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*The members of the Legislative Council and the members of the Legislative Assembly having
assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber in accordance with the resolutions of the two
Houses —*

- 1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR** — Jacinta Allan moved — That Maree Edwards, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, be appointed Chair of this joint sitting. John Pesutto seconded the motion.

As no other member was proposed, the Clerk declared Maree Edwards had been duly elected Chair.

The Speaker took the Chair at 6.23 pm.

- 2 **RULES OF PROCEDURE** — The Chair announced that section 27A of the *Constitution Act 1975* provides that the joint sitting is to be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by members present at the sitting. Accordingly, Jacinta Allan moved — That Joint Rule of Practice 2 be the rules of procedure for this joint sitting.

John Pesutto seconded the motion.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 3 **PERSON PROPOSED AND CHOSEN TO HOLD THE VACANT SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — The Chair invited proposals from members for a person to occupy the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Samantha Ratnam.

Jacinta Allan proposed Anasina Gray-Barberio as the person to occupy the vacant seat, stating that she was willing to accept the nomination and that the Speaker had advice from the Australian Greens Victoria's Registered Officer that the nominee was the selection of the Australian Greens Victoria, the party previously represented in the Legislative Council by Samantha Ratnam. John Pesutto seconded the proposal.

The Chair asked if there were any further proposals and, there being no further proposals, declared nominations closed.

Question — That Anasina Gray-Barberio be chosen to occupy the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of Samantha Ratnam — put and agreed to.

4 The Chair declared the joint sitting closed at 6.25 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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