erdogan due Thursday, 31 July 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

5 PETITIONS —

MARINE RANGERS — Melina Bath presented a petition bearing 4 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to increase or keep the current number of Marine Rangers in Victoria (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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NEW PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR KILMORE — Gaele Broad presented a petition bearing 570 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately start building a public high school for Kilmore (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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CANCEL PLANS TO COMMISSION A STATUE OF FORMER PREMIER DANIEL ANDREWS — Moira Deeming presented a petition bearing 12,644 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to cancel any plans to commission or install a statue of former Premier, the Hon. Daniel Andrews, particularly if any form of public funds or private funding is to be used, as commemorating a living and divisive political figure whose legacy remains subject to scrutiny breaks with long-standing convention (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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RESTORE FUNDING FOR HALLS OUTDOOR EDUCATION — Renee Heath presented a petition bearing 116 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently reinstate funding to Halls Outdoor Education to safeguard its unique training services, regional jobs, and youth opportunities (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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SAFETY WORK ON MAIN AND CONNESS STREETS IN CHILTERN — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 102 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to initiate immediate safety improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Conness Street in Chiltern, fix the road surface in Main Street, reduce heavy vehicle usage through residential areas, and develop a long-term plan to improve the intersection and the residential area of Main Street which houses the Chiltern Preschool and Chiltern Childcare Centre (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND CONNESS STREET IN CHILTERN — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 133 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to initiate immediate safety improvements to the intersection of Main Street and Conness Street in Chiltern, conduct a traffic count at the intersection, check that heavy vehicle weight limits are not being exceeded and develop a long-term plan to improve safety at the intersection (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

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ROOMING HOUSES PLANNING SCHEME REQUIREMENTS — Wendy Lovell presented a petition bearing 402 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to change the section 52.23 requirements for Victorian Planning Schemes to allow for a limit on the number of rooming houses an area can have, set a minimum distance between existing rooming houses and allow for community consultation through council or private building surveyors when building a domestic scale rooming house (*Ordered to be tabled*).

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

6 PAPERS —

COMMITTEE REPORT — SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Sonja Terpstra tabled Alert Digest No. 9 of 2025 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (*Ordered to be published*).

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

- Auditor-General — Developing Fishermans Bend, June 2025 (*released on 26 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).
- Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025.
- Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order of 13 June 2025 giving approval to the granting of a licence at Alexandra Gardens Reserve.
- Ombudsman — Annual Plan, 2025-26 (*released on 25 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).
- Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of the —
 - Alpine Planning Scheme — Amendment C70.
 - Bayside, Kingston, Monash and Whitehorse Planning Schemes — Amendment GC244.
 - Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendments C386 and C388.
 - Boroondara, Frankston, Hume, Maroondah, Moonee Valley, Stonnington and Whittlesea Planning Schemes — Amendment GC265.
 - Casey Planning Scheme — Amendment C284.
 - Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Moonee Valley and Stonnington Planning Schemes — Amendment GC238.
 - Corangamite Planning Scheme — Amendment C65.
 - Glen Eira Planning Scheme — Amendment C251.
 - Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Kingston and Monash Planning Schemes — Amendment GC226.
 - Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendments C387 and C468.
 - Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme — Amendment C117.
 - Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme — Amendment C137.
 - Kingston Planning Scheme — Amendment C229.
 - Knox Planning Scheme — Amendment C184.
 - Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C154.
 - Maroondah Planning Scheme — Amendment C148.
 - Melbourne Planning Scheme — Amendments C403, C405 and C478.
 - Melton Planning Scheme — Amendments C231 and C243.
 - Monash Planning Scheme — Amendment C179.
 - Moorabool Planning Scheme — Amendment C112.
 - Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme — Amendments C304, C309 and C310.
 - Swan Hill Planning Scheme — Amendment C79.
 - Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendments VC258, VC275 and VC286.
 - Warrnambool Planning Scheme — Amendment C219.
 - Whittlesea Planning Scheme — Amendment C269.
 - Yarra Planning Scheme — Amendment C332.
 - Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme — Amendment C223.
- Professional Standards Act 2003 — The CPA Australia Professional Standards Scheme, under section 14 of the Act (*Gazette S315, 19 June 2025*).
- Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —
 - Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 — No. 69.
 - Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — No. 62.

- Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — No. 68.
Court Security Act 1980 — No. 61.
Crime Statistics Act 2014 — No. 65.
Emergency Management Act 2013 — No. 50.
First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000 — No. 58.
Gene Technology Act 2001 — No. 51.
Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Act 2004 — No. 49.
Marine and Coastal Act 2018 — No. 70.
National Parks Act 1975 — No. 64.
Port Management Act 1995 — No. 54.
Private Security Act 2004 — No. 53.
Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013 — No. 66.
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — No. 63.
Road Safety Act 1986 — No. 67.
Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — No. 60.
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Nos. 56 and 57.
Tobacco Act 1987 — No. 52.
Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014 — No. 55.
Water Act 1989 — No. 59.
- Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 —
Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule Nos. 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67 and 68.
Legislative Instruments and related documents under section 16B in respect of —
Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025 under the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987.
Ministerial Direction on the Preparation and Content of Green Wedge Management Plans under section 46AEA of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
Order making declaration under section 12B(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.
- Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — Inspection Reports by Integrity Oversight Victoria of Victoria Police records, under section 37D of the Act —
September 2023 to April 2024.
May 2024 to October 2024.
- Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2025: Statement of Reasons, effective 1 July 2025, under section 26 of the Act.
- Yoorrook Justice Commission — Reports under section 37 of the Inquiries Act 2014 —
Final Report – Yoorrook: Truth Be Told (*released on 1 July 2025 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).
Third Interim Report – Yoorrook for Transformation (*released on 1 July 2025 – a non-sitting day*) (*Ordered to be published*).

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

Response from the Minister for Agriculture to petition titled Mandatory desexing of dogs used for breeding purposes (petition No. 613) (presented by Georgie Purcell on 17 June 2025) (*released on 28 July 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Corrections to petition titled Restrict emergency management days for violent and high-risk prisoners (petition No. 591) (presented by Renee Heath on 16 October 2024) (*released on 20 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Emergency Services to petition titled Water service for Bellbrae CFA station (petition No. 623) (presented by Bev McArthur on 17 June 2025) (*released on 17 July 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Response from the Minister for Environment to petition titled Stop creation of Wombat-Lerderderg and Mount Buangor National Parks (petition No. 599) (presented by Wendy Lovell on 27 May 2025) (*released on 25 June 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

Responses from the Minister for Health to petitions titled —
Halt gender affirmation practices (petition No. 548) (presented by Moira Deeming on 19 June 2025).

Review the current vaccine mandates imposed on workers (petition No. 545) (presented by Moira Deeming on 19 June 2025).

Response from the Minister for Water to petition titled Public access to Beaconsfield Reservoir (petition No. 566) (presented by Renee Heath on 13 May 2025) (*released on 21 July 2025 – a non-sitting day*).

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

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025 — Parts 1 and 2, section 42 and Parts 7 and 8 — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*).

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025 — Parts 1 and 13 — 23 June 2025 (*Gazette S308, 17 June 2025*).

Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2025 — Whole Act — 25 June 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*).

Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Remaining provisions — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S308, 17 June 2025*).

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Act 2025 — Parts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 — 1 July 2025 (*Gazette S322, 24 June 2025*).

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

GREAT OUTDOORS TASKFORCE — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 July 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 28 May 2025 (on the motion of Georgie Purcell), relating to the Great Outdoors Taskforce, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 July 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 18 June 2025 (on the motion of David Davis), relating to planning scheme amendments, 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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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 25 July 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 18 June 2025 (on the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio), relating to early childhood education, 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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On the motion of David Davis, the Attorney-General's letters relating to the Great Outdoors Taskforce, planning scheme amendments, and early childhood education production of documents orders were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

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On the motion of Anasina Gray-Barberio, the Attorney-General's letter relating to the early childhood education production of documents order was ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

8 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL — Aiv Puglielli moved, by leave, That the following general business take precedence on Wednesday, 30 July 2025 —

- (1) notice of motion given this day by David Davis referring matters to the Ombudsman relating to the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division's oversight of early childhood services;
- (2) notice of motion given this day by Anasina Gray-Barberio establishing a Select Committee on the Early Childhood Education and Care sector in Victoria;
- (3) order of the day made this day to take into consideration a letter from the Attorney-General in response to a production of documents order on early childhood education; and
- (4) notice of motion No. 975 standing in Rachel Payne's name on workplace drug testing.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

10 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 943, be postponed until later this day.

11 TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, 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.

12 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of orders of the day, government business, Nos. 2 to 5, be postponed until later this day.

13 ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Joe McCracken (*JMC01C*) and Rachel Payne (*RP11C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting President advised that the President ruled certain amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole by Rachel Payne (*RP11C*) are outside the scope of the Bill.

Rachel Payne moved, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to consider an amendment and a New Clause to amend the *Road Safety Act 1986* to provide that medicinal cannabis that does not impair driving must be treated in the same manner as other prescription drugs.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Harriet Shing moved, That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 34

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Gaelle Broad; Katherine Copsey; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; 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; Rachel Payne; Aiv Puglielli; Georgie Purcell; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Sheena Watt; Richard Welch.

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

NOES, 1

David Limbrick.

(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 without amendment.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.17 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 123 — Wednesday, 30 July 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 9.33 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PETITION — RENAMING OF BERWICK SPRINGS LAKE — Ann-Marie Hermans presented a petition bearing 2,690 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to revoke the unilateral renaming of Berwick Springs Lake, implement proper local community consultation regarding any future naming decision regarding the lake found in the Berwick Springs Reserve and investigate the processes which led to the unilateral approval by the Minister for Planning (*Ordered to be tabled*).

The petition having received the required number of signatures, Ann-Marie Hermans listed the petition for future debate during Petitions (qualifying for debate).

3 WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (SAFETY OF CHILDREN) BILL 2025 — David Davis introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Worker Screening Act 2020 in relation to the screening of persons who work with or care for children and for other purposes*.

On the motion of David Davis, 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:

Auditor-General — Delivering Savings Under the COVID Debt Repayment Plan, July 2025 (*Ordered to be published*).

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under section 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule No. 63 (*Gazette G30, 24 July 2025*).

5 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS —

PORT OF HASTINGS' APPLICATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND TURBINE FACILITIES — In response to a resolution of the Council on 7 February 2024 (on the motion of David Davis), and further to the Government's initial response on 5 March 2024, relating to the Port of Hastings' application for offshore wind turbine facilities, the Clerk tabled —

- 23 documents in full and two documents in part, together with schedules of the 37 documents identified within the scope of the order; and
- a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 28 July 2025, making a claim of executive privilege in relation to 12 documents in full and two documents in part, and stating that the Government has focussed its response on documents falling in paragraph (f) of the Order as attempting to respond to the full scope of the Order would have unreasonably diverted the resources of the relevant area of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

2022 ROLLOUT OF HEPA PURIFIERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS — The Clerk tabled a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 28 July 2025, in response to a resolution of the Council on 2 April 2025 (on the motion of David Limbrick), relating to the 2022 rollout of HEPA purifiers in government schools, advising that there was insufficient time to respond and that a final response to the Order would be provided as soon as possible.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

7 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — INITIAL REVIEW OF VICTORIA'S WORKING WITH CHILDREN SCHEME — Rachel Payne 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, documents relating to the Department of Government Services 2025 'initial review' of Victoria's Working with Children scheme, including but not limited to all reports and draft reports.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

8 PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — SILVER REVIEW — David Davis moved, That this House —

(1) notes that —

- (a) the Silver Review has been handed to the Treasurer and the Government more generally advising on public service staffing and savings measures;
- (b) several versions of the review have been provided to the Government, including a final version provided in late June 2025, and presumably at least one earlier version was provided to the Government in the lead up to the 2025-26 budget process;
- (c) there may have been informal briefings, including verbal briefings, provided to the Government, in particular to the Treasurer and the Premier;

(2) in accordance with Standing Order 10.01, requires the Leader of the Government to table in the Council, within three weeks of the House agreeing to this resolution —

- (a) all copies and versions of the Silver Review provided to the Government at any point;
- (b) all related briefings and/or related notes associated with the Silver Review; and

(3) further requires that when the due date is reached, if the Government claims that it is unable to provide these documents within the timeframe, that a list of all documents that have been located to that date must be provided in the interim, including details of their creation dates and when they were provided to the Government.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 OMBUDSMAN REFERRAL — QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND REGULATION DIVISION'S OVERSIGHT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES — Georgie Crozier (for David Davis moved), That this House —

- (1) notes with concern the allegations of child sexual abuse by a Melbourne childcare worker, the significant impact on affected families, and the testing of over 2,000 children following the individual's employment across at least 24 centres;
- (2) further notes that —
 - (a) Victoria's Working with Children Check system was identified in a 2022 Ombudsman report, *Investigation into a former youth worker's unauthorised access to private information about children*, as among the weakest in the nation, and recommendations for urgent reform have not been implemented;
 - (b) there is an absence of mandatory training for Working with Children Check applicants and a lack of a centralised register of childcare educators to support effective oversight;
 - (c) the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division (QARD) responsible for regulating early childhood services has recorded a 45 per cent increase in complaints and a 67 per cent decline in enforcement action since 2018;
- (3) observes that QARD was excluded from the Rapid Child Safety Review announced by the Government;
- (4) pursuant to section 16 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973*, refers the following matters to the Ombudsman for investigation and report —
 - (a) the performance of QARD in monitoring, investigating, and enforcing compliance with Victoria's Child Safe Standards and the National Quality Framework; and
 - (b) any failure to comply with applicable laws, policies, or codes in relation to its regulatory role.

Debate ensued.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon, pursuant to Sessional Orders.

10 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:

- **Mandatory training in Working with Children Check process (QwN 975)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Georgie Purcell — response from Enver Erdogan due Friday, 1 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

11 OMBUDSMAN REFERRAL — QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND REGULATION DIVISION'S OVERSIGHT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

— Debate continued on the question, That this House —

- (1) notes with concern the allegations of child sexual abuse by a Melbourne childcare worker, the significant impact on affected families, and the testing of over 2,000 children following the individual's employment across at least 24 centres;
- (2) further notes that —

- (a) Victoria's Working with Children Check system was identified in a 2022 Ombudsman report, *Investigation into a former youth worker's unauthorised access to private information about children*, as among the weakest in the nation, and recommendations for urgent reform have not been implemented;
- (b) there is an absence of mandatory training for Working with Children Check applicants and a lack of a centralised register of childcare educators to support effective oversight;
- (c) the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division (QARD) responsible for regulating early childhood services has recorded a 45 per cent increase in complaints and a 67 per cent decline in enforcement action since 2018;
- (3) observes that QARD was excluded from the Rapid Child Safety Review announced by the Government;
- (4) pursuant to section 16 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973*, refers the following matters to the Ombudsman for investigation and report —
 - (a) the performance of QARD in monitoring, investigating, and enforcing compliance with Victoria's Child Safe Standards and the National Quality Framework; and
 - (b) any failure to comply with applicable laws, policies, or codes in relation to its regulatory role.

Question — put and agreed to.

12 SELECT COMMITTEE — EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SECTOR IN VICTORIA — Anasina Gray-Barberio moved, by leave, in an amended form, That —

- (1) a Select Committee of six members be appointed to inquire into, consider and report on the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector in Victoria, including but not limited to —
 - (a) the adequacy of current quality and safety standards across all ECEC service types;
 - (b) the quality and oversight of educator training, professional development and qualifications, including a review of the effectiveness of Working with Children Checks and of Registered Training Organisations issuing early childhood certifications;
 - (c) the impacts of Victoria's predominantly privatised ECEC system, including a comparison with public, not-for-profit and cooperative models in terms of accessibility, affordability, safety and outcomes;
 - (d) the impact of workforce conditions, such as pay, job security, workload and recognition on educator wellbeing, retention and service quality;
 - (e) the adequacy of staff-to-child ratio regulations, including ratios being averaged across entire services rather than applied per room;
 - (f) whether there is sufficient oversight of the Department of Education and the role it plays in monitoring and maintaining child safety;
 - (g) any other matter in relation to the adequacy, implementation, compliance and/or enforcement of child safety standards and regulations in the ECEC sector;
- (2) the Committee provide an interim report by a date determined by the Committee, and a final report by 30 July 2026;

- (3) the Committee consist of two members from the Government nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Council, two members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Council, and two members from among the remaining members in the Council, to be nominated jointly by those remaining members;
- (4) substitute members may be appointed and the provisions outlined in Standing Order 23.08 will apply;
- (5) the members will be appointed by lodgement of the names with the President within five calendar days of the Council agreeing to this resolution;
- (6) the Chair of the Committee will be a non-Government member and the Deputy Chair will be a Government member;
- (7) the first meeting of the Committee will be held within one week of members' names being lodged with the President;
- (8) the Committee will hold public hearings; and
- (9) the Committee may obtain technical and specialist assistance to aid its inquiry.

Debate ensued.

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

Question — put and agreed to.

13 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of order of the day, general business, No. 1, be postponed until later this day.

14 WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING — David Ettershank (for Rachel Payne) moved, That this House notes that —

- (1) the current workplace drug testing regime discriminates against people who take prescribed medications, including medicinal cannabis;
- (2) the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee's *Inquiry into workplace drug testing in Victoria* examined the legislative and regulatory framework for alcohol and other drug (AOD) testing in workplaces and found that —
 - (a) existing AOD testing methods largely focus on testing for presence rather than impairment, making them ineffective in preventing risks to workplace health and safety;
 - (b) under the current testing regime, unimpaired employees face the risk of disciplinary action, including loss of employment, for taking a prescribed medication such as medicinal cannabis;
 - (c) Victoria's current laws governing AOD testing are outdated, inconsistent and result in uncertainty for both employers and employees;
- (3) the Inquiry recommended that —
 - (a) drug testing should only be undertaken in the context of a comprehensive AOD policy and support framework, developed between employees, unions and employers within a workplace relations context;
 - (b) the Government amend —
 - (i) the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* to regulate AOD testing;
 - (ii) the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* to prevent discrimination against people who have a medical condition or are taking a prescribed medication;

- (c) WorkSafe update its guidelines and introduce a compliance code to provide a regulatory framework for AOD in the workplace;
and calls on the Government to promptly progress these important reforms.

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, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Katherine Copsey; 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; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Sheena Watt.
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NOES, 13

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Renee Heath; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.
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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 the next day of meeting.
- 16 STATEMENTS ON TABLED PAPERS AND PETITIONS** — Members made statements on reports, papers and petitions.
- 17 PETITIONS (QUALIFYING FOR DEBATE) — STOP CREATION OF WOMBAT-LERDERBERG AND MOUNT BUANGOR NATIONAL PARKS** — Wendy Lovell moved, That the petition be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 18 CONDOLENCE STATEMENTS — THE LATE GRACIA BAYLOR AM AND THE LATE JOAN COXSEGE** — Jaclyn Symes moved, by leave, That this House —
- (1) acknowledges that Hilda Gracia Baylor AM, and Joan Marjorie Coxsedg were the first two women elected to the Legislative Council;
 - (2) expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 23 May 2025, of Gracia Baylor AM, Member of the Legislative Council for the Electoral Province of Boronia from 1979 to 1985; and
 - (3) expresses its sincere sorrow at the death, on 14 January 2024, of Joan Coxsedg, Member for the Legislative Council for the Electoral Province of Melbourne West from 1979 to 1992.

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.

19 ADJOURNMENT — Gayle Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 7.23 pm until tomorrow.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

No. 124 — Thursday, 31 July 2025

1 The President took the Chair at 9.33 am, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PAPERS —

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

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report, year ended 31 March 2025.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Country Fire Authority Act 1958 — No. 72.

Worker Screening Act 2020 — No. 71.

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to medical panels under Part VBA (*Gazette G26, 26 June 2025*).

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PAPER PRESENTED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled the following paper:
Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Committee's Inquiry into food security in Victoria.

3 SITTING OF THE COUNCIL — Jaclyn Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

Question — put and agreed to.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Members made statements.

5 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of notices of motion, government business, Nos. 278 to 1009, be postponed until later this day.

6 WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

David Davis (*DD170C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.

Business interrupted at 12.00 noon.

7 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 and machetes regulations (QwN 986)** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Jeff Bourman — response from Enver Erdogan due Monday, 4 August 2025.

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CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Members asked constituency questions.

- 8 WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — 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.
- 9 CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Trung Luu (*TL01C*) circulated amendments proposed to be moved during Committee of the whole.
Question — put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
Bill reported with an 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 with an amendment and requesting their agreement.
- 10 CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1958 to provide for a new offence in relation to the publication of material about the commission of certain offences 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 David Davis (for Evan Mulholland), the debate was adjourned for one week.
- 11 LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Jobs First Act 2003 to provide for additional obligations, penalties and enforcement powers related to Local Jobs First and for other purposes* and requesting the agreement of the Council.
On the motion of Harriet Shing (for Gayle Tierney), 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 David Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 12 NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — The President read a Message from the Assembly presenting *A Bill for an Act to amend the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005, the Electricity Industry Act 2000 and the Electricity Industry (Residual Provisions) Act 1993 and for other purposes and requesting the agreement of the Council.*

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

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 18

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

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NOES, 13

Melina Bath; Jeff Bourman; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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Question agreed to.

Bill ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

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

Debate ensued.

The Council adjourned at 6.36 pm until Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

ROBERT McDONALD
Clerk of the Legislative Council

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Supplement to Minutes Nos. 122, 123 and 124

ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025

Committed Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Amendments circulated: Joe McCracken (JMC01C) (p. 1090) and Rachel Payne (RP11C) (p. 1090)

Clause 1 — Rachel Payne moved amendment No. 1 (RP11C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 7

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

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NOES, 28

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

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Question negated.

Joe McCracken moved amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (JMC01C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

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

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NOES, 22

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

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Question negated.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 107 — put and agreed to.

Schedule 1 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 31 July 2025

Amendments circulated: David Davis (DD170C) (p. 1091)

Clauses 1 to 26 — put and agreed to.

New Clause 26A — David Davis moved amendment No. 1 (DD170C).

Question — That New Clause 26A stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming;
Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey;
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; Gayle Tierney.

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Question negatived.

Clauses 27 to 36 — put and agreed to.

Clause 37 — David Davis moved amendments Nos. 2 and 4 (DD170C).

Question — That the amendments be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming;
Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan;
Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; 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; Gayle Tierney.

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

Question negatived.

David Davis moved amendment No. 3 (*DD170C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 11

Melina Bath; Gaelle Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Ann-Marie Hermans; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 20

Ryan Batchelor; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Katherine Copsey; 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; Gayle Tierney.

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Question negatived.

Clause 37 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 38 to 57 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment.

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CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Committed Thursday, 31 July 2025

Amendments circulated: Trung Luu (TL01C) (pp. 1091-92)

Clause 1 — Trung Luu moved amendment No. 1 (*TL01C*).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 13

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

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NOES, 18

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

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Question negatived.

Clause 1 — put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 29 — put and agreed to.

Clause 30 — Trung Luu moved amendment No. 2 (TL01C).

Question — That the amendment be agreed to — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 25

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 6

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

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Question agreed to.

Question — That Clause 30, as amended, stand part of the Bill — put.

The Committee divided — The Deputy President in the Chair.

AYES, 25

Ryan Batchelor; Melina Bath; John Berger; Lizzie Blandthorn; Jeff Bourman; Gaele Broad; Georgie Crozier; David Davis; Moira Deeming; Enver Erdogan; Jacinta Ermacora; Michael Galea; Ann-Marie Hermans; Shaun Leane; Wendy Lovell; Trung Luu; Joe McCracken; Nick McGowan; Harriet Shing; Ingrid Stitt; Lee Tarlamis; Sonja Terpstra; Gayle Tierney; Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell; Richard Welch.

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NOES, 6

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

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Question agreed to.

Clauses 31 to 58 — put and agreed to.

Bill reported with an amendment.

AMENDMENTS CIRCULATED IN RELATION TO —**1. ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS)
BILL 2025***Amendments circulated by Joe McCracken (JMC01C)*

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 20, omit "**2004—**" and insert "**2004** to enable responsible road authorities to be prescribed for certain road infrastructure; and".
2. Clause 1, page 2, lines 21 to 25, omit all words and expressions on these lines.
3. Clause 2, line 3, omit "Division 1 of".
4. Division heading preceding clause 19, omit this heading.
5. Division heading preceding clause 21, omit this heading.
6. Clause 21, omit this clause.
7. Clause 22, omit this clause.

Amendments circulated by Rachel Payne (RP11C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, after line 3 insert—
 "(ia) to provide that medicinal cannabis that does not impair driving must be treated in the same manner as other prescription drugs; and".

NEW CLAUSE

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 5—

'5A Offences involving alcohol or other drugs

After section 49(3C) of the **Road Safety Act 1986** insert—

"(3D) Subsection (1)(bb), (bc), (h), (i) and (j) do not apply to a person whose blood or oral fluid contains delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol from a legal cannabis product—

- (a) which is a prescription drug; and
- (b) for which the person has a prescription or other authority to obtain, possess and use that product; and
- (c) which has been used in accordance with that prescription or authority.

(3E) For the avoidance of doubt, subsection (3D) does not operate to exempt a person from the application of subsection (1)(bb), (bc), (h), (i) and (j) in relation to any other prescribed illicit drug which may be present in the person's blood or oral fluid.".'.

2. WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025Amendments circulated by David Davis (DD170C)

NEW CLAUSE

1. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 26—

'26A Premiums order

After section 448(4) of the Principal Act **insert—**

"(5) A premiums order made under this section for the premium period beginning on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026 must not specify a method to be used in calculating the premiums payable in respect of that premium period if the calculation of premiums payable using that method results in premiums payable that are greater than the premiums payable in the preceding premium period.".

2. Clause 37, line 22, after "delivered by" insert "the Authority or".

3. Clause 37, page 29, after line 15 insert—

"(1A) The Authority must not approve a person or body under subsection (1) if—

(a) the person is a natural person who is an insolvent under administration;
or

(b) an administrator of the person or body has been appointed under Part 5.3A of the Corporations Act; or

(c) in the case of a body registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 of the Commonwealth, an administrator of the body has been appointed under that Act.".

4. Clause 37, page 29, after line 18 insert—

"(3) The Authority must offer training for the purposes of section 106A to employers referred to in section 106(2).

(4) The Authority must not charge a fee for the delivery of training referred to in subsection (3).".

3. CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025Amendments circulated by Trung Luu (TL01C)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 12, after "offences" insert "and penalties for certain prison offences".
2. Clause 30, lines 18 and 19, after "custodial worker on duty" insert "or another person employed or engaged to work in a prison while working in the prison".

NEW CLAUSES

3. Insert the following clauses to follow clause 30—

'30A New section 50A inserted

After section 50 of the **Corrections Act 1986** insert—

"50A Use of handcuffs if prisoner is suspected of certain prison offences

(1) If a prisoner is suspected of committing a prison offence under section 50(1) that is a prison offence referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ***prison offence***, the prisoner must be restrained by the use of handcuffs when the prisoner is being moved under escort from one place to another in the prison for the specified period.

(2) The specified period is—

(a) until the disciplinary officer decides to take no further action under section 50(4); or

(b) the disciplinary officer records the offence in the register under section 50(5) but does not charge the prisoner with the prison offence; or

(c) if steps are taken to have the matter dealt with under the criminal law under section 50(5A) or 51(d), until the outcome of the police investigation; or

(d) until the charge is determined at the Governor's hearing under section 53.

(3) A prisoner who is subject to the use of handcuffs under subsection (1) may appeal to the Governor at any time to have the requirement in that subsection waived for the remainder of the specified period."

30B Governor's hearing

After section 53(4) of the **Corrections Act 1986** insert—

"(4A) If the Governor finds that the prisoner is guilty of a prison offence referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of ***prison offence***, the Governor must impose on the prisoner a penalty of requiring the prisoner to be restrained by the use of handcuffs when the prisoner is being moved under escort from one place to another in the prison for a period of not less than 3 months after the date of the finding."'