LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 1

No 1 — Tuesday 20 December 2022

The House started at 11.00 am.

1 **PROCLAMATION SUMMONING PARLIAMENT TO MEET** — The House met at 11.00 am in accordance with a Proclamation of the Governor dated 13 December 2022, which was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

PROCLAMATION

I, Linda Dessau AC, Governor of the State of Victoria, acting under sections 8 and 20 of the *Constitution Act 1975* and all other powers vested in me, fix Tuesday 20 December 2022 at 11.00 am as the time for the commencement and holding of the first session of the Sixtieth Parliament of Victoria for the dispatch of business, at Parliament House, Melbourne. The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are required to attend at that time and place.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this 13th day of December 2022.

(LS) THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command
DANIEL ANDREWS MP
Premier

2 **COMMISSION FOR THE COMMENCEMENT AND HOLDING OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT** — The Honourable Justice Karin Emerton, having entered the House and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, said:

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

The Governor has caused a Commission to be issued under the Seal of the State constituting her Commissioners to do in her name all that is necessary to be performed in this Parliament. This will more fully appear from the Commission which will be now read by the Clerk.

The Clerk read the Commission:

BY HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

TO THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE ANNE FERGUSON
CHIEF JUSTICE OF VICTORIA
AND
TO THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE KARIN EMERTON
PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL

GREETING:

Acting under all available powers and with the consent of the Premier, I commission each of you, on my behalf, to open the first session of the Sixtieth Parliament at 11.00 am on the morning of Tuesday the twentieth day of December 2022 and to do all other things that it is necessary or usual for me to do on the opening of a new Parliament (other than to give my speech).

Given under my hand and the seal of Victoria on this 19th day of December 2022.

(LS) THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command
DANIEL ANDREWS MP
Premier

3 **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS** — The Honourable Justice Karin Emerton announced that she had received from the Governor a Commission to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Members of the Legislative Assembly, which the Clerk read as follows:

BY HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

TO THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE KARIN EMERTON
PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL

GREETING:

Acting under section 23 of the *Constitution Act 1975* I authorise you, in the Parliament Houses, Melbourne, on the twentieth day of December 2022, to administer the prescribed Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my hand and the seal of Victoria on this 19th day of December 2022

(LS) THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command
DANIEL ANDREWS MP
Premier

4 **WRIT** — The Clerk announced that a writ issued by the Governor for the election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria had been returned by the Electoral Commissioner, and the following members were elected for the districts listed:

Albert Park	Nina Taylor
Ashwood	Matt Fregon
Bass	Jordan Crugnale
Bayswater	Jackson Taylor
Bellarine	Alison Marchant
Benambra	Bill Tilley
Bendigo East	Jacinta Allan
Bendigo West	Maree Edwards
Bentleigh	Nick Staikos
Berwick	Brad Battin
Box Hill	Paul Hamer
Brighton	James Newbury
Broadmeadows	Kathleen Matthews-Ward
Brunswick	Tim Read
Bulleen	Matthew Guy
Bundoora	Colin Brooks
Carrum	Sonya Kilkenny
Caulfield	David Southwick
Clarinda	Meng Heang Tak
Cranbourne	Pauline Richards
Croydon	David Hodgett
Dandenong	Gabrielle Williams
Eildon	Cindy McLeish
Eltham	Vicki Ward
Essendon	Danny Pearson
Eureka	Michaela Settle
Euroa	Annabelle Cleeland
Evelyn	Bridget Vallence
Footscray	Katie Hall
Frankston	Paul Edbrooke
Geelong	Christine Couzens
Gippsland East	Tim Bull
Gippsland South	Danny O'Brien
Glen Waverley	John Mullahy
Greenvale	Iwan Walters
Hastings	Paul Mercurio
Hawthorn	John Pesutto
Ivanhoe	Anthony Carbines
Kalkallo	Ros Spence
Kew	Jess Wilson
Kororoit	Luba Grigorovitch
Lara	Ella George
Laverton	Sarah Connolly
Lowan	Emma Kealy

Macedon	Mary-Anne Thomas
Malvern	Michael O'Brien
Melbourne	Ellen Sandell
Melton	Steve McGhie
Mildura	Jade Benham
Mill Park	Lily D'Ambrosio
Monbulk	Daniela De Martino
Mordialloc	Tim Richardson
Mornington	Chris Crewther
Morwell	Martin Cameron
Mulgrave	Daniel Andrews
Murray Plains	Peter Walsh
Narracan	NONE – FAILED ELECTION
Narre Warren North	Belinda Wilson
Narre Warren South	Gary Maas
Nepean	Sam Groth
Niddrie	Ben Carroll
Northcote	Kat Theophanous
Oakleigh	Steve Dimopoulos
Ovens Valley	Tim McCurdy
Pakenham	Emma Vulin
Pascoe Vale	Anthony Cianflone
Point Cook	Mathew Hilakari
Polwarth	Richard Riordan
Prahran	Sam Hibbins
Preston	Nathan Lambert
Richmond	Gabrielle de Vietri
Ringwood	Will Fowles
Ripon	Martha Haylett
Rowville	Kim Wells
Sandringham	Brad Rowswell
Shepparton	Kim O'Keeffe
South Barwon	Darren Cheeseman
South-West Coast	Roma Britnell
St Albans	Natalie Suleyman
Sunbury	Josh Bull
Sydenham	Natalie Hutchins
Tarneit	Dylan Wight
Thomastown	Bronwyn Halfpenny
Warrandyte	Ryan Smith
Wendouree	Juliana Addison
Werribee	Tim Pallas
Williamstown	Melissa Horne
Yan Yean	Lauren Kathage

5 **MEMBERS' ALLEGIANCE** — All of the above members took and subscribed the oath or affirmation as required by law, except Cindy McLeish and Tim Pallas (who were not present).

Then the Commissioner said:

The Governor will attend the Parliament later this day to inform you and Members of the Legislative Council of the reasons for calling this Parliament together, and as it is necessary before you proceed with business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, the Governor requests that you proceed to the choice of a Speaker.

The Commissioner then retired from the House.

6 **ELECTION OF SPEAKER** — Mary-Anne Thomas proposed the Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and moved, That the Member for Bendigo West take the Chair of this House as Speaker. The motion was seconded by Chris Couzens.

Maree Edwards accepted the nomination.

As no other member was proposed, the Clerk declared that the Member for Bendigo West had been duly elected as Speaker.

Maree Edwards was accompanied to the Chair by Mary-Anne Thomas and Chris Couzens, where she acknowledged the great honour conferred upon her. The Mace was then placed on the Table.

Daniel Andrews and John Pesutto congratulated the Speaker.

7 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER** — Anthony Carbines proposed the Member for Ashwood, Matt Fregon, as Deputy Speaker and moved, That the Member for Ashwood be appointed Deputy Speaker of this House. The motion was seconded by Sarah Connolly.

Matt Fregon accepted the nomination.

As no other member was proposed, the Speaker announced that the Member for Ashwood had been duly elected Deputy Speaker.

[The Speaker left the chair at 11.45 am and resumed it at 2.02 pm]

8 The Speaker read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

9 **PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER** — The Speaker advised that she had today presented herself to the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly and that the Governor had been pleased to address her in the following terms:

Speaker

I have pleasure in congratulating you on your election to the high and important office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The able manner in which you have discharged the duties you have undertaken during your parliamentary career is recognised by the members of the Legislative Assembly who in their wisdom have selected you as their Speaker.

I have confidence that you will fulfil the duties of this distinguished office and hold fast to its traditions and customs.

THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
Governor of Victoria

Melbourne
20 December 2022

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Speaker:

The Governor desires the immediate attendance of the members of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the Speaker with the House went to attend the Governor — And having returned —

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.34 pm and resumed it at 4.00 pm]

11 **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS** — The Speaker announced that she had received a Commission from the Governor, which the Clerk read as follows:

BY HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

TO THE HONOURABLE MAREE EDWARDS
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

GREETING:

Acting under section 23 of the *Constitution Act 1975* I authorise you, from time to time, in the Parliament Houses, Melbourne, to administer the prescribed Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to any Member of the Legislative Assembly who has not already taken and subscribed the same since his or her election to the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my hand and the seal of Victoria on this 20th day of December 2022.

(LS) THE HONOURABLE LINDA DESSAU AC
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command
DANIEL ANDREWS MP
Premier

12 **MEMBERS' ALLEGIANCE** — Cindy McLeish and Tim Pallas took and subscribed the oath as required by law.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **IBAC ACTING COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 8 December 2022, she administered to Stephen John Farrow, the Acting Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

15 **APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS** — The Speaker advised that, under s 8 of the *Parliamentary Administration Act 2005*, on the recommendation of the Presiding Officers, the Governor in Council has appointed Bridget Noonan to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments effective from 31 October 2022 as a consequence of the resignation of Andrew Young.

16 **RACING AMENDMENT (UNAUTHORISED ACCESS) BILL 2022** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Racing Act 1958** to prohibit unauthorised access to certain areas of race-courses during race-meetings and official trial meetings and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 January 2023.

17 **BUILDING AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Building Act 1993**, the **Architects Act 1991**, the **Surveying Act 2004** and the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 January 2023.

18 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND HOUSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENDING HOMELESSNESS) BILL 2022** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Prahran introduce 'A Bill for an Act to amend the ***Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*** to establish a right to housing, to amend the ***Housing Act 1983*** to set a target of ending homelessness in Victoria by 2030, to require a plan to be developed to meet the target and to require annual reporting on progress towards the target and for other purposes' *(Sam Hibbins)* — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Gabrielle de Vietri; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Matt Fregon; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

19 **DOCUMENTS**

JUDICIAL COLLEGE OF VICTORIA — Report 2021–22 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

VICTORIA LAW FOUNDATION — Report 2021–22 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

CONSUMER POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE — Report 2021–22 tabled by leave *(Danny Pearson)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATE CAPPING MECHANISM REVIEW — Final report tabled by leave *(Melissa Horne)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATE CAPPING MECHANISM REVIEW — Government response tabled by leave *(Melissa Horne)*.

VISIT VICTORIA — Report 2021–22 tabled by leave *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following documents had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Children's Court of Victoria — Report 2021–22
County Court of Victoria— Report 2021–22

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Accident Compensation Conciliation Service — Report 2021–22

Adult, Community and Further Education Board — Report 2021–22

Adult Parole Board Victoria — Report 2021–22

Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Albury Wodonga Health — Report 2021–22

Alexandra District Health — Report 2021–22

Alfred Health — Report 2021–22

Alpine Health — Report 2021–22

Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council — Report 2021–22

Ambulance Victoria — Report 2021–22

AMES Australia — Report 2021–22

Auditor-General:

Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2021–22 — released on 28 October 2022
Regulating Victoria's Native Forests — released on 6 October 2022
Victoria's Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Data — released on 6 October 2022

Austin Health — Report 2021–22

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) — Report 2021–22

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission — Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2021–22

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency — Report 2021–22

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — Report 2021–22

Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust — Report 2021–22

Barwon Health — Report 2021–22

Barwon Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Bass Coast Health — Report 2021–22

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service — Report 2021–22

Beechworth Health Service — Report 2021–22

Bendigo Health — Report 2021–22

Boort District Health — Report 2021–22

Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 16 March 2021 to 30 June 2022

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem — Report 2021–22

Cenitex — Report 2021–22

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report 2021–22

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Cohuna District Hospital — Report 2021–22

Colac Area Health — Report 2021–22

Coliban Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Commercial Passenger Vehicles Commission — Report 2021–22

Commission for Children and Young People — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Confiscation Act 1997 — Asset Confiscation Operations Report 2021–22

Consumer Affairs Victoria — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

Coroners Court of Victoria — Report 2021–22

Coronial Council of Victoria — Report 2021–22

Corryong Health — Report 2021–22

Country Fire Authority (CFA) — Report 2021–22

Court Services Victoria — Report 2021–22

Dairy Food Safety Victoria — Report 2021–22

Dental Health Services Victoria — Report 2021–22

Development Victoria — Report 2021–22

Disability Services Commissioner — Report 2021–22

Docklands Studio Melbourne Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Duties Act 2000:

Report 1 January to 30 June 2022 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E
Report 2021–22 of concessions and exemptions under s 250B

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

East Grampians Health Service — Report 2021–22

East Wimmera Health Service — Report 2021–22

Echuca Regional Health — Report 2021–22

Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme (ESSSuper) — Report 2021–22

Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) — Report 2021–22

Energy Safe Victoria — Report 2021–22

Essential Services Commission — Report 2021–22

Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2021

Fed Square Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Film Victoria (VicScreen) — Report 2021–22

Financial Management Act 1994:

Financial Report for the State of Victoria 2021–22, incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 4 — released on 14 October 2022
Reports from the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the reports 2021—22 of the:
Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee
Phytogene Pty Ltd
Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria
Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee
Report from the Minister for Education that she had received the Report 2021–22 of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust
Report from the Minister for Education that she had not received the Report 2021–22 of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Environment that she had received the Report 2021–22 of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
Report from the Minister for Environment that she had not received the reports 2021–22 of the:
Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board
Environment Protection Authority
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Trust for Nature
Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board —
together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Health that she had received the reports 2021–22 of the:
Mildura Cemetery Trust
Victorian Pharmacy Authority
Report from the Minister for Health that she had not received the reports 2021–22 of the:
Benalla Health
Casteron Memorial Hospital
Central Highlands Rural Health
Dhelkaya Health
Gippsland Southern Health Service
Kilmore District Health
Kyabram District Health
Omeo District Health
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute
Portland District Health —
together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the reports 2021—22 of the:
Architects Registration Board of Victoria
Heritage Council of Victoria
Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria

Report from the Minister for Planning that she had not received the reports 2021—22 of the:
Cladding Safety Victoria
Victorian Building Authority —
together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events that he had not received the reports 2021—22 of the:
Emerald Tourist Railway Board
State Sport Centres Trust —
together with an explanation for the delay

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report 2021–22

Forensic Leave Panel — Report 2021–22

Game Management Authority — Report 2021–22

Game Management Authority — Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Geelong Cemeteries Trust — Report 2021–22

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — Report 2021–22

Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation — Report 2021–22

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

Goulburn Valley Health — Report 2021–22

Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority — Report 2021–22

Great Ocean Road Health — Report 2021–22

Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2021–22

Greyhound Racing Victoria — Report 2021–22

Harness Racing Victoria — Report 2021–22

Health Purchasing Victoria (HealthShare) — Report 2021–22

Heathcote Health — Report 2021–22

Hesse Rural Health Service — Report 2021–22

Heywood Rural Health — Report 2021–22

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published
Special reports on:
Corruption risks associated with donations and lobbying — released on 12 October 2022
Police misconduct issues and risks associated with Victoria Police's Critical Incident Response Team — released on 25 October 2022

Independent Pandemic Management Advisory Committee:

Review of COVID-19 Communications in Victoria
Review of COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Orders in Victoria

Infrastructure Victoria — Report 2021–22

Inglewood and Districts Health Service — Report 2021–22

Integrity and Oversight Committee:

The independent performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Victorian Inspectorate — released on 31 October 2022
Report on the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2020–21: focus on witness welfare — released on 6 October 2022

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 112 *(Gazette G45, 10 November 2022)*

Kardinia Park Stadium Trust — Report 2021–22

Kerang District Health — Report 2021–22

Kooweerup Regional Health Service — Report 2021–22

Labour Hire Licensing Authority — Report 2021–22

LanguageLoop — Report 2021–22

Latrobe Regional Hospital — Report 2021–22

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee — Report 2021–22

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2023

Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation — Report 2021–22

Library Board of Victoria — Report 2021–22

Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Mallee Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

Mallee Track Health and Community Service — Report 2021–22

Mansfield District Hospital — Report 2021–22

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2021–22

Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — Report 2021–22

Melbourne City Link Act 1995:

Deed of Lease (Western Link Upgrade) — WLU Company Lease
Deed of Lease (Western Link Upgrade) — WLU Trust Concurrent Lease

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust — Report 2021–22

Melbourne Market Authority — Report 2021–22

Melbourne Recital Centre — Report 2021–22

Mental Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2021–22

Mental Heath Tribunal — Report 2021–22

Mercy Hospitals Victoria Ltd — Report 2021–22

Mildura Base Public Hospital — Report 2021–22

Mount Buller and Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2021

Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2021

Moyne Health Services — Report 2021–22

Museums Board of Victoria — Report 2021–22

National Health Funding Pool, Administrator of — Report 2021–22

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner — Report 2021–22

National Parks Act 1975 — Report 2021–22 on the working of the Act

National Parks Advisory Council — Report 2021–22

National Rail Safety Regulator, Office of the — Report 2021–22

NCN Health — Report 2021–22

North Central Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

North East Catchment Management Authority — Report 2021–22

North East Link State Tolling Corporation — Report 2021–22

North East Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

Northeast Health Wangaratta — Report 2021–22

Northern Health — Report 2021–22

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004:

Order approving the Managing Exposure to Crystalline Silica: Engineered stone compliance code *(Gazette G41, 13 October 2022)*
Order revoking the Managing Exposure to Crystalline Silica: Engineered stone compliance code (*Gazette G41, 13 October 2022*)

Ombudsman:

Ombudsman's recommendations — fourth report — released on 28 September 2022
Report 2021–22 — released on 20 October 2022

Orbost Regional Health — Report 2021–22

Parks Victoria — Report 2021–22

Peninsula Health — Report 2021–22

Phillip Island Nature Parks — Report 2021–22

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

Ararat — C46
Ballarat — C233, C238
Banyule — C119, C162, C167, C171
Bass Coast — C163
Baw Baw — C147

Bayside — C160, C193, GC197
Boroondara — C333 Part 2, C383
Brimbank — C212, GC199, GC207
Cardinia — C238, C266
Casey — C259, C287
Campaspe —C118, C121
Colac Otway — C111, C119
East Gippsland — C162
Glen Eira — C248
Golden Plains — C91
Greater Dandenong — C241, C242
Greater Geelong — C391, C408, C448, C449
Greater Shepparton — C228, C234
Hobsons Bay — GC199
Horsham — C83
Hume — C211, C264
Kingston — GC197
Knox — C174
Macedon Ranges — C143
Manningham — C135, C137
Mansfield — C52
Maribyrnong — C164, C180, GC207
Maroondah — C134, C136, C149
Melbourne — C364, C394, C402, C404, C409, C436, C439
Melton — C182, C230
Mildura — C113
Monash — GC197
Moonee Valley — C224, C225, C230, GC207
Moreland — C212
Mornington Peninsula — C227, C228, C282
Murrindindi — C72
Nillumbik — C150
Port Phillip — C180
Stonnington — C319, C323, C327
Strathbogie — C78
Surf Coast — C142
Swan Hill — C77
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC201, VC222, VC224, VC226, VC227, VC228
Wangaratta — C91, C92
Warrnambool — C205
Whitehorse — GC197
Whittlesea — C267
Wodonga — C138
Wyndham — GC199, C252, C264
Yarra — C280, C310, C311
Yarra Ranges — C148, C195, C213, C214

Police Informants Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Act 2021 — Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants: Progress Report 2021–22

Police Registration and Services Board — Report 2021–22

Port of Hastings Corporation — Report 2021–22

Portable Long Service Benefits Authority — Report 2021–22

Ports Victoria — Report 2021–22

Post Sentence Authority — Report 2021–22

PrimeSafe — Report 2021–22

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Documents under s 9 in relation to the Ground Lease Model 2 Project (three documents)

Public Advocate, Office of — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008:

Documents under s 165AQ on the making of pandemic orders implemented on:
8 September 2022
22 September 2022

Public Interest Monitor — Report 2021–22

Public Prosecutions, Office of — Report 2021–22

Queen Elizabeth Centre (QEC) — Report 2021–22

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report 2021–22

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account — Report 2021–22 on the disbursement of revenue

Remembrance Parks Central Victoria — Report 2021–22

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Target 2021–22 Progress Report

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report 2021–22

Robinvale District Health Service — Report 2021–22

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service — Report 2021–22

Rolling Stock (Victoria-VL) Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Rolling Stock (VL-1) Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Rolling Stock (VL-2) Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Rolling Stock (VL-3) Pty Ltd — Report 2021–22

Royal Botanic Gardens Board — Report 2021–22

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — Report 2021–22

Royal Women's Hospital — Report 2021–22

Rural Northwest Health — Report 2021–22

Sentencing Advisory Council — Report 2021–22

Seymour Health — Report 2021–22

Shrine of Remembrance Trustees — Report 2021–22

South Gippsland Hospital — Report 2021–22

South Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

South West Healthcare — Report 2021–22

Southern Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2021

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2021–22

St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd — Report 2021–22

State Electricity Commission of Victoria — Report 2021–22

State Trustees Ltd — Report 2021–22

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Accident Towing Services Act 2007 — SR 128
Bail Act 1977 — SR 116
Building Act 1993 — SR 122
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SRs 118, 119
Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 100
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 94
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Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 — SR 82
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Health Services Act 1988 — SR 121
Juries Act 2000 — SR 78
Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — SRs 81, 111, 124
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Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SRs 79, 101, 102
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — SR 97
Mutual Recognition (Victoria) Act 1998 — SR 107
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 114
Port Management Act 1995 — SR 105
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SRs 88, 89
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 125
Retail Leases Act 2003 – SR 99
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 98, 106, 129, 130
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 80, 95
Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — SR 117
Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — SR 91
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Victoria) Act 1998 — SR 108
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 93
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 87

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 55, 56, 70, 74, 77, 82, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017:
Secretary Approval Nurse Immunisers — SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE
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Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Ministerial Order No 1388 — Teaching Service (Employment Conditions, Salaries, Allowances, Selection and Conduct) Order 2022
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Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020 — Declaration of the Great Ocean Road coast and parks

Health Services Act 1988 — The Victorian Duty of Candour Guidelines
Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — Ministerial Order under s 18D
Municipal Association Act 1907 — Municipal Association of Victoria Rules 2022

Suburban Rail Loop Authority — Report 2021–22

Sustainability Victoria — Report 2021–22

Swan Hill District Health — Report 2021–22

Tallangatta Health Service — Report 2021–22

Terang and Mortlake Health Service — Report 2021–22

Timboon and District Healthcare Service — Report 2021–22

Treasury and Finance, Department of — Report 2021–22

Tweddle Child and Family Health Service — Report 2021–22

V/Line Corporation — Report 2021–22

VicForests — Report 2021–22

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — Report 2021–22

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Report 2021–22

Victoria Legal Aid — Report 2021–22

Victoria Police:

Report 2021–22 under s 133 of the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012*
Report 2021–22 under s 20R of the *Witness Protection Act 1991*

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2021–22 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

Victoria State Emergency Service Authority (SES) — Report 2021–22

Victoria's Mental Health Services — Report 2021–22

Victorian Arts Centre Trust — Report 2021–22

Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority — Report 2021–22

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) — Report 2021–22

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria — Report 2021–22

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report 2021–22

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Report 2021–22

Victorian Environmental Water Holder — Report 2021–22

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission:

2021 report on the Operation of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities — Ordered to be published
Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Fisheries Authority:

Report 2021–22
Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victorian Funds Management Corporation — Report 2021–22

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation — Report 2021–22

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No 1/2022 — released 11 October 2022

Victorian Inspectorate:

Inspection Report under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*
Report 2021–22
Special Report — IBAC's referral and oversight of Emma's complaints about Victoria Police's response to family violence by a police officer — released on 11 October 2022

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine — Report 2021–22

Victorian Institute of Sport Trust — Report 2021–22

Victorian Institute of Teaching — Report 2021–22

Victorian Law Reform Commission — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Legal Services Board and the Victorian Legal Services Commissioner — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Marine and Coastal Council — Report 2021–22

Victorian Multicultural Commission — Report 2021–22

Victorian Planning Authority — Report 2021–22

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Victorian Professional Standards Councils — Report 2021–22

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority — Report 2021–22

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Victorian Small Business Commission — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Wannon Region Water Corporation — Report 2021–22

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West Gippsland Healthcare Group — Report 2021–22

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Yarram and District Health Service — Report 2021–22

Yarrawonga Health — Report 2021–22

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Report 2021–22

Youth Parole Board — Report 2021–22

Zoological Parks and Gardens Board — Report 2021–22.

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

Agriculture Legislation Amendment Act 2022 — Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 (except ss 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 49), Part 5 (except ss 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88), Part 7 (except ss 112, 113, 114, 115 and 135) and Part 10 — 1 October 2022; Part 6 — 31 October 2022; Part 4, the remaining provisions of Part 5, Part 11 and Part 12 — 1 January 2023 (*Gazette S506, 27 September 2022*)

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — Divisions 1, 2, 3 (other than s 87), 4 (other than s 88), 6, 8 and 11 of Part 6 and s 111 — 27 September 2022; Division 5 of Part 6 — 1 March 2023 (*Gazette S506, 27 September 2022*)
Education Legislation Amendment (Adult and Community Education and Other Matters) Act 2022 — Section 54 — 21 September 2022 (*Gazette S489, 20 September 2022*)
Gambling and Liquor Legislation Amendment Act 2022 — Remaining provisions of Part 4 — 4 October 2022 (*Gazette S489, 20 September 2022*)
Liquor Control Reform Amendment Act 2021 — Sections 4(4)(a), 5, 7, 14 and 56 — 27 September 2022 (*Gazette S489, 20 September 2022*)
Monitoring of Places of Detention by the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (OPCAT) Act 2022 — Whole Act — 11 October 2022 (*Gazette S540, 11 October 2022*)
Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment Act 2022 — Sections 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19 — 1 October 2022; Section 9 — 1 January 2023 (*Gazette S489, 20 September 2022*)
Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2022 — Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 — 5 October 2022 (*Gazette S524, 4 October 2022*)
Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance Scheme) Act 2022 —Sections 1 and 2 and Division 6 of Part 8 — 31 October 2022 (*Gazette S524, 4 October 2022*).

20 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 7 February 2023 at 12.00 noon *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

21 **GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — The Speaker reported that today the House attended the Legislative Council Chamber, where the Governor was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament. The speech was as follows:

Introduction

Honourable President and Members of the Legislative Council:
Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

First, I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we are gathering and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Following the results of the general election on 26 November, I commissioned the Leader of the Victorian Labor Party, Mr Daniel Andrews, to form a government.

Accordingly, I have called you together on this day, the first session of the 60th Parliament, to outline the policy agenda and legislative intentions of the Government in its third term.

Summary

The Government has spent the last four years building the hospitals, schools and roads that Victorians need and removing level crossings as part of the Big Build. The Government has introduced free TAFE courses, invested in renewable energy, created thousands of well-paid jobs and made wage theft and workplace manslaughter a criminal offence to ensure workers' rights are protected.

In its third term, the Government will continue to do what matters to create a stronger Victoria.

The Government will deliver on improving hospitals, building new facilities and training thousands of nurses and paramedics to make sure Victorians get the best care. Kinder will be free, saving Victorian families money and time, and bringing back the State Electricity Commission will create new jobs and secure Victoria's renewable energy future.

Over the next four years, the Government will focus on energy, health, education, transport and jobs.

Energy

Bringing back the SEC

Bringing back the State Electricity Commission will deliver government ownership of energy generation and create thousands of jobs building new renewables like wind, solar and batteries.

The Government will step up renewable electricity targets to 95 per cent by 2035, with emissions reduction targets of 75-80 per cent by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2045. One hundred neighbourhood batteries will also be installed across Victoria to create localised energy storage.

The Government will seek to own a majority of new energy generation projects built by the SEC, ensuring that profits will go back into helping to keep bills down for Victorians.

The Government will invest at least $20 million to prepare the SEC for its new role in our energy market, including setting up an office in Morwell.

$6 million will be invested to create a purpose-built training centre for workers in our emerging offshore, and growing onshore, wind industry.

By building a government-owned energy company, the Government will support 59,000 jobs through to 2035, at least 6,000 apprenticeships and traineeships, and will put power back in the hands of Victorians.

Health

The Government understands that there's nothing more important than getting the very best care, close to home.

Investing in our healthcare system

The Government will fund a number of large-scale hospital projects across Victoria, which represents a significant increase in the size of the current health infrastructure delivery program.

This includes delivering the biggest hospital infrastructure project in Australia's history by building new Royal Melbourne and Royal Women's Hospitals alongside Metro Tunnel's new Arden Station, to give patients across Victoria access to the very best of care.

From 2025, both the Parkville and Arden medical precincts will have brand-new train stations and be linked, making it a two-minute trip between hospital campuses, and connecting them to the Monash Medical Centre in Clayton.

Once completed, the project will deliver an increased capacity of 10,500 elective surgeries per year, 1,000 patients receiving critical care per year, 2,500 births per year and 66,000 additional emergency department presentations per year.

Additionally, other new hospitals and upgrades to existing hospitals will include a new Queen Elizabeth II hospital in Melbourne's East, a new West Gippsland Hospital and upgrades to Wonthaggi Hospital, Austin Hospital, Dandenong Hospital, Northern Hospital and a bigger and better Monash Medical Centre.

Investing in Women's Health

The Government will continue its focus on women's health by delivering its $71 million package to create 20 new women's health clinics at public hospitals, a new state-wide service and more sexual and reproductive health hubs across Victoria. The Government will also work with Aboriginal health organisations to deliver the first ever dedicated Aboriginal-led women's health clinic.

Delivering new women's health clinics will completely change the way women's health issues are treated in Victoria and will provide comprehensive care for Victorians experiencing conditions like endometriosis, pelvic pain, polycystic ovary syndrome, and perimenopause and menopause.

In response to women feeling ignored, dismissed and often undiagnosed, the Government will invest $64.8 million to double the number of endometriosis and associated condition surgeries, delivering an estimated extra 10,800 laparoscopies over the next four years.

With an aim to find solutions, the Government will establish an Inquiry into Women's Pain Management, chaired by a panel of experts who will hear directly from women about their experience accessing treatment.

The Government will also invest $5 million into women's health medical research to ensure better treatment and pain management for diseases that specifically impact women.

The Government will expand its network of sexual and reproductive health hubs, providing $6.4 million to establish an additional nine locations across the State, and ensuring that women have access to services and advice on contraception, pregnancy and sexual health.

The Government will establish a mobile Women's Health Clinic to visit remote parts of the State to ensure all Victorian women have access to the care they need and will provide

$20,000 scholarships for 100 additional women's healthcare specialists to increase the State's network of specialist healthcare workers.

To ensure that lessons learned at the new Women's Health Clinics can inform the Inquiry and be used to improve patient care, $4 million will be put into research support services, and $2 million will be invested to establish support groups and mental health programs for women tackling challenging health issues like endometriosis.

Improving access to fertility services

The Government will continue to ensure that IVF is accessible to all and will invest an additional $13.6 million into Australia's first public IVF service, to help further expand access for women and families. The Government will also ensure more availability and access to fertility services for Victorians living in regional areas, by establishing satellite services in Bendigo, Mildura, Shepparton, Geelong, Ballarat and Warrnambool. Satellite services will also be established in Epping, Sunshine and Heidelberg.

Once fully operational, this investment in free IVF will mean up to 5,000 people each year will have access to the services, saving up to $10,000 for eligible Victorians.

Creating more paramedic positions

To ensure that sick and injured Victorians can receive the treatment they need when they need it, the Government, in an Australian-first, will create the new position of Paramedic Practitioner.

Paramedic Practitioners will receive advanced clinical training to ensure they are able to assess, diagnose and provide urgent care to patients in the field and make clinical decisions, taking pressure off our busy emergency departments by eliminating the need for a trip to the hospital.

The Government will invest $20 million to establish the role of Paramedic Practitioner, with an agreed model of care that can strengthen the ambulance service while reducing pressure on the hospital system. Paramedic Practitioners will be rolled out in rural and regional areas first, and there will be at least 25 Paramedic Practitioners trained for free through government-provided scholarships and on the road by 2026.

The Government will also fund an additional 40 MICA paramedics. Having more of these highly skilled crews on the road will ensure patients are getting the best care in the most urgent circumstances.

The Government will also establish an Australian-first Centre for Paramedicine in partnership with Victoria University. The centre will focus on training the next generation of ambulance paramedics, providing advanced teaching methods – with the capacity to train around 1,500 paramedic students each year.

And to assess whether outsourcing remains the most effective model to deliver non-urgent transport, the Government will review the existing procurement arrangements for patient transport ambulances.

Education

The Government knows that education changes lives.

In its third term, the Government will continue its investment in kindergartens, local schools and specialist schools to ensure that all Victorians have access to quality education.

Free kinder and more childcare centres

To deliver greater access to kindergartens and give kids the best start in life, the Government will make three and four-year-old kinder free, saving families up to $2,500 per child, per year.

The Government will build and expand around 180 government-owned kinders so it's easier to find a place, ensuring that families will have more choice in finding a kinder closer to home.

The Government will continue to support working families by opening 50 new government-owned and run childcare centres in the communities that need them most, building them near schools where possible to avoid the double drop-off for busy parents.

Upgrading local schools

The Government knows the importance of access to great local schools, which is why they will build and upgrade schools right across the State.

The Government will continue its delivery of good-quality schools by building and opening 100 brand-new schools to ensure that all families have access to a great school in their area.

Improving specialist schools

To support families of kids with disability, the Government will deliver a $207 million package to transform specialist schools through upgrades and more support for students in the classroom.

The Government will also extend outside-hours care to every specialist school in the State with the next 25 rolling out from 2024 and will create onsite space for allied health appointments to better support families.

NDIS Navigators will be introduced in all 89 Victorian specialist schools, employed by the Government but working for families to help them navigate the NDIS system.

The Government's expansive package will also include:

- $8.1 million for more extracurricular activities for specialist schools
- $11.3 million to deliver scholarships to attract more speech pathologists and occupational therapists to regional areas
- $2 million for professional development for health care workers, including how to communicate with people with autism
- $8.2 million for TAFE transition officers to support students with a disability
- $25 million to build aqua-therapy pools at specialist schools
- Establishing a Premier's Advisory Committee
- $100,000 for specialist schools to apply for access to Proloquo2Go, an app for those who are non-verbal
- $5 million to train more therapy animals.

The Government will abolish the age threshold for a "proof of age" card so that parents of non-verbal children, or children with an intellectual disability who wish for them to carry ID, can do so.

The Government will also undertake a review of current eligibility processes for specialist schools, including current cognitive thresholds, so that more families can choose the school that best suits their needs.

Transport

The Government is continuing the infrastructure Big Build, including removing level crossings, completing the Metro Tunnel, building the Suburban Rail Loop and capping V/Line fares at metro prices so that Victorians can get home sooner and safer.

Removal of more level crossings

Reducing congestion and improving travel for all Victorians, whilst creating thousands of jobs, is critical, which is why the Government will have removed 110 level crossings by 2030.

Completing the Metro Tunnel

The Government continues work on the Metro Tunnel, which will enable more trains to run, more often. Tunnelling is now finished, and five underground stations are taking shape beneath our city. These new stations will change the face of travel in Melbourne, and when Airport Rail is complete, trains in the Metro Tunnel will take Victorians to the airport in just 30 minutes.

Building the Suburban Rail Loop

The Suburban Rail Loop will change transport within Victoria. The loop will connect rail lines and make it easier for many Victorians to get to work, university, TAFE, hospitals and the airport. Regional Victorians will also benefit by no longer having to change at Southern Cross Station, so they'll get to where they're going faster.

This is a big project that will create thousands of jobs.

More V/Line services, more often

In response to increasing financial pressures on Victorians, the Government will cap regional public transport fares, making it easier for families and commuters in regional Victoria to get around by train and bus.

Capping regional prices will deliver savings to passengers, with daily peak fares from Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat all reduced to the daily metro rate.

The Government will also add almost 200 weekend services on regional lines around Victoria and will build another 23 VLocity 3 car sets to replace older trains so that there are enough trains to run these additional services.

Jobs

The Government believes that every Victorian deserves a good, stable job with a decent wage. To help put Victorian workers and Victorian jobs first, the Government is extending Free TAFE, making studying nursing and midwifery free and delivering the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Extending Free TAFE

To support the further education of Victorian workers, the Government will expand eligibility for Free TAFE, so that all Victorians can study for in-demand jobs like healthcare, mental health, construction, early childhood and hospitality.

The Government will change the once-in-a-lifetime limit so Victorians can take multiple Free TAFE courses when they are continuing select training pathways and will build and upgrade TAFE campuses across the State so that Victorians can continue to study in quality facilities.

Investment from the Clean Energy TAFE Fund will support a number of TAFEs with a range of initiatives focused on renewable energy jobs.

And the Government will legislate to ensure that TAFE funding is protected. Free TAFE is helping Victorians train for their future.

Making nursing free

To help train the next generation of healthcare workers, the Government will make studying nursing and midwifery free.

More than 10,000 students will have the cost of their nursing or midwifery undergraduate studies paid for, while scholarships will be available for thousands more who complete postgraduate studies in areas of need including intensive care, cancer care, paediatrics and nurse practitioner specialities.

The Government will provide $20 million to support the growing number of graduate and postgraduates as they transition to working in our hospitals, ensuring they have access to the clinical educators, preceptors and study time they need.

The Government will also provide a $5,000 sign-on bonus for nurses who graduate in the next three years - rewarding those who choose to take up careers in Victoria's public health system.

Commonwealth Games

Victoria will host the Commonwealth Games across regional Victoria in March 2026.

The Games will bring together athletes, communities, cultures and businesses in an exciting program of events expected to support more than 7,500 Victorian jobs, with the majority in regional Victoria.

As part of delivering the games, the state will invest in new and upgraded infrastructure that will provide both a first-class games experience and improved facilities for Victorians into the future.

More social and affordable housing will also be created as part of the athletes' villages that will be constructed as part of the games, supporting more Victorians to have a place to call home.

Closing

Honourable Members, I have outlined for you the Government's program for this Parliament.

It is a positive plan that demonstrates the Government's commitment to creating a stronger Victoria.

This Parliament is diverse and offers a range of different perspectives, which is critical for the functioning of democracy.

I trust that you will work together and serve the people of Victoria with integrity and conviction.

It is now my pleasure to wish you well and declare open the 60th Parliament of Victoria.

22 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion made and question proposed — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House —

Governor:

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria assembled in Parliament, wish to express our loyalty to our Sovereign, and to thank you for your speech which you have made to the Parliament *(Martha Haylett, seconded Dylan Wight)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

23 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.44 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 2, 3, 4 and 5

No 2 — Tuesday 7 February 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 December 2022 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN LANDY AC CVO MBE** — Motion made and question —

That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable John Landy AC CVO MBE and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as the Governor of Victoria from 2001 to 2006 *(Daniel Andrews)* — members and the Speaker addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable John Landy AC CVO MBE, the House, at 1.00 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 3 — Tuesday 7 February 2023
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for the registration, use and management of human sources by Victoria Police, to provide for the external oversight of the use of human sources, to consequentially amend the* ***Victoria Police Act 2013*** *and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Health Services Act 1988*** *to establish a centralised electronic system to enable public hospitals and other specified health services to share specified patient health information, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Health Records Act 2001*** *and for other purposes*'; and after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I appoint Juliana Addison, Christine Couzens, Bronwyn Halfpenny, Paul Hamer, Meng Heang Tak and Jackson Taylor to preside as Acting Speakers whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

Hon Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
7 February 2023.

6 **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER OF PARLIAMENT** — The Speaker informed the House that under s 18 of the *Parliamentary Administration Act 2005*, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has appointed Vaughn Koops to be Deputy Clerk, following the appointment of Robert McDonald as Clerk of the Legislative Council in 2022.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF VICTORIA — Report 2021–22 tabled by leave (*Anthony Carbines)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following documents had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Magistrates' Court of Victoria — Report 2021–22
Supreme Court of Victoria — Report 2021–22

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Board of — Report 2020–21

Benalla Health — Report 2021–22

Casterton Memorial Hospital — Report 2021–22

Central Highlands Rural Health — Report 2021–22

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17B granting a licence over Point Cook Coastal Park
Order under s 17D granting a lease over Yarra Bend Park
Order under ss 17B and 17D granting a licence and a lease over Mount Doboobetic Bushland Reserve

Dhelkaya Health — Report 2021–22

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — Documents under s 12H:

Amended Poisons Code
Notice of preparation of amendment to the Poisons Code
Parts of the Commonwealth standard that the Poisons Code incorporates by reference

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2022 under s 303

Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services Privacy Commissioner, and National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information Commissioner — Report 2021–22

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Environment that she had received the Report 2021–22 of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust
Report from the Minister for Industry and Innovation that he had not received the Report 2021–22 of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, together with an explanation for the delay
2022-23 Quarterly Financial Report No 1 — released on 23 December 2022

Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report 2021–22

Grampians Health — Report 2021–22

Kilmore District Health — Report 2021–22

Kyabram District Health Service — Report 2021–22

Land Tax Act 2005 — Report 2021–22 of Land Tax Absentee Owner Surcharge Exemptions under s 3BB

Omeo District Health — Report 2021–22

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre — Report 2021–22

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:
Ararat — C42
Boroondara — C390, C393
Cardinia — C270
Darebin — C170, C203, C212
Glenelg — C106
Greater Bendigo — C271
Hume — C253
Manningham — C133
Mansfield — C48 part 1
Melbourne — C420, C422, C445, C446
Moreland — C227
Port Phillip — C184, C204
Surf Coast — C133
Towong — C37
Whittlesea — C270
Report 2021–22 on Infrastructure Contributions and Development Contribution Levies

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

County Court Act 1958 — SR 131/2022
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 — SR 1
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 — SR 2
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 — SR 3
Land Conservation (Vehicle Control) Act 1972 — SR 6
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 134/2022
Public Interest Monitor Act 2011 — SR 4
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 132/2022, 133/2022
Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011 — SR 5

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 97/2021, 153/2021, 171/2021, 37/2022, 81/2022, 93/2022, 111/2022, 124/2022, 134/2022, 3, 4, 5, 6

Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare) — Report 2021–22

Victorian Public Sector Commission — Report 2021–22.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022.

9 **REFERRAL TO STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That, subject to the sessional orders proposed in Government Business Notice of Motion No 1 being agreed, the following issues be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration, inquiry and report:

(1) the possible inclusion of the sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders; and

(2) any other identified improvements to the standing orders —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

10 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until tomorrow at 9.30 am *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

11 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 9 February 2023:

Building and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

13 **SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That the following sessional orders be adopted, to come into operation with effect from the next sitting day —

1 Days and times of meeting

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 12.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

2 Interruption of business for adjournment

Standing Order 32 be suspended and the following to apply:

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Speaker will interrupt the business before the House at:

(a) 7.00 pm each sitting Tuesday and Wednesday;

(b) 5.00 pm on any other sitting day.

(2) If a division is taking place when the time for the interruption arises, the division will be completed and the result announced. If the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with. The Speaker will then interrupt business.

(3) If the time for the interruption arises:

(a) at the same time as the completion time set by the government business program; or

(b) after the interruption for the completion time of the government business program, but before all business on the program has been dealt with —

all business on the government business program will be completed first. The Speaker will then interrupt business for the adjournment.

(4) After the interruption:

(a) before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a minister may move that the sitting be continued. That motion must be put immediately without amendment or debate. If it is agreed to, the House will resume debate at the point at which it had been interrupted; or

(b) if a motion is not moved, the Speaker will immediately propose the question 'That the House now adjourns'. Any business under discussion and any other business not concluded at the time of the adjournment will be listed on the notice paper for the next sitting day. Any member speaking at the time of the interruption may, when debate resumes, continue his or her speech.

3 Order of business

(1) So much of SOs 36, 38, 39, 41 and 55 be suspended so as to enable the following order of business on:

Tuesdays
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
General business

Wednesdays
Formal business
Disallowance motions
Statements by members
Statements on parliamentary committee reports
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
Matter of public importance or grievance debate (4.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
General business

(2) So much of SOs 38 and 39 be suspended so as to enable:

(a) at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;

(b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:

(i) it will be completed without interruption and result announced;

(ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);

(c) the Chair announces the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be;

(d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue his or her speech.

(3) In SO 39(9) for 'statements on parliamentary committee reports under SO 41' read 'government business'.

4 Answers to questions on notice

A reply to a question on notice delivered to the Clerk under SO 54(3) must be submitted within 30 days.

5 Who may ask oral questions without notice

Only non-government members may ask questions without notice under SO 55.

6 Supplementary questions without notice

(1) At the conclusion of each answer to an oral question without notice, the questioning member may ask the responding minister a supplementary question to elucidate or clarify the answer.

(2) Supplementary questions must actually and accurately relate to the original question, must relate to or arise from the answer and must not be a separate question on the same topic.

7 Ministers' statements

After each oral question without notice and any related supplementary questions, any minister may seek the call to make a statement of up to two minutes.

8 Constituency questions

(1) At the conclusion of oral questions without notice and ministers' statements, five government members and five non-government members may ask one oral question each to ministers relating to constituency matters.

(2) Replies to constituency questions must be given in writing within 30 days by delivering a reply to the Clerk. The Clerk must give the response to the member who asked the question and electronically publish the response.

9 Duration of question time

Standing Order 55(2) is suspended and the following to apply:

Question time will last until five oral questions and related supplementary questions have been answered, up to five ministers' statements have been made and up to ten constituency questions have been asked and where a question is ruled out of order it is, for the purposes of this sessional order, deemed to have been answered.

10 Time limits on answers and questions

(1) The time limit for each oral question, supplementary question and constituency question is one minute.

(2) The time limit for the answer to each oral question is three minutes, and for the answer to each supplementary question is one minute.

11 Content of answers

Standing Order 58(1)(a) is suspended and all answers to questions must be direct, factual, succinct and relevant.

12 Chair ordering member to withdraw — application during oral questions without notice and ministers' statements

Where:

(1) a member is ordered to withdraw from the House under SO 124 during oral questions without notice or ministers' statements; and

(2) the time for oral questions without notice and ministers' statements ends before the end of the suspension period —

the member may return to the Chamber after the time for oral questions without notice and ministers' statements but must serve the remainder of their suspension during the next question time, subject to SO 124(2).

13 Time limit for lead speakers

For the purposes of SO 131, and subject to any agreement to the contrary, additional time provided for the lead speaker of any other party does not apply where such a party has advised the Speaker that it is in a coalition arrangement with another party.

14 Notices of motion

Standing Orders 140(1) and 141 are suspended and the following to apply:

(1) A member may only move a motion to discuss a subject if he or she has given notice of that motion on a previous sitting day.

(2) Copies of all verbal notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before notices are called on by the Speaker.

(3) Copies of all written notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before the conclusion of formal business.

(4) All notices given by ministers must be verbal.

(5) Verbal notices must be read to the House. They can only be given before the House proceeds to the business of the day as set out in the notice paper.

(6) All notices, except notices given under paragraph (7) given by members who are not ministers, must be given in writing. Members may give notice by lodging a copy with the Clerks in accordance with paragraph (3).

(7) A motion by a member expressing no confidence in the Premier and ministers, in the terms set out in s 8A of the *Constitution Act 1975*, may only be given verbally.

(8) The Clerk must notify the Speaker of a notice of a motion by a member to disallow a statutory rule to which SO 151 applies, and the Speaker will report details to the House at the first convenient opportunity.

15 Procedure for a division

Standing Order 164(1) is suspended and the following to apply:

When a division is requested, the Clerk will ring the bells for four minutes as indicated by the timer.

16 Redactions

The Standing Orders Committee (the Committee) is empowered to authorise redactions from a document published by the House, Assembly Hansard, official broadcast footage of the Assembly Chamber or an Assembly Committee, a petition, or a document tabled under SO 171 on safety or security grounds using the following process:

(1) A person, including a member of Parliament, may write to the Clerk and request the redaction including details of the nature of the safety or security risk and how redaction would reduce or remove this risk. The Clerk will then forward that request to the Committee as soon as practicable.

(2) If the Committee is satisfied there is a safety or security risk and the redaction is warranted, the Committee may approve the request. All members present at the meeting must unanimously agree for the Committee's decision to be effective.

(3) The Clerk will inform the person who made the request of the Committee's decision. Where the Committee unanimously approves the redaction, the Clerk must take all necessary steps to give effect to the Committee's decision.

(4) A redaction does not affect the protections provided by ss 73, 74 or 74AA of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

(5) The Clerk must include a statement of the number of redactions made and the type of document they were redacted from, excluding any identifying information, in the annual report of the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

(6) The Committee may issue guidelines on the operation of this sessional order.

17 Electronic petitions

(1) A person (the sponsoring petitioner) may lodge a request to start an electronic petition (e-petition) with the Clerk for publication on the Parliament's website.

(2) Standing Orders 45 to 52 apply except in relation to the requirement for a petitioner's signature.

(3) The sponsoring petitioner must provide the following information to the Clerk:

(a) the issue (maximum 200 words) and action requested (maximum 120 words);

(b) their full name and address; and

(c) the name of the member sponsoring the e-petition.

(4) Before the e-petition is published, the Clerk will review the wording of the e-petition to ensure it conforms with standing orders and confirm that the sponsoring member has agreed to sponsor the e-petition.

(5) The sponsoring member must nominate a period (the posted period) that the e-petition will be available to sign on the Parliament's website and:

(a) the posted period must be a minimum of one week and a maximum of six months from the date of publication;

(b) if the Assembly is due to expire under s 28(2) of the *Constitution Act 1975* within six months from the date of publication of an e-petition, the Clerk will determine the maximum posted period;

(c) the sponsoring member may request the Clerk to change the posted period before it ends, provided the maximum period is not exceeded.

(6) A member must not sign an e-petition they have sponsored.

(7) Once published, an e-petition cannot be altered but the sponsoring member may request the Clerk withdraw it.

(8) Residents of Victoria may become signatories to an e-petition by electronically providing their name, address and signifying their intention to join the e-petition.

(9) The Clerk will table the e-petition on the next sitting day after the posted period has ended.

(10) E-petitions about the same issue and requesting the same action are not allowed simultaneously. However, once an e-petition has been tabled, a new e-petition can be started.

18 Motion to disallow a pandemic order and requirement for a joint sitting

(1) After a member has given notice of a motion to disallow in whole or in part a pandemic order or instrument in accordance with s 165AU of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, a minister must move a motion to hold a joint sitting to consider the disallowance motion. The minister must move the motion by the end of the next sitting day after notice of the disallowance motion is given.

(2) A motion to hold a joint sitting can be moved without notice or leave at any break in business.

(3) Debate on a motion to hold a joint sitting will last for a maximum of 30 minutes or until six members have spoken, whichever is the shorter.

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed to the motion.

Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed to the motion.

And, after debate —

Amendments proposed —

Sessional Order 3

1 After 'General business' where second occurring insert the following new paragraph:

'**Regional sitting days**
Question time
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
General business'.

Sessional Order 11

2 Before 'Standing' insert '(1)'.

3 After 'relevant.' insert the following new paragraphs:

'(2) The Speaker may determine that an answer to an oral question without notice or supplementary oral question is not responsive to the question, and may accordingly direct the minister to provide a written response to the question and lodge it with the Speaker by 2.00 pm the next sitting day. The Speaker will forward the written response to the member who asked the question and the Clerk must electronically publish the response.

(3) The Speaker will determine the adequacy of a written response to a question provided under this sessional order. The Speaker may determine that a written response does not appropriately answer the question and may direct that the minister provide another written response by 2.00 pm the next sitting day. The Speaker will forward the written response to the member who asked the question and the Clerk must electronically publish the response.' —

(James Newbury) — and, after debate —

Amendments proposed —

Sessional Order 3

1 In paragraph (1) omit '(1)'.

2 In paragraph (1) under 'Wednesdays', omit 'Matter of public importance or grievance debate (4.00 pm)' and insert 'Non-government business (4.00 pm)'.

3 Omit paragraphs (2) and (3).

New sessional orders

4 Insert the following new sessional orders —

'**19 Non-government business**

In addition to the items set out in SO 34(2), government business also does not take precedence in relation to non-government business under this sessional order.

Standing Orders 34(2)(d), (e) and (f), 37, 38 and 39 are suspended and the following applies:

(1) Non-government business includes notices of motion and orders of the day moved by members who are not members of the party or coalition in government.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), every sitting Wednesday, the Chair will interrupt the House at 4.00 pm and the House will consider non-government business for two hours.

(3) If a division is taking place when the time for the interruption arises, the division will be completed and the result announced. If the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with. The Chair will then interrupt business.

(4) Any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the two hours, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

20 Order of consideration of non-government business

(1) On the sitting day immediately prior to each sitting Wednesday, a member who is not a member of the party or coalition in government may move, without notice or leave, a motion specifying items of non-government business to have precedence on the next sitting day.

(2) Over the course of a parliament, the specified items proposed by each non-government party and independent member must be proportional to the number of independent members and members representing non-government parties in the House.

(3) The debate will last for 30 minutes or until six members have spoken, whichever is the shorter.

(4) If a motion is not moved or agreed to, the House will consider non-government business in the order it is set down on the notice paper under general business.' —

(Ellen Sandell) — and, after debate —

Sessional Orders 1 and 2 agreed to.

Sessional Order 3

Question — That the expression proposed to be omitted by Ellen Sandell's amendment No 1 stands part of the question — put.

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

AYES 78

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That James Newbury's amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Sessional Order 3 agreed to.

Sessional Orders 4 to 10 agreed to.

Sessional Order 11

Question — That James Newbury's amendment No 2 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Sessional Order 11 agreed to.

Sessional Orders 12 to 18 agreed to.

Question — That the sessional orders be adopted to come into operation tomorrow — put and agreed to.

14 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022);* debate resumed.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 4 — Wednesday 8 February 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 7 February 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Kathleen Matthews-Ward, Kim O'Keeffe and Iwan Walters be members of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

4 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

5 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 22 February 2023.

6 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 22 February 2023.

7 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022)*; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Debate continued on question — That the Address *(as detailed above)* be agreed to by this House.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That the Address (*as detailed above)* be agreed to by this House.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

11 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.34 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 5 — Thursday 9 February 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I appoint Jordan Crugnale, Paul Edbrooke and Michaela Settle to preside as Acting Speakers whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

This warrant amends the previous warrant of 7 February 2023.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
9 February 2023.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Emerald Tourist Railway Board (Puffing Billy Railway) — Report 2021–22

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Returns 16 January 2023 — Ordered to be published

Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority — Report 2021–22

Racing Integrity Commissioner — Report 2021–22

Victorian Racing Integrity Board — Report 2021–22.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 21 February 2023 *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **RACING AMENDMENT (UNAUTHORISED ACCESS) BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

7 **BUILDING AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Minister:

(1) consults with stakeholders including the Australian Institute of Architects about possible time delays incurred by the Board in examining proof of insurance for architects already registered in Victoria;

(2) provides clarity about the range of criminal sanctions that would be considered in assessing registration applications; and

(3) consults with Green Wedge advocacy groups and relevant Local Government Areas on steps to further protect Green Wedge areas.' —

(David Hodgett) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **BUILDING AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 7 February 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 57

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 21

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **RACING AMENDMENT (UNAUTHORISED ACCESS) BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 74

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Meng Heang Tak; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.09 pm under sessional orders.

11 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 6, 7 and 8

No 6 — Tuesday 21 February 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 9 February 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WRIT** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writ issued on 19 December 2022 and that Wayne Farnham has been elected for the District of Narracan.

3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Wayne Farnham was then introduced and took and subscribed the oath required by law.

4 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Heritage Act 2017** to provide for exclusion determinations and to make other amendments to improve the operation of the Act and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**, the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021**, the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**, the **Commission for Children and Young People Act 2012**, the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989**, the **Health Services Act 1988** and the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**, to make minor and consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Birrarung Park

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

Statutory Rule 120/2022 (Gazette G5, 2 February 2023)
Statutory Rule 171/2021 (Gazette G7, 16 February 2023)

Ombudsman — Good Practice Guide: Complaint handling in a crisis — released on 16 February 2023

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

Benalla — C44
Boroondara — C389
Brimbank — C236
Greater Bendigo — C277
Greater Shepparton — C240
Hobsons Bay — C114
Kingston — C211
Moorabool — C100
Moreland — C225
Stonnington — C328

Statutory Rules under the *Road Safety Act 1986* — SRs 7, 8, 9

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 97/2022
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001*:
Electricity Distribution Code of Practice (Distributor Reporting Obligations) Amendment 2022
Gas Distribution System Code of Practice (Unaccounted for Gas Benchmarks) Amendment 2022.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023.

8 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 23 February 2023:

Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023
Human Source Management Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

10 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022)*; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Debate continued on question — That the Address *(as detailed above)* be agreed to by this House.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 7 — Wednesday 22 February 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA** — The Speaker made an announcement about the recent earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

By leave, members made statements expressing their sympathy for the people from those regions.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Replacement playground equipment for Castlemaine Primary School — Requesting that the Minister for Education provides funding to replace Castlemaine Primary School's playground equipment, bearing 260 signatures *(Martha Haylett)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CASTLEMAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ripon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martha Haylett)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor General — Regulating Private Pool and Spa Safety Report — Ordered to be published

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Operation Clara — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 7, 8, 9

Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017:

Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan — Reporting on five months of implementation, from 24 February 2022
Report on the implementation of Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan 2022.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 8 March 2023.

9 **CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, ABORIGINAL SELF–DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 8 March 2023.

10 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for an opt-out provision and for the Department of Health to be subject to freedom of information requests about the scheme' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

14 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022)*; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 8 — Thursday 23 February 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor General — Results of 2021–22 Audits: Local Government — Ordered to be published

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report 2021–22

Environment Protection Authority — Report 2021–22

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2021–22 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Portland District Health — Report 2021–22

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 11.

3 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Jacinta Allan, Roma Britnell, Ben Carroll, Tim McCurdy, Cindy McLeish, Danny Pearson and Mary-Anne Thomas be members of the **Dispute Resolution Committee**;

(2) Anthony Cianflone, Wayne Farnham, Alison Marchant, John Mullahy, Kim O'Keeffe, Dylan Wight and Jess Wilson be members of the **Economy and Infrastructure Committee**;

(3) Brad Battin, Will Fowles, Sam Hibbins, Emma Kealy, Nathan Lambert and Emma Vulin be members of the **Electoral Matters Committee**;

(4) Juliana Addison, Martin Cameron, Jordan Crugnale, Daniela De Martino, Sam Groth, Martha Haylett and David Hodgett be members of the **Environment and Planning Committee**;

(5) Tim Bull, Matt Fregon, James Newbury, Pauline Richards, Ellen Sandell and Jackson Taylor be members of the **House Committee**;

(6) Jade Benham, Gary Maas, Paul Mercurio, Tim Read, Kim Wells and Belinda Wilson be members of the **Integrity and Oversight Committee**;

(7) Annabelle Cleeland, Chris Couzens, Chris Crewther, Ella George, Cindy McLeish, Meng Heang Tak and Jackson Taylor be members of the **Legal and Social Issues Committee**;

(8) A select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon complaints of breach of privilege referred to it by the House, right of reply applications referred under SO 227 and any other matter referred to it by the House; and Lily D'Ambrosio, Melissa Horne, James Newbury, Danny Pearson, Mary-Anne Thomas, Peter Walsh and Kim Wells be members of the **Privileges Committee**;

(9) Sarah Connolly, Paul Hamer, Mathew Hilakari, Lauren Kathage, Danny O'Brien and Tim Read be members of the **Public Accounts and Estimates Committee**;

(10) Dylan Wight be a member of the **Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee**; and

(11) A select committee be appointed to consider and report upon the standing orders and practices of the House; and the Speaker, Jacinta Allan, Matt Fregon, James Newbury, Pauline Richards, Ellen Sandell, David Southwick, Mary-Anne Thomas and Peter Walsh be members of the **Standing Orders Committee** —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That after the word 'Committee' in paragraph (6) the following words be inserted '; and the House requests the Committee elect a non-government member as its Chair' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the question be now put (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put.

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

AYES 58

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — accordingly put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — that the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 7 March 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until:

(1) the Government consults with organisations representing persons whose interests would be affected by the undermining of privileged communication facilitated by the Bill;

(2) the Government provides for proper oversight of the power of the Chief Commissioner of Police to register a reportable human source; and

(3) the Government satisfies the House that what the High Court of Australia described as "reprehensible conduct" by Victoria Police in using a lawyer as an informer against her own clients in a manner which "debased fundamental premises of the criminal justice system" would not be facilitated by this Bill' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Building and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 without amendment.

10 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for an opt-out provision and for the Department of Health to be subject to freedom of information requests about the scheme'; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 21 February 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch;

Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until (1) the Government consults with organisations representing persons whose interests would be affected by the undermining of privileged communication facilitated by the Bill; (2) the Government provides for proper oversight of the power of the Chief Commissioner of Police to register a reportable human source; and (3) the Government satisfies the House that what the High Court of Australia described as "reprehensible conduct" by Victoria Police in using a lawyer as an informer against her own clients in a manner which "debased fundamental premises of the criminal justice system" would not be facilitated by this Bill'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.12 pm under sessional orders.

12 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.42 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 9, 10 and 11

No 9 — Tuesday 7 March 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 23 February 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Building Act 1993****, the* ***Architects Act 1991****, the* ***Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995****, the* ***Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002****, the* ***Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998****, the* ***Sale of Land Act 1962****, the* ***Owners Corporations Act 2006****, the* ***Cladding Safety Victoria Act 2020*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*** *in relation to the medically supervised injecting centre and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL) BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to dismiss the Moira Shire Council, to provide for a second general election for the Moira Shire Council, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Local Government Act 2020*** *and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Peter Walsh)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 1 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2023
Children and Health Legislation Amendment (Statement of Recognition, Aboriginal Self-Determination and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Raise the Age) Bill 2022
Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023
Heritage Amendment Bill 2023
Human Source Management Bill 2023
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitation of Timely Reporting) Bill 2022
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Restoration of Examination Powers) Bill 2022
Parliamentary Committees Amendment (Preventing Government Dominated Investigatory Committees) Bill 2022
Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022
Road Safety Amendment (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2023
Statute Law Amendment Bill 2022

together with appendices and extracts from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled the Parliamentary Budget Office Report 2021–22.

REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE OPERATIONS — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled a report from the Parliamentary Budget Officer on PBO operations for the Victorian 2022 general election.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Local Government Act 2020 — Commission of Inquiry into Moira Shire Council — Ordered to be published

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

Frankston — C140
Greater Geelong — C431
Melbourne — C413
Stonnington — C329
Victoria Planning Provision — VC215
Yarra — C313

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking Water Quality in Victoria — Report 2021–22

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Port Management Act 1995 — SR 13

Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 10
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 12
Water Industry Act 1994 — SR 11

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 12.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into support for older Victorians from migrant and refugee backgrounds — released on 27 February 2023.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022 without amendment.

7 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 28 February 2023
Building and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

On 7 March 2023
Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022.

8 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 9 March 2023:

Heritage Amendment Bill 2023
Children and Health Legislation Amendment (Statement of Recognition, Aboriginal Self-determination and Other Matters) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, immediately read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022);* debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That the following words be added to the end of the motion: 'but respectfully regret that the speech fails to announce a ban on new coal and gas projects' *(Tim Read)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.36 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 10 — Wednesday 8 March 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission:

Report 2021–22 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2021–22 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*

Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Department of — Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Environment Protection Authority — Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Process versus Outcome: Investigation into VicForests' handling of a series of FOI requests under s 61O of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* — Ordered to be published

Special Investigator, Office of — Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victoria Police:

Report 2021–22 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2021–22 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2021–22 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999.*

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Local Government (Moira Shire Council) Bill 2023 without amendment.

4 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — The Speaker announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council presenting, for the agreement of the Legislative Assembly, '*A Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of Victoria, to make minor amendments to the* ***Competition Policy Reform (Victoria) Act 1995*** *and for other purposes'.*

On the motion of Danny Pearson, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, notice of motion No 2 be postponed until later this day.

8 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 22 March 2023.

9 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 22 March 2023.

10 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** — Motion made and question — That this House notes that today is International Women's Day and —

(1) This year marks 100 years since women won the right to stand for election to Victorian Parliament;

(2) For many years First Nations women did not have the same political rights as other Victorians —

(Natalie Hutchins) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — RISING COST OF LIVING PRESSURES ON VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — The Speaker read Brad Rowswell's proposal to the House —

'That this House expresses deep concern at the rising cost of living pressures on Victorian families and the policy failures of the Andrews Labor Government including:

(1) Melbourne being the most expensive city for public education in the country, with average costs spiking to more than $102,000;

(2) Victorians facing energy price increases of up to $1,000 over this year, with the government unable to detail when power prices will be reduced;

(3) raiding Melbourne-based water authorities and the Transport Accident Commission and new threats of WorkSafe levy increases;

(4) no clear repayment plan by the Premier or Treasurer to repay $166 billion worth of state debt and tackle the annual interest bill of nearly $4 billion;

(5) increased land tax bills hitting mum and dad investors, and failing to advocate against Federal Labor attacks to superannuation;

(6) home ownership continuing to slip further out of reach following a shock drop in the number of new build approvals, ongoing rental price increases, roadblocks to new land supply, increased taxes pushing up the price for first home buyers and reduced borrowing capacity for Victorian home buyers;

(7) no reduction to metropolitan public transport ticket prices, forcing more commuters onto the roads, adding to lengthy traffic congestion problems; and

(8) a skills crisis, with no plan to address skills shortages or the risk to free TAFE after the Andrews Labor Government cut $55 million in funding from VET.'

Brad Rowswell addressed the House — Discussion followed.

14 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Question — put and agreed to.

15 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 11 — Thursday 9 March 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Maintaining Railway Assets across Metropolitan Melbourne — Ordered to be published

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Treasury Gardens

Jobs, Precincts and Regions, Department of — Report 2021–22

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2022–23 Budget Estimates

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 13, 15.

3 **COMMITTEE REFERENCES** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers:

(1) an inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian State Election to the **Electoral Matters Committee** for consideration and report no later than 1 May 2024;

(2) an inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors to the **Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 31 March 2024;

(3) an inquiry into changes to road safety behaviours during and post the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts on vulnerable road users to the **Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 31 March 2024; and

(4) an inquiry into employers and contractors who refuse to pay their sub-contractors for completed works to the **Environment and Planning Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 31 December 2023 —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 21 March 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for one week. Debate adjourned until 16 March 2023.

7 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Pesutto)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Gabrielle Williams announced amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail and requested that they be circulated. Amendments circulated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 7 March 2023 had expired.

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

Question — That Government amendments Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 12, 13 and 14

No 12 — Tuesday 21 March 2023

The House started at 12 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 9 March 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Water and Catchment Legislation Amendment Act 2021** to make minor and technical amendments to that Act, to make minor related amendments to the **Water Act 1989** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Disability Act 2006** in relation to the Secretary's functions, the sharing of information, residential services, restrictive practices, compulsory treatment and other related matters, to amend the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** in relation to SDA enrolled dwellings, to amend the **Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018** in relation to registration requirements, to amend the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021** in relation to interviews and hearings for WCES service users, powers of entry and other related matters, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Request for decision on Mental Health Tribunal — Requesting that the Minister for Mental Health make a decision about the status of the suspended community member on the Mental Health Tribunal, bearing 8 signatures *(David Hodgett)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2023
Local Government (Moira Shire Council) Act 2023

Public Administration and Planning Legislation Amendment (Control of Lobbyists) Bill 2023
Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (Health Services Performance Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2023

together with appendices and an extract from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2022–23 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 10 March 2023

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2021–22

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

Boroondara — C391, C392
Glen Eira — C218
Golden Plains — C101
Greater Bendigo — C266
Greater Geelong — C451
Greater Shepparton — C244
Indigo — C78
Merri-bek — C201
Moira — C97
Moyne — C78
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC229
Yarra Ranges — C215

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 14
County Court Act 1958 — SR 16
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 17
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 15

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 10, 14, 16

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 *(Gazette S112, 14 March 2023)*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Major Crime and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2022 — Part 4 — 3 April 2023 *(Gazette S116, 15 March 2023)*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023 with amendments.

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

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 9 March 2023, given the royal assent to the Local Government (Moira Shire Council) Bill 2023, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2023.

9 **HOUSE COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of James Newbury from the House Committee, effective from today.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 23 March 2023:

Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion No 1 and Order of the Day No 1 be postponed until later this day.

13 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022) — and on the amendment* — That the following words be added at the end of the motion — 'but respectfully regret that the speech fails to announce a ban on new coal and gas projects'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Debate continued on question — That the Address and amendment *(as detailed above)* be agreed to by this House.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP** — Motion made and question — That this House notes that Victorians resoundingly supported, for a second time, the state shaping Suburban Rail Loop, including SRL Airport, described by the Shadow Minister for Education on social media as 'a mangy dog' of a project *(Jacinta Allan)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words —

'(1) acknowledges that Victorians expect integrity, transparency, and good governance in the implementation of the Suburban Rail Loop; and

(2) calls on the Government to release the full business case to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, have the project independently assessed by Infrastructure Victoria, and release accurate costings to Victorians' —

(David Southwick) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question proposed — That the amendments be agreed to *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 13 — Wednesday 22 March 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS — Reports 2021–22 of the Department of the Legislative Assembly and Department of Parliamentary Services tabled by leave *(Matt Fregon)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor General — Fair Presentation of Service Delivery Performance 2022 — Ordered to be published

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978:

Register of Interests — Return submitted by a member of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Return 20 March 2023 — Ordered to be published
Register of Interests — Returns submitted by members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 28 February 2023 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 17

Trust for Nature (Victoria) — Report 2021–22

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005:

2020 Independent Review of the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme and Intergovernmental Agreement
Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme — Report 2021–22.

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

4 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

5 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 April 2023.

6 **WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 April 2023.

7 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to — after debate, put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

8 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to prevent a Medically Supervised Injecting Centre from operating in near proximity to schools, childcare centres and community centres' *(Emma Kealy)* — and after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — PUBLIC TRANPSPORT REGIONAL FARE CAP** — The Speaker read Ben Carroll's proposal to the House —

'That this house notes the Andrews Labor Government's Public Transport Regional Fare Cap policy for regional Victorians, further noting that:

(1) the Regional Fare Cap for regional Victorians will be the same as the metropolitan Melbourne price;

(2) fairer regional fares will help many Victorians with cost of living pressures;

(3) fairer regional fares will encourage more Victorians to connect with family and friends by reducing the cost of travel between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne;

(4) regional tourism and businesses will benefit from the flow-on effects of cheaper travel into regional areas;

(5) investments of nearly $1.5 billion to build 59 new VLocity Trains since 2015 are transforming our regional network and creating good quality jobs right here in Victoria;

(6) the Government has also committed to 23 new VLocity Trains, securing hundreds of jobs over the next three years across the supply-chain, and supporting passengers heading to the west of our state;

(7) an extra 800 services have been added onto the V/Line network since 2014 and a further 200 weekend regional services have been committed to which will further benefit regional passengers; and

(8) under alternative proposed policies, regional Victorians would be facing cuts to services to keep the system operational.'

Ben Carroll addressed the House — Discussion followed.

12 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 14 — Thursday 23 March 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Bright Western Gateway Development Plan — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly prevents the removal of elm trees from the western entry into Bright township, bearing 728 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*

Closure of Champion Road between Williamstown and Newport — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly commits to working with the Williamstown and Newport community to develop a solution to keep Champion Road open, bearing 1466 signatures *(Melissa Horne)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — BRIGHT WESTERN GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor General — Understanding Victoria's Contaminated Land — Ordered to be published

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Environment that she had received the reports 2021–22 of the:
Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group
Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group
Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group
Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group
North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2021–22

Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group — Report 2021–22

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's Inquiry into the Education and Prevention Functions of Victoria's Integrity Agencies

State Sport Centres Trust — Report 2021–22

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 18

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Notice of request to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council for an assessment of forest values of the Immediate Protection Areas in the Central Highlands and East Gippsland

Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee — Report 2021–22.

5 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Gary Maas from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from 22 March 2023 and the resignation of Jackson Taylor from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee, effective from today.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 2 May 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, and question — That Ryan Smith be a member of the House Committee, and Belinda Wilson be a member of the Standing Orders Committee *(Colin Brooks)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That after the words 'House Committee,' the following words be inserted 'that Jackson Taylor be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee, that Gary Maas be a member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee,' *(Anthony Carbines)* — and after debate —

Question — That Jackson Taylor be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee — put and agreed to.

Question — That Gary Maas be a member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee — put and agreed to.

Question — That Ryan Smith be a member of the House Committee — put and agreed to.

Question — That Belinda Wilson be a member of the Standing Orders Committee — put.

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

AYES 47

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the motion, as amended, be agreed to — put and agreed to.

9 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — and, after debate — put.

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

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino;

Steve Dimopoulos; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Minister consults further with stakeholders, including the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, about options to require building surveyors practising in Victoria to be members of a Professional Standards Scheme, allowing AIBS to assist the government to regulate practitioners and strengthen the building permit process' *(David Hodgett)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the reasoned amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 21 March 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the reasoned amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to prevent a Medically Supervised Injecting Centre from operating in near proximity to schools, childcare centres and community centres'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.12 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 15, 16, 17 and 18

No 15 — Tuesday 2 May 2023

The House started at 12 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 23 March 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF TERENCE RICHARD NORRIS** — The Speaker announced the death of Terence Richard Norris, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Districts of Noble Park from 1982 to 1985 and Dandenong from 1985 to 1992; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **DEATH OF HONOURABLE GRAEME WEIDEMAN** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Graeme Weideman and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Districts of Frankston from 1976 to 1982 and from 1992 to 1996 and Frankston South from 1985 to 1992 and Minister for Tourism from 1981 to 1982 *(Daniel Andrews)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Graeme Weidemen, the House, at 12.32 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm today.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 16 — Tuesday 2 May 2023
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Gambling Regulation Act 2003*** *in relation to wagering and betting and to*

make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend various gambling taxes, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Casino Control Act 1991****, the* ***Casino (Management Agreement) Act 1993****, the* ***Gambling Regulation Act 2003*** *and the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **VEC ACTING DEPUTY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, today, she administered to Máiréad Catherine Doyle, the Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner of the Victorian Electoral Commission, the affirmation required by s 16 of the *Electoral Act 2002*.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — Report 2022 tabled by leave *(Natalie Hutchins)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the Statute Law Amendment Bill 2022, together with an appendix.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 3 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Raise the Age) Bill 2022
Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Act 2023
Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
SR No 41 — Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2022

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2022

Box Hill Institute — Report 2022

Chisholm Institute — Report 2022

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Camberwell Gardens Reserve

Gasworks Park Reserve
Order under s 17D granting a lease over part of Albert Park
Orders under ss 17B and 17D granting a licence and a lease over Balnarring Beach Foreshore Reserve (two orders)

Deakin University — Report 2022

Duties Act 2000 — Report 1 July to 31 December 2022 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Federation University Australia — Report 2022

Financial Management Act 1994:

Reports from the Minister for Environment that she had received the reports 2021—22 of the:
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board

Gordon Institute of TAFE (The Gordon) — Report 2022

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2022

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2022

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Operation Daintree: Special Report — released on 19 April 2023

La Trobe University — Report 2022

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Order for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2022

Monash University — Report 2022

Ombudsman — Councils and complaints: Glen Eira City Council's approach to contractor work — released on 26 April 2023

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

Banyule — C165, GC204
Bayside — C188
Boroondara — C396, GC204
Brimbank — C216
Cardinia — GC204

Casey — C292, GC204
Darebin — C213, C215
Glenelg — C108
Glen Eira — C220
Greater Dandenong — C228
Greater Shepparton — C233
Kingston — C214, GC204
Knox — C200, GC204
Latrobe — C140
Manningham — GC204
Maribyrnong — C176
Maroondah — C151
Melbourne — C450
Melton — C236
Merri-bek — C221
Mildura — C104
Mitchell — C164
Moonee Valley — C231
Moorabool — C101, C107
Mornington Peninsula — C284, C296, C297
Mount Alexander — C96
Nillumbik — C148, GC204
Port Phillip — C203, C211
Stonnington — C304
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC231
Wangaratta — C88, C89
Wellington — C117
Whitehorse — C236
Whittlesea — GC204
Yarra — C312, C315, GC204

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2022

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2022

State Concessions Act 2004:

Concession (Electricity Retailers) Order 2023
Concession (Gas Retailers) Order 2023
Concession (Local Government) Order 2023
Concession (Water Corporations) Order 2023

State Owned Enterprises Act 1992 — Constitution of Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 18
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 20

Retail Leases Act 2003 — SR 24
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 22, 23
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 21
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 19
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Electricity Safety Act 1998:
Order under s 120W exempting Ausnet Electricity Services from s 120M(1)(c) of the Act
Order under s 120W exempting Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic) from s 120M(1)(c) of the Act
Service Victoria Act 2018 — Service Victoria Identity Verification Standards

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE — Report 2022

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2022

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2022

University of Melbourne — Report 2022

Victoria University — Report 2022

Victorian Inspectorate — Inspection Report March to August 2022 under the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Closure of Lake Elingamite Lake Reserve) Notice *(Gazette S199, 24 April 2023)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Indigenous Game Bird (Quail) Hunting) Notice *(Gazette S142, 27 March 2023)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2 *(Gazette S195, 21 April 2023)*
Corrigendum to Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2 *(Gazette S196, 21 April 2023)*

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2022

Wodonga Institute of TAFE — Report 2022.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Victorian universities' investment in skills.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Heritage Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 28 March 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Health Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023
Heritage Amendment Bill 2023.

9 **VICTORIAN HEALTH PROMOTION FOUNDATION** — The Speaker announced that she had received a letter from the Minister for Health requesting a joint sitting to elect three members of Parliament to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation due to the expiry of the previous members' terms.

10 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION** — The Speaker announced that she had received a letter from the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation requesting a joint sitting to elect three members of Parliament to the Board of the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation due to the expiry of the previous members' terms.

11 **JOINT SITTING — VICTORIAN HEALTH PROMOTION FOUNDATION AND VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION VACANCIES** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House meets the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to:

(1) Elect three members of Parliament to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation; and

(2) Elect three members of Parliament to the Board of the Responsible Gambling Foundation;

and proposes that the time and place of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 3 May 2023, at 6.30 pm *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them of the resolution and requesting their agreement.

12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Tim Read from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from today.

13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Ellen Sandell be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

14 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 4 May 2023:

Address-in-Reply to the Governor's speech
Disability and Social Services Amendment Bill 2023
Statute Law Amendment Bill 2022
Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

16 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022) — and on the amendment* — That the following words be added at the end of the motion — 'but respectfully regret that the speech fails to announce a ban on new coal and gas projects'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.31 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 17 — Wednesday 3 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rule under the *Corrections Act 1986* — SR 26

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 1 January to 30 June 2022 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to:

(1) Elect three members of Parliament to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation;

(2) Elect three members of Parliament to the Board of the Responsible Gambling Foundation —

As proposed by the Assembly.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Human Source Management Bill 2023 with amendments.

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

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days *(Melissa Horne)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 48

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 16 May 2023.

8 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Tim Pallas made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 May 2023.

9 **WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

15 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

[Business interrupted at 6.30 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.36 pm]

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 18 — Thursday 4 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JOINT SITTING — VICTORIAN HEALTH PROMOTION FOUNDATION AND VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION** — The Speaker reported that the House met yesterday with the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to:

(1) Elect three members of Parliament to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and that Bridget Vallence, Kathleen Matthews-Ward and Tim Read were elected; and

(2) Elect three members of Parliament to the Board of the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation and that Kim O'Keeffe, Luba Grigorovitch and Michael O'Brien were elected.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Appointment of a person to conduct the financial audit of the Victoria Auditor-General's Office.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 26.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 16 May 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

7 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **HUMAN SOURCE MANAGEMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

9 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION** — Motion made and question — That this House notes the overwhelming support at the 2022 election for the Victorian Labor Government's plan to:

(1) Bring back the State Electricity Commission;

(2) Reach 95 per cent renewables by 2035, and net zero by 2045;

(3) Install 100 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria; and

(4) Create 59,000 renewable energy jobs —

(Lily D'Ambrosio) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 2 May 2023 had expired.

13 **WATER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the following Address, in reply to the speech of the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House *(for Address see p 31, 20 December 2022) — and on the amendment* — That the following words be added at the end of the motion — 'but respectfully regret that the speech fails to announce a ban on new coal and gas projects'.

Question — That such words be added — put.

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

AYES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 73

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

Original question put, and Address agreed to.

16 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE REGULATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.08 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.33 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 19, 20 and 21

No 19 — Tuesday 16 May 2023

The House started at 12 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 4 May 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Electricity Safety Act 1998****, the* ***Gas Safety Act 1997*** *and the* ***Pipelines Act 2005*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Electricity Industry Act 2000****, the* ***Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*** *and the* ***Essential Services Commission Act 2001*** *and for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Richmond introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001*** *to prohibit the vilification of persons on the ground of gender, sexuality, disability, intersex status or HIV/AIDS status and for other purposes*' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman;

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

Question defeated.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Safety for pedestrians in Hurstbridge — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly requests the Minister for Roads to increase safety measures for pedestrians in Hurstbridge, bearing 122 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS IN HURSTBRIDGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION — Inclusive Juries Report 2022 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATION COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Gambling Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Gambling Taxation Bill 2023
Operation Daintree Implementation (No. 1) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Climate Change Act 2017:

Determination of the interim greenhouse gas emissions reduction target — 2035
Independent Expert Panel — Victoria's 2035 Climate Action Target: Driving Growth and Prosperity

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — Strategic Audit of the Implementation of Melbourne Strategic Assessment Conservation Outcomes — Report 2022

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over George Tindale Memorial Gardens

Parliamentary Budget Office — Operational Plan 2023–24

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

Glen Eira — C250
Greater Geelong — C441
Merri-bek — C208
Mount Alexander — C97
Port of Melbourne — C5
Stonnington — C312
Wangaratta — C93
Wellington — C109, C115
Yarra Ranges — C197

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Documents under s 9 in relation to the Parkville Poplar Road Project

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rule 27
Documents under s 16B in relation to EPA Designation — Classification of lead-acid batteries made under Regulation 86 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2022 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*

Victorian Building Authority — Report 2021–22.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2023 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 9 May 2023, given the royal assent to the Statute Law Amendment Bill 2022, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2023
Human Source Management Bill 2023.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Gambling Taxation Bill 2023.

12 **FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that:

(1) Under s 79 of the *Audit Act 1994*, Mr Kenneth Weldin of PKF Melbourne Audit and Assurance be appointed for a period of 12 months:

(a) to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the financial year ending 30 June 2024;

(b) in accordance with the Agreement for the Provision of Services for the Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office; and

(c) at a fixed fee level of remuneration of $46,100 (plus GST) for audit services for the year ending 30 June 2024.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 18 May 2023:

Gambling Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Gambling Taxation Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto;

Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

15 **GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's resolution today appointing Mr Kenneth Weldin of PKF Melbourne Audit and Assurance to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

19 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

20 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes the overwhelming support at the 2022 election for the Victorian Labor Government's plan to: (1) Bring back the State Electricity Commission; (2) Reach 95 per cent renewables by 2035, and net zero by 2045; (3) Install 100 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria; and (4) Create 59,000 renewable energy jobs; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 20 — Wednesday 17 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Report — Ordered to be published.

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

4 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

5 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 2 be postponed until later this day.

6 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for six days *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 23 May 2023.

7 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 31 May 2023.

8 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **SAFE SCHOOLS** — Motion made and question — That this House affirms its support for the Safe Schools program and acknowledges that it critically:

(1) Supports the wellbeing of all young people; and

(2) Provides valuable resources and support for teachers to foster an inclusive learning environment where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential —

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **SAFE SCHOOLS** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT** — The Speaker read Brad Rowswell's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the financial mismanagement of the Andrews Labor Government and the impact of debt-fuelled spending on Victorian families and businesses, noting that:

(1) Debt is set to increase by 43 per cent, from $116 billion in 2022–23 to $166 billion in 2025–26 and on current trajectories is set to reach $187 billion in 2026–27;

(2) Interest payments are set to almost double by 2025–26 and on current trajectories are set to reach $9.2 billion in 2026–27;

(3) Interest payments will grow as a share of Government revenue, from nearly 5 per cent to 8 per cent by 2025–26, which means less money is available for frontline services;

(4) Victorians are paying the highest taxes in Australia;

(5) Unemployment is expected to increase from 3.6 per cent now to 4.5 per cent in 2025–26; and

(6) Regional communities represent 25 per cent of Victoria's population, but receive only 13 per cent of the Victorian Labor Government's infrastructure spend.'

Brad Rowswell addressed the House — Discussion followed.

13 **SAFE SCHOOLS** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that they had agreed to the following resolution:

That this House recognises the Victorian Parliamentary Former Members Association incorporated (the Association) as the representative body of, and advocate for, former members of the Victorian Parliament, and:

(1) acknowledges the contribution made by the Association and its members to supporting former members of Parliament and improving their post-parliamentary welfare;

(2) welcomes the role of the Association in encouraging former members to maintain the contacts, associations and friendships established during their tenure as members of the Victorian Parliament;

(3) endorses the role of the Association in establishing relationships with kindred organisations within Australia and internationally;

(4) recognises the Association as a principal stakeholder, and advisor, in the development of welfare and post-parliamentary career programs for members of the Victorian Parliament and endorses the relationship that has been established between the Parliament of Victoria and the Association on all matters affecting former members of Parliament.

15 **VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY FORMER MEMBERS ASSOCIATION** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that this House supports the resolution of the Legislative Council recognising the Victorian Parliamentary Former Members Association Incorporated as the representative body of, and advocate for, former members of the Victorian Parliament *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

16 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 21 — Thursday 18 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 — Year Two to Five Fire Services Reform Implementation Plan May 2023

Ombudsman — Complaint handling casebook: Resolving issues informally — Ordered to be published

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Advice on Aspects of Public Land Use Information (two documents).

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

4 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Motion made and question proposed — That consideration of Government Business, Notices of Motion Nos 1 and 2 be postponed until later this day *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

Amendment proposed — That the words 'later this day' be omitted and replaced with the words 'after consideration of General Business Notice of Motion No 16' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — put and agreed to.

5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 23, 30 and 31 May 2023 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 30 May.

(2) The order of business to be:

Tuesday 23 May
Question time
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business

Tuesday 30 May
Formal business

Statements by members
Statements on committee reports
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
Matter of public importance (4.00 pm)
Government business *continued*

Wednesday 31 May
Formal business
Members statements
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*.

(3) In relation to the matter of public importance:

(a) at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 30 May, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;

(b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:

(i) it will be completed without interruption and result announced;

(ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);

(c) the Chair announces the matter of public importance;

(d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the matter of public importance, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

(4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

6 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Sam Hibbins circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **EDUCATION STATE** — Motion made and question — That this House recognises the work of the Andrews Labor Government to build the Education State by:

(1) Making kinder free;

(2) Delivering hundreds of new schools and school upgrades;

(3) Supporting student wellbeing;

(4) Implementing One VCE; and

(5) Putting over 70 courses on the Free TAFE list —

(Natalie Hutchins) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

11 **NUCLEAR ENERGY** — Motion made and question — That this House notes:

(1) The Leader of the Federal Opposition's support for nuclear energy;

(2) The Leader of the Victorian Opposition's support for nuclear energy; and

(3) The resounding support for the Andrews Government's goal to hit net zero by 2045 with renewables rather than high-risk and expensive nuclear power —

(Lily D'Ambrosio) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 16 May 2023 had expired.

12 **GAMBLING TAXATION BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **GAMBLING REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.01 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 22

No 22 — Tuesday 23 May 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 18 May 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Duties Act 2000**, the **Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012**, the **Land Tax Act 2005**, the **Payroll Tax Act 2007**, the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, the **Subdivision Act 1988**, the **Taxation Administration Act 1997** and the **Valuation of Land Act 1960** and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **VICTORIAN FUTURE FUND BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish the Victorian Future Fund and set out the purposes for which money in the Victorian Future Fund may be used and to amend the **Duties Act 2000** and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Collapse of home construction companies — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides support for people experiencing financial hardship following the collapse of home construction companies, bearing 305 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*

Lower the driver licence age to 17 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Road Safety Act 1986* to lower the driver licence age to 17 years, bearing 27 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — COLLAPSE OF HOME CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

BUDGET PAPERS 2023–24 —

2023–24 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer's Speech
2023–24 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program
2023–24 Budget Overview
2023–24 Budget Information Paper — COVID Debt Repayment Plan
2023–24 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement

tabled by leave *(Tim Pallas)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitation of Timely Reporting) Bill 2022

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

2023–24 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook
2023–24 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery
2023–24 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)

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

Corangamite — C60
Merri-bek — C218
Yarra — C303, C316
Yarra Ranges — C197 Part 1A

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Architects Act 1991 — SR 28
Local Government Act 1989 — SR 29
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 27

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 28, 30

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Closure of Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve) Notice *(Gazette S233 16 May 2023).*

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

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2023/2024.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

10 **APPROPRIATION (2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2023/2024 and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Rowswell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 24 May 2023.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2023/2024.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

12 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2023/2024 and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Rowswell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 24 May 2023.

13 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

14 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 30 May 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023 be considered and completed by 7.00 pm on 23 May 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

17 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Pauline Richards)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 2 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

19 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes the overwhelming support at the 2022 election for the Victorian Labor Government's plan to: (1) Bring back the State Electricity Commission; (2) Reach 95 per cent renewables by 2035, and net zero by 2045; (3) Install 100 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria; and (4) Create 59,000 renewable energy jobs — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House today had expired.

20 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 23 and 24

No 23 — Tuesday 30 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 23 May 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to make amendments to the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** so that appropriate regulatory authorisations can be established for pharmacists operating under the community pharmacists statewide pilot, including safeguards to protect consumers*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to make minor amendments to the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, to make consequential amendments to the **Judicial Proceedings Reports Act 1958** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **OWNERS CORPORATION AMENDMENT (SHORT-STAY ACCOMMODATION) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Richmond introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Owners Corporations Act 2006** to put a cap on the total number of days that a dwelling can be used for short-term rental accommodation, to give Owners Corporations for multi-unit complexes the power to ban short-term rental accommodation in their buildings, to establish a mandatory register of short-term rental accommodation dwellings and for other purposes*' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch;

Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **ORDER OF THE DAY RESCINDED** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that the motion for the Order of the Day for the bill introduced at 9.33 am on Tuesday 30 May 2023 to amend the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* be rescinded *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*** *in relation to the supply, dispensing, administration, use and sale of Schedule 4 poisons by pharmacists without a prescription and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

7 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Pedestrian safety on Specimen Hill Road, Golden Square — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly implements safety measures for pedestrians on Specimen Hill Road, Golden Square, bearing 105 signatures *(Jacinta Allan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT REPORT 2022 — ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — Tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 6 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023
Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Home Stretch) Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 31, 32, 34
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Environment Protection Act 2017* — EPA Designation-Classification of PFAS-impacted soil

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2018 *(Gazette G21, 25 May 2023)*

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Government response to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's Assessment of the values of the Strathbogie Ranges and Mirboo North Immediate Protection Areas.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment Act 2022 — Sections 15 to 21, 34, 38 to 44 and 51 — 1 July 2023 *(Gazette S253, 23 May 2023)*.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Energy Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2023.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 7.00 pm on 30 May 2023:

Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023
Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 31 May 2023:

State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2023
Victorian Future Fund Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words '7.00 pm on 30 May' in paragraph (1) be omitted and replaced with the words '5.00 pm on 31 May'; and that paragraph (2) be omitted *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted in paragraph (1) stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That paragraph (2) be omitted — put.

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

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

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Question defeated.

Original question put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

13 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow *(Tim Pallas)*, after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 31 May 2023.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2023.

15 **VICTORIAN FUTURE FUND BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow *(Tim Pallas)*, after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 31 May 2023.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Victorian Future Fund Bill 2023.

17 **APPROPRIATION (2023–2024) BILL 2023 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Motion made and question proposed — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)*, and after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **APPROPRIATION (2023–2024) BILL 2023 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned, and after debate, put and defeated.

Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 18 May 2023.

20 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — GOVERNMENT ELECTION COMMITMENTS** — The House was informed that Nick Staikos had proposed a matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely —

'That this House notes the Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its election commitments and doing what matters.'

The proposer not being present, the matter did not proceed.

21 **APPROPRIATION (2023–2024) BILL 2023 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That these Bills be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7:29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 24 — Wednesday 31 May 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17B granting a licence over Mordialloc-Mentone Beach Park Reserve
Order under s 17D granting a lease over part of Albert Park

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 — SR 34
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 33
Corporations (Ancillary Provisions) Act 2001 — SR 32
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 31, 32
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 30

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989* — Minister's Conversion Rules for Place of Take Approvals.

3 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Gambling Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Gambling Taxation Bill 2023.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 20 June 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 June 2023.

7 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 June 2023.

8 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino;

Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill until the Government:

(1) provides a viable fiscal strategy for Victoria that will not:

(a) increase unemployment;

(b) increase the tax burden on families and businesses;

(c) put downward pressure on real wage growth; and

(d) put downward pressure on investment and jobs growth;

(2) provides a fiscal strategy to repay $140 billion in State debt;

(3) appropriately accounts for $76 billion in recurrent and capital contingency funding that should be drawn-down in lieu of new taxes and tax increases; and

(4) alleviates cost of living pressures for Victorian families' —

(Brad Rowswell) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **VICTORIAN FUTURE FUND BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 30 May 2023 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 73

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill until the Government: (1) provides a viable fiscal strategy for Victoria that will not: (a) increase unemployment; (b) increase the tax burden on families and businesses; (c) put downward pressure on real wage growth; and (d) put downward pressure on investment and jobs growth; (2) provides a fiscal strategy to repay $140 billion in State debt; (3) appropriately accounts for $76 billion in recurrent and capital contingency funding that should be drawn-down in lieu of new taxes and tax increases; and (4) alleviates cost of living pressures for Victorian families.'

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch;

Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.12 pm under the resolution of the House on 18 May 2023.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 25, 26 and 27

No 25 — Tuesday 20 June 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 31 May 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*** *to change the title of that Act and to remove requirements relating to work plans and to make consequential amendments to the* ***Melbourne Strategic Assessment (Environment Mitigation Levy) Act 2020*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984*** *in relation to references to the Sovereign, to amend the statute law of Victoria to revise language referring to the Queen and Her Majesty as a consequence of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 7 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2023
Corrections Amendment (Parole) Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Authorising Pharmacists) Bill 2023
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (Transition Away from Coal) Bill 2023
Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill 2023
State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2023
Victorian Future Fund Bill 2023
SR No 76 — Forests (Forest Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation) Regulations 2022
SR No 115 — Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2022
Order in Council — Declaration of Surf Coast as A Distinctive Area and Landscape
Order in Council — Extension of Period of Declaration of Bellarine Peninsula and Bass Coast as Distinctive Areas and Landscapes

together with appendices and extracts from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Regulating Food Safety — Ordered to be published

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2023 under s 303

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 — Victorian Government report in multicultural affairs 2021–22

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Electoral Matters Committee's Report on the Inquiry into whether Victoria should participate in a national electoral roll platform

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

Alpine — C66
Baw Baw — C145
Bayside — C184
Boroondara — C378
Cardinia — C276
Glen Eira — C253, C254
Glenelg — C96
Greater Bendigo — C281
Greater Dandenong — C233
Hume — C257
Latrobe — C137
Mansfield — C54
Maroondah — C152
Melbourne — C425
Merri-bek — C226
Mildura — C123
Monash — C151
Port Phillip — C207
Wangaratta — C94
Whitehorse — C247
Whittlesea — C257
Yarra — C314

Road Management Act 2004 — Code of Practice for Worksite Safety — Traffic Management *(Gazette S280, 1 June 2023)*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 35
Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — SR 41

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 46
Electricity Safety Act 1998 — SR 40
Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 — SR 39
Forests Act 1958 — SR 42
Land Act 1958 — SR 43
Marine Safety Act 2010 — SR 36
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 44
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 38
Transfer of Land Act 1958 — SR 47
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 48
Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014 — SR 37
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 45

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe Determination of licence categories and fixing fees for meat processing facilities and meat transport vehicles 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe Determination of licence classes and fixing fees for seafood safety licences 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Closure of Lake Bookar State Game Reserve) Notice *(Gazette S250, 19 May 2023)*
Wildlife (Closure of Lake Buloke State Game Reserve) Notice *(Gazette S220, 5 May 2023)*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Casino Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Implementation and Other Matters) Act 2022 — Sections 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 47, 53, 54 and 55 — 31 May 2023 *(Gazette S273, 30 May 2023)*.

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Children and Health Legislation Amendment (Statement of Recognition, Aboriginal Self-determination and Other Matters) Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

7 **CHILDREN AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION, ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

8 **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONTROL OF LOBBYISTS) BILL 2023** — The Speaker announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council presenting, for the agreement of the Legislative Assembly, '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Public Administration Act 2004*** *and the* ***Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*** *to provide more control over lobbyists.*'

Motion made and question — That the Bill be read a first time *(James Newbury)* — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 6 June 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Gambling Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Gambling Taxation Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill 2023.

11 **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF THE GOVERNOR** — The Speaker reported that she had, on 7 June 2023, presented to the Governor the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on 4 May 2023, in reply to her Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

The Governor was pleased to make the following Reply:

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty The King I thank you for your expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the address you have just presented to me.

I fully rely on your wisdom in deliberating upon the important measures to be brought under your consideration, and I earnestly hope that the results of your labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

12 **HOUSE COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Ryan Smith from the House Committee, effective from today.

13 **HOUSE COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That James Newbury be a member of the House Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

14 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 22 June 2023:

Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Authorising Pharmacists) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien;

Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

16 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

17 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That under section 33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, this House refers an inquiry to the Integrity and Oversight Committee for consideration and report no later than 29 March 2024 on the operation of the following matters relating to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act):

(1) The effectiveness of the Act's current policy model, which is based on formal requests for information, and other options available, including options utilised in other jurisdictions;

(2) Mechanisms for proactive and informal release of information, including the effectiveness of information publication schemes;

(3) Efficient and timely mechanisms for persons to access their own personal and health information;

(4) The information management practices and procedures required across government to facilitate access to information;

(5) Opportunities to increase the disclosure of information relating to government services using technology;

(6) The purposes and principles of access to information and whether the Act meets those purposes and principles, including:

(a) the object of the Act as set out in section 3;

(b) the definition of document in section 5; and

(c) the operation of exemptions and exceptions in Part III and Part IV;

(7) The effectiveness of processes under the Act and how those processes could be streamlined and made more effective and efficient; and

(8) The time and costs involved in providing access to information —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That after sub-paragraph (8) the following words be inserted '(9) The long times taken to process FOI requests including the deterioration of performance exposed by the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner in its recent examination, the period of time taken by ministers for 'noting' of requests, and the recent significant increase in challenges by agencies to the determinations of the Information Commissioner's office.' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment.

Question — That such words be inserted — put.

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

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 57

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Original question — put and agreed to.

19 **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to enable the delivery of a health-led response to mental health related emergencies' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.33 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 26 — Wednesday 21 June 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITION AWAY FROM COAL) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Melbourne introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Environment Protection Act 2017** to prohibit the authorisation of thermal coal activity under a licence, to amend the **Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017** to increase the renewable energy target for Victoria, to amend the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990** to prohibit the exploration for or mining of coal and to amend the **Constitution Act 1975** to entrench some of those amendments and for other purposes' (Ellen Sandell)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Collecting State-based Tax Revenue — Ordered to be published
Supporting Students with Disability — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — WorkSafe 3: Investigation into Victorian self-insurers' claims management and WorkSafe oversight — Ordered to be published

Special Investigator, Office of — Special report to Parliament under s 100 of the *Special Investigator Act 2021*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 50
Forests Act 1958 — SR 49
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 52
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 53, 54
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 51

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rule 46

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal:

Members of Parliament (Victoria) Determination No 01/2023
Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No 01/2023.

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2023
Victoria Future Fund Bill 2023.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 July 2023.

8 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 July 2023.

9 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to take into account feedback on the value of a two year trial period' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 27 — Thursday 22 June 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONTROL OF LOBBYISTS) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Public Administration Act 2004*** *and the* ***Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*** *to provide more control over lobbyists' (James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Level crossing at Progress Street Dandenong South — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to suspend the closure of the

level crossing at Progress Street, Dandenong South, bearing 756 signatures *(Gabrielle Williams).*

Preston Market development plan — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to scrap the Victorian Planning Authority's plan to develop the Preston Market site and complete a compulsory acquisition of the Preston Market, bearing 4693 signatures *(Nathan Lambert)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — PRESTON MARKET DEVELOPMENT PLAN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Preston be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Nathan Lambert)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — Report 2022 and Domain 1 to 6 Data Tables tabled by leave *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a joint report from the Privileges Committees of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council on the Appointment of a Parliamentary Integrity Adviser for the 60th Parliament, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Correctional Services for People with Intellectual Disability or an Acquired Brain Injury — Ordered to be published
Principal Health and Wellbeing — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 51, 58

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Notice of amendment to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council for an assessment of forest values in the Immediate Protection Areas in the Central Highlands and East Gippsland under s 26C

Victorian Inspectorate:

Annual Plan 2023–24
Inspection Report 2021–22 on controlled operation records and reports under the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2004*, *Wildlife Act 1975* and *Fisheries Act 1995*.

6 **PARLIAMENTARY INTEGRITY ADVISER** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Professor Charles Sampford be appointed as Parliamentary Integrity Adviser, from 31 July 2023 to the day that is four months after the next general election, under the terms and conditions of appointment in Appendix A of the Privileges Committees' joint report on the appointment of a Parliamentary Integrity Adviser for the 60th Parliament.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

7 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 1 August 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

9 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Motion made and question proposed — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Peter Walsh)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 20 June 2023 had expired.

12 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (AUTHORISING PHARMACISTS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to take into account feedback on the value of a two year trial period'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to enable the delivery of a health-led response to mental health related emergencies'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.42 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 28, 29, 30 and 31

No 28 — Tuesday 1 August 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 22 June 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF ERNEST ROSS SMITH** — The Speaker announced the death of Ernest Ross Smith, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Glen Waverley from 1985 to 2002; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE THOMAS WILLIAM ROPER** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Thomas William Roper and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Districts of Brunswick West from 1973 to 1976, Brunswick from 1976 to 1992, and Coburg from 1992 to 1994, and Minister for Health from 1982 to 1985, Minister for Transport from 1985 to 1987, Minister for Planning and Environment and Minister for Consumer Affairs from 1987 to 1990, Treasurer from 1990 to 1992, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs from 1987 to 1990 and from 1991 to 1992, Minister for Employment, Post-Secondary Education and Training and Minister for Gaming from January to October 1992, and Leader of the House from 1989 to 1992 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Thomas William Roper, the House now adjourns until 2.45 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 1.38 pm, adjourned until 2.45 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 29 — Tuesday 1 August 2023
(2.45 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 7 July 2023, she had received the resignation of the Member for Warrandyte.

3 **ISSUE OF WRIT** — The Speaker announced that, on 13 July 2023, she had issued a writ for a by-election for the District of Warrandyte to be held on 26 August 2023.

4 **QUESTION TIME**.

5 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005*** *and the* ***National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Bus service connecting Melton and Watergardens — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly through the Minister for Public Transport creates a new bus service connecting Melton with Watergardens train station and shopping centre via the Melton Highway, bearing 479 signatures *(Steve McGhie)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — BUS SERVICE CONNECTING MELTON AND WATERGARDENS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 8 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill 2023
Statute Law Amendment (References to the Sovereign) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Annual Plan 2023–24 — released on 27 June 2023
Effectiveness of Rail Freight Support Programs — released on 27 June 2023
Results of 2022 Audits: Technical and Further Education Institutes— released on 30 June 2023
Results of 2022 Audits: Universities — released on 30 June 2023

Community Visitors — Report 2021–22 — Ordered to be published

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Alexandra Gardens Reserve
Lynch's Bridge Historical Precinct Reserve
Orders under s 17D granting leases over:
Part of Albert Park Reserve
Part of Brighton Beach Oval Reserve

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Annual Plan 2023–24 — released on 29 June 2023
Operation Sandon: Special report — released on 27 July 2023

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

Code of Practice for Worksite Safety — Traffic Management *(Gazette G29, 20 July 2023)*
Statutory Rule 36 *(Gazette S327, 26 June 2023)*
Statutory Rule 40 *(Gazette G26, 29 June 2023)*

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report 2022–23

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2023–24 — released on 30 June 2023

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government responses to the:

Integrity and Oversight Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2020/21: focus on witness welfare
Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee's:
Review of the Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Orders
Review of the Pandemic (Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities) Orders

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

Ballarat — C236
Boroondara — C367

Brimbank — C237
Casey — C293
Corangamite — C61, C62
Frankston — C162
Glenelg — C104
Greater Dandenong — C245
Greater Geelong — C434, C435, C456, C458
Hepburn — C73
Hume — C271
Latrobe — C126, C138
Melbourne — C452
Melton — C219, C237
Merri-bek — C219
Monash — C169
Mornington Peninsula — C299
Moyne — C74
Port Phillip — C195
Pyrenees — C53
Stonnington — C334
Towong — C39
Victorian Planning Provisions — VC234
Wellington — C114, C116
Yarra Ranges — C208

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 65
Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 70
Community Based Sentences (Transfer) Act 2012 — SR 56
Confiscation Act 1997 — SR 74
Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 64
County Court Act 1958 — SRs 73, 77
Crimes Act 1958 — SR 75
Dangerous Goods Act 1985 — SR 69
Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018 — SR 71
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 61
Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — SR 72
Fisheries Act 1995 — SR 63
Health Services Act 1988 — SR 57
Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — SR 76
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 68
Marine Safety Act 2010 — SR 66
Partnership Act 1958 — SR 55
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 58
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 67
Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004 — SR 59
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 62
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 60

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under section 15 in relation to statutory rules 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 77
Documents under section 16B in relation to:
Dairy Act 2000 — Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses — 1 July 2023–30 June 2024
Education and Training Reform Act 2006:
Ministerial Order 1414 — Structured Workplace Learning Arrangements (Non-School Providers)
Ministerial Order 1415 — Work Experience Arrangements (Non-School Providers)
Financial Management Act 1994 — Order to declare a class of specified entities
First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000 — Home Buyer Scheme Declaration (HomesVic)
Payroll Tax Act 2007 — Declaration of exempt schools
Planning and Environment Act 1987:
Extension of period of declaration of Bass Coast and Bellarine Peninsula as distinctive areas and landscapes (two orders)
Extension of period of declaration of Surf Coast as a distinctive area and landscape.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment Act 2022 — Parts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, and Division 2 of Part 8 — 1 July 2023 *(Gazette S333, 27 June 2023)*.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023
Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the appointment of Professor Charles Sampford as Parliamentary Integrity Adviser.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS — APPROPRIATION BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 27 June 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Deputy Speaker:

Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023
Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 27 June 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Children and Health Legislation Amendment (Statement of Recognition, Aboriginal Self-determination and Other Matters) Bill 2023

State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2023
Victorian Future Fund Bill 2023.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 3 August 2023:

Energy Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2023
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

15 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.33 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 30 — Wednesday 2 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2021–22.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Motion made and question proposed — that this House notes —

(a) since the start of the Big Housing Build in November 2020, 7,600 homes are completed or underway, with Victoria on track to deliver over 12,000 much-needed social and affordable homes; and

(b) the new $1 billion Regional Housing Fund will deliver more than 1,300 additional homes —

(Colin Brooks) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward;

Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — PUBLIC HOUSING** — The Speaker read Gabrielle de Vietri's proposal to the House —

'That this House calls on the Government to ensure public land is used to build public homes by abandoning its ground lease privatisation model, noting that:

(1) Victoria spends the least per capita of any state on public housing and has no plans to build more;

(2) the Andrews Labor Government is currently privatising four public housing estates in Victoria in Port Melbourne, South Yarra, Prahran and Hampton East; and

(3) under the ground lease model the majority of these estates will be handed over to private developers for expensive for-profit housing, when this public housing land should be used to build thousands more public homes in the midst of a housing crisis.'

Gabrielle de Vietri addressed the House — Discussion followed.

10 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Resumption on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 August 2023.

12 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 31 — Thursday 3 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Road Safety Camera Commissioner — Report 2021–22.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Interim Government responses to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's Reports on the:

Inquiry into Apartment Design Standards
Inquiry into Environmental Infrastructure for Growing Populations.

3 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR** — The Speaker advised that, on 2 August 2023, she administered to Sean Kevin Morrison, the Special Investigator, the affirmation required by s 20 of the *Special Investigator Act 2021*.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 15 August 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put —

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

AYES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

7 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until further consultation occurs with local governments, environmental organisations and regional communities likely to be impacted by mining and exploration' *(Ellen Sandell)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 1 August 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 70

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 70

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.09 pm under sessional orders.

11 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 32, 33 and 34

No 32 — Tuesday 15 August 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 3 August 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Act 1977** and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Open Courts Act 2013**, the **Court Security Act 1980**, the **Coroners Act 2008**, the **Spent Convictions Act 2021**, the **Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2019**, the **Forests Act 1958**, the **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014**, the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**, the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**, the **Jury Directions Act 2015**, the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**, the **Wrongs Act 1958**, the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958**, the **Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995**, the **Crimes Act 1958** and the **Victoria Police Act 2013** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Kathleen Matthews-Ward tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Ending Political Corruption) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Kathleen Matthews-Ward tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the Annual Review 2021 and 2022, Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17B granting licences over Alexandra Gardens Reserve (two orders)

Land Tax Act 2005 — Report 1 July to 31 December 2022 of Land Tax Absentee Owner Surcharge Exemptions under s 3BB

Ombudsman — Misconduct in public organisations: A casebook — Released on 9 August 2023

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

Banyule — GC220
Boroondara — GC220
Buloke — C45
Darebin — C182
Kingston — C218
Manningham — GC220
Nillumbik — GC220
Port Phillip — C213
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC236, VC238
Wellington — C112
Whitehorse — GC220
Whittlesea — GC220
Yarra — GC220

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 80
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 78
County Court Act 1958 — SR 81
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 79

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under section 15 in relation to statutory rules 60, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81
Documents under section 16B in relation to:
Port Management Act 1995 — Pilotage Services Provider Standard — V1
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — Notice to fix fees (8 documents)

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Assessment of early government-accepted Land Conservation Council recommendations

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to medical panels under Part VBA *(Gazette G26, 29 June 2023)*.

5 **ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, today, she administered to Sven Bluemmel, the Electoral Commissioner, the oath required by s 16 of the *Electoral Act 2002*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Authorising Pharmacists) Bill 2023 without amendment.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 8 August 2023, given the royal assent to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment Bill 2023, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had today given the royal assent to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Authorising Pharmacists) Bill 2023, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

9 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Iwan Walters from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, effective from today.

10 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Gary Maas be a member of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

11 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Will Fowles be discharged from the Electoral Matters Committee and that Luba Grigorovitch be a member in his place *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 17 August 2023:

Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Statute Law Amendment (References to the Sovereign) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

14 **LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS** — Motion made and question — that this House notes that —

(1) The Government has removed 72 dangerous and congested level crossings;

(2) In 2018 the Government promised to remove 75 level crossings by 2025, and is already two years ahead of schedule; and

(3) The Government will remove a total of 110 level crossings by 2030 —

(Jacinta Allan) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words:

'(1) Notes that two successive Auditor-General's reports have found flaws with the business case put forward for Level Crossing Removals, leading to billions in budget blowouts; and

(2) Calls on the Government to release costings for every level crossing removal project it has undertaken' —

(David Southwick) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2023 without amendment.

18 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

19 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has provided clarity on the rationale of the amending provisions' *(Jess Wilson)*.

Under SO 64, Jess Wilson circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 33 — Wednesday 16 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Cybersecurity: Cloud Computing Products — Ordered to be published.

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

4 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

5 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 August 2023.

6 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 29 August 2023.

7 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has provided clarity on the rationale of the amending provisions'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FACILITATION OF TIMELY REPORTING) BILL 2023** — The Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council presenting, for the agreement of the Legislative Assembly, '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*** *to facilitate timely reporting by the IBAC*'.

Motion made and question — That this Bill be now read a first time *(James Newbury)* — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

9 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — NATIONAL HOUSING CRISIS** — The Speaker read Colin Brooks' proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the action the Andrews Labor Government is taking in response to the national housing crisis, including:

(1) The $5.3 billion Big Housing Build;

(2) The $1 billion Regional Housing Fund;

(3) The Affordable Housing Rental Scheme;

(4) Investments in critical homelessness services; and

(5) Working with the Commonwealth government to deliver more housing for Victorians.'

Colin Brooks addressed the House — Discussion followed.

13 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 34 — Thursday 17 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF PARTS 5A AND 11 OF THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT 2008 — Tabled by leave *(Ros Spence)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor — Legislative review of family violence information sharing and risk management: reviewing the effectiveness of Parts 5A and 11 of the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 82
Electricity Industry Act 2000 — SR 83
Gas Industry Act 2001 — SR 84
Health Records Act 2001 — SR 85
Water Act 1989 — SR 86.

3 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (ENDING POLITICAL CORRUPTION) BILL 2023** — The Speaker announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council presenting, for the agreement of the Legislative Assembly, '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*** *in relation to the meaning of corrupt conduct and for other purposes*'.

Motion made and question — That this Bill be now read a first time *(Tim Read)* — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of David Limbrick MLC from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, effective from 16 August 2023.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 29 August 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Pesutto)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 54

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 15 August 2023 had expired.

11 **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (REFERENCES TO THE SOVEREIGN) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this

House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has provided clarity on the rationale of the amending provisions'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.09 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.50 pm.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 35, 36 and 37

No 35 — Tuesday 29 August 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 17 August 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (LAND POWERS) BILL 2023** — Natalie Hutchins introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *to make further provision for the acquisition, use and development of land for the purpose of early childhood education and care and for the purpose of services associated with early childhood education and care and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Summary Offences Act 1966*** *to make the public display or performance of Nazi gestures an offence, to extend the application of the offence of public display of Nazi symbols and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Management and maintenance of waterway and drain networks — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the responsible Minister to undertake essential maintenance works across all state and local waterway and drain networks and develop a waterway management strategy, bearing 85 signatures *(Wayne Farnham).*

School zone and crossing in Birregurra — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly liaises with VicRoads and the Colac Otway Shire to support the proposal for a 40 km/h school zone and crossing on Main Street, Birregurra, bearing 3 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — SCHOOL ZONE AND CROSSING IN BIRREGURRA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WATERWAY AND DRAIN NETWORKS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

7 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment Bill 2023
Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Ending Political Corruption) Bill 2023
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Public Recommendations) Bill 2023
Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Nuclear Activities (Prohibitions) Repeal Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report to the Attorney-General under s 464ZP of the *Crimes Act 1958*

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 28 July 2023 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

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

Brimbank — C217
Campaspe — GC173
Greater Geelong — C443
Greater Shepparton — GC173
Macedon Ranges — C150
Mansfield — C58
Maribyrnong — C181
Moira — GC173
Mornington Peninsula — C232
Stonnington — C336
Whittlesea — C245
Wyndham — C231
Yarra Ranges — C210

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 — SR 88
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SRs 87, 89, 90

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1228 — Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Temporary Public Interest Determination under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — Report 2022 on the operation of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities — Ordered to be published.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Victorian Future Fund Act 2023 — Whole Act — 22 August 2023 *(Gazette S447, 22 August 2023)*.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 22 August 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2023

On 29 August 2023
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Bill 2023.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 31 August 2023:

Bail Amendment Bill 2023
Budget Papers — motion
Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Nuclear Energy — motion
Safe Schools — motion
State Electricity Commission — motion
Suburban Rail Loop — motion —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Statute Law Amendment (References to the Sovereign) Bill 2023 without amendment.

16 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.22 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 36 — Wednesday 30 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **TRIPLE ZERO VICTORIA BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish Triple Zero Victoria, to repeal the* ***Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority Act 2004*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2023 — Ordered to be published

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2022–23.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (LAND POWERS) BILL 2023** — Natalie Hutchins tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Natalie Hutchins)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 September 2023.

7 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 September 2023.

8 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

12 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 37 — Thursday 31 August 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Condition of highways between Yarra Glen and Mansfield — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly through the Minister for Roads and Road Safety ensures road works and resurfacing are conducted to repair the Melba Highway, Goulburn Valley Highway and Maroondah Highway, bearing 1817 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*.

Condition of Victorian roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fix Victorian roads and enable all damage to vehicles and tyres to be claimable from VicRoads, bearing 60 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*.

Community History Awards and the Local History Grants Program — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the Department of Government Services to reinstate funding for the Community History Awards and the Local History Grants Program, bearing 84 signatures *(Tim Bull)*.

Survivors of voluntary placement — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly advocates for survivors of voluntary placement to be acknowledged as out-of-home care leavers and Forgotten Australians, bearing 50 signatures *(Michael O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS AND THE LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS BETWEEN YARRA GLEN AND MANSFIELD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — CONDITION OF VICTORIAN ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — SURVIVORS OF VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Malvern be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 91
Gender Equality Act 2020 — SR 94
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 92
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 93

Surveyor-General — Report 2022–23 on the administration of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1958.*

8 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 3 October 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

10 **TRIPLE ZERO VICTORIA BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 September 2023.

11 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 29 August 2023 had expired.

Question — That this House takes note of the 2023–24 budget papers — put and agreed to.

14 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes that Victorians resoundingly supported, for a second time, the state shaping Suburban Rail Loop, including SRL Airport, described by the Shadow Minister for Education on social media as 'a mangy dog' of a project — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words '(1) Acknowledges that Victorians expect integrity, transparency, and good governance in the implementation of the Suburban Rail Loop; and (2) Calls on the Government to release the full business case to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, have the project independently assessed by Infrastructure Victoria, and release accurate costings to Victorians.'

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Noes 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

17 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes the overwhelming support at the 2022 election for the Victorian Labor Government's plan to: (1) Bring back the State Electricity Commission; (2) Reach 95 per cent renewables by 2035, and net zero by 2045; (3) Install 100 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria; and (4) Create 59,000 renewable energy jobs.

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

18 **NUCLEAR ENERGY** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes: (1) The Leader of the Federal Opposition's support for nuclear energy; (2) The Leader of the Victorian Opposition's support for nuclear energy; and (3) The resounding support for the Andrews Government's goal to hit net zero by 2045 with renewables rather than high-risk and expensive nuclear power.

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

19 **SAFE SCHOOLS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House affirms its support for the Safe Schools program and acknowledges that it critically: (1) Supports the wellbeing of all young people; and (2) Provides valuable resources and support for teachers to foster an inclusive learning environment where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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

Business interrupted at 5.08 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.36 pm.

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Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 38, 39 and 40

No 38 — Tuesday 3 October 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 31 August 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WRIT** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writ issued on 13 July 2023 and that Nicole Werner has been elected for the District of Warrandyte.

3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Nicole Werner was then introduced and took and subscribed the oath required by law.

4 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 27 September 2023, she had received the resignation of the Member for Mulgrave.

5 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Special Investigator Act 2021** and to abolish the Office of the Special Investigator, to make necessary transitional arrangements, to continue in operation certain offences, to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Casino Control Act 1991**, the **Casino (Management Agreement) Act 1993** and the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Capital works funding for Brighton Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides capital works funding for Brighton Primary School in the 2024–25 budget, bearing 757 signatures *(James Newbury)*

Traffic issues on Donnybrook Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to make a commitment in the 2024 state budget to duplicate Donnybrook Road and replace the Mitchell Street roundabout with traffic lights, bearing 2243 signatures *(Ros Spence)*

Allow the correction of marriage certificates — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly introduces an amendment to the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996* to more easily allow individuals to correct their marriage certificate to their legally corrected gender and name, bearing 89 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

24 hour police station for Drouin — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the Government to take immediate action so that a 24 hours, seven days a week police station can operate within Drouin to protect the local and surrounding communities, bearing 753 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING FOR BRIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brighton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — ALLOW THE CORRECTION OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — 24 HOUR POLICE STATION FOR DROUIN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

11 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2023–2027 — Tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the 2023–24 Budget Estimates, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 11 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment Bill 2023
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Land Powers) Bill 2023
Human Rights and Housing Legislation Amendment (Ending Homelessness) Bill 2023
Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023
Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023
SR No 120 — Environment Protection Amendment (Wind Turbine Noise) Regulations 2022
SR No 22 — Road Safety Road Rules Amendment (Electric Scooters) Rules 2023
SR No 23 — Road Safety (General) Amendment (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2023
SR No 26 — Corrections Amendment (Parole) Regulations 2023

together with appendices and an extract from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment (Bassinets) Regulations 2023 under s 303

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Ombudsman — Operation Watts — Progress report — released on 14 September 2023

Ombudsman — Investigation into the Department of Transport and Planning's implementation of the zero and low emission vehicle charge — released on 27 September 2023

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

Ballarat — C241
Boroondara — C376, C399
Colac Otway — C123
Corangamite — C63
Darebin — C214
Greater Bendigo — C283
Kingston — C199
Knox — C189
Macedon Ranges — C127, C159
Melbourne — C455, C458
Mornington Peninsula — C239, C270
Port Phillip — C201
Pyrenees — C54
Stonnington — C296, C335
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC242, VC243, VC246
Whittlesea — C271
Yarra — C320, C321

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 102
Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 — SR 100
Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 99
Dangerous Goods Act 1985 — SR 103
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 98
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 95, 96
Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996 — SR 101
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 97

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*:
Ministerial Order 1412 — Structured Workplace Learning Arrangements
Ministerial Order 1413 — Work Experience Arrangements
Guidelines under s 26 for the preparation, content, publication and availability of statutory rules

Victorian Local Government Grants Commission — Allocation Report year ended 31 August 2023

Yoorrook Justice Commission — Yoorrook for Justice: Report into Victoria's Child Protection and Criminal Justice Systems — released on 4 September 2023.

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

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Act 2023 — Division 1 of Part 4 and s 267 — 20 September 2023 (*Gazette S483, 12 September 2023*)
Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Act 2023 — Whole Act — 15 September 2023 (*Gazette S483, 12 September 2023*).

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 September 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Statute Law Amendment (References to the Sovereign) Bill 2023.

14 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Land Powers) Bill 2023
Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023.

15 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 4 October 2023 to allow the Member for Warrandyte to make her inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes immediately after the matter of public importance *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

16 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 5 October 2023:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Land Powers) Bill 2023
Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023
Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

17 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Evan Mulholland MLC from the Electoral Matters Committee, effective from today.

18 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Wayne Farnham be a member of the Electoral Matters Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

20 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (LAND POWERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **QUESTION TIME**.

22 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (LAND POWERS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

23 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 39 — Wednesday 4 October 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000****, the* ***Land Tax Act 2005****, the* ***Local Government Act 1989****, the* ***Property Law Act 1958****, the* ***Sale of Land Act 1962****, the* ***Treasury Corporation of Victoria Act 1992****, the* ***Valuation of Land Act 1960*** *and the* ***Windfall Gains Tax Act 2021*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Appointment of a person to conduct the performance audit of the Auditor-General and Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Board of — Chair Report 2021–22

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 104, 106

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Report 2022–23.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

5 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Sam Groth from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee, effective from today and the resignation of Paul Hamer from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from today.

6 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Integrity and Oversight Committee's Inquiry into the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* be extended to no later than 30 June 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 18 October 2023.

10 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days *(Melissa Horne)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 17 October 2023.

11 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — STATE DEBT** — The Speaker read John Pesutto's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes that the Premier takes over the biggest state debt in the country and has a ministerial legacy of waste, blowouts and mismanagement, further noting:

(1) Victoria's debt is larger than New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania combined;

(2) The Premier has overseen nearly $30 billion in major project blowouts; and

(3) The Premier was responsible for the expensive and humiliating Commonwealth Games cancellation.'

John Pesutto addressed the House — Discussion followed.

15 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 3 October 2023, the Member for Warrandyte made an inaugural speech.

16 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 40 — Thursday 5 October 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report to the Minister for Police under s 70O of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 102, 105.

3 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Nicole Werner be a member of the Environment and Planning Standing Committee;

(2) Meng Heang Tak be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee;

(3) Jacinta Allan be discharged from the Dispute Resolution Committee and that Natalie Hutchins be a member in their place; and

(4) Jacinta Allan be discharged from the Standing Orders Committee and that Ben Carroll be a member in their place —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

4 **PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL AND THE VICTORIAN AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Under section 82 of the *Audit Act 1994*, MartinJenkins be appointed:

(a) to conduct the performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office in 2023–2024;

(b) in accordance with the Terms, Conditions and Specifications as set out in the Request for Tender issued by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 1 August 2023; and

(c) at a fixed fee of $405,933 (excluding GST).

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 17 October 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's resolution on 5 October 2023 appointing MartinJenkins to conduct the performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

8 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Rowswell)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks *(Tim Pallas)*.

Amendment proposed — That the words 'two weeks' be omitted and replaced with the words '28 days' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 19 October 2023.

9 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **TRIPLE ZERO VICTORIA BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 3 October 2023 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (LAND POWERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (NAZI SALUTE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.01 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 41, 42, 43 and 44

No 41 — Tuesday 17 October 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 October 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to immediately allow:

(1) The Premier to move a motion about events in Israel and Gaza;

(2) At the conclusion of the motion, unless otherwise ordered, the House to adjourn for one hour;

(3) When the House returns after the adjournment, the order of business to be:

Question time
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Adjournment (7.00 pm) —

(Jacinta Allan) — put and agreed to.

3 **EVENTS IN ISRAEL AND GAZA** — Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) Unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas, which are the heinous acts of terrorists and have encompassed the targeting and murder of civilians, including women and children, the taking of hostages, and indiscriminate rocket fire;

(2) Stands with Israel and recognises its inherent right to defend itself;

(3) Condemns antisemitism and recognises that generations of Jewish people have been subjected to this hateful prejudice;

(4) Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages;

(5) Recognises that Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people, nor their legitimate needs and aspirations;

(6) Acknowledges the devastating loss of Israeli and Palestinian life and that innocent civilians on all sides are suffering as a result of the attacks by Hamas and the subsequent conflict;

(7) Supports justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike;

(8) Acknowledges what has unfolded is deeply distressing for many in the Victorian community, close to the heart of many, and it is important that we maintain respect for each other here at home as people express their views;

(9) Condemns all forms of hate speech and violent extremist activity, including Antisemitism and Islamophobia;

(10) Recognises an attack on any religion is an attack on all religions and that we all share a responsibility to unite, condemn and defeat such an attack on our common values and way of life; and

(11) Affirms in the strongest possible terms that hateful prejudice has no place in Victoria —

(Jacinta Allan) — after debate —

Amendment proposed — That paragraph (2) be omitted and replaced with the following paragraph:

'(2) Condemns war crimes perpetrated by the state of Israel, including the bombing of Palestinian civilians and calls for an immediate ceasefire between all parties and an end to the war on Gaza, recognising also that for there to be peace there must be an end to the state of Israel's illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories;' —

(Sam Hibbins) — after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That as a further mark of support, sympathy and respect, the House now adjourns until 2:30 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 42 — Tuesday 17 October 2023
(2.30 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bus Safety Act 2009**, the **Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017**, the **Marine (Domestic Commercial Vessel National Law Application) Act 2013**, the **Road Management Act 2004**, the **Road Safety Act 1986**, the **Sentencing Act 1991**, the **Transport Accident Act 1986**, the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983**, the **Transport Integration Act 2010** and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010** and the Education and Care Services National Law set out in the Schedule to that Act to provide for the approval in principle of certain types of education and care service premises, to amend the **Children's Services Act 1996** to make certain offences infringement offences and to provide for the approval in principle of certain types of children's service premises, and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021** to further provide for matters relating to the container deposit scheme, the waste to energy scheme and the recovery of regulatory costs for those schemes and to amend the **Environment Protection Act 2017** to improve the operation of that Act and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Proposed Mind Australia development in Torquay — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly requests that the Government work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a more appropriate location for the 12-unit Mind Australia development, bearing 249 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*

Development at 26 Silvereye Street Torquay — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a location for the 12-unit development which provides adequate outdoor space and parking, bearing 67 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — PROPOSED MIND AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT IN TORQUAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — DEVELOPMENT AT 26 SILVEREYE STREET TORQUAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Appointment of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Planning and Environment Amendment (Soil Protection) (Solar Power Generation Facilities) Bill 2023
Residential Tenancies Amendment (Rent Freeze and Caps) Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023
State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023
Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

Financial Report for the State of Victoria 2022–23, incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 4 — Released on 6 October 2023
Report from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Puffing Billy Railway Board, together with an explanation for the delay

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — Report of requests under s 11

Ombudsman — Report 2022–23 — released on 12 October 2023

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

Ararat — C39 Part 2
Darebin — C211
Loddon — C47
Melbourne — C434
Monash — C170
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC247
Yarra Ranges — C186

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 104
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 105
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 106

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017:
Secretary Approval Nurse Immunisers — SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE
Secretary Approval Pharmacist Immunisers — SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE

Wildlife Act 1975 — Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife

University of Melbourne — Report 2021 *(replacement for copy tabled on 21 June 2022)*.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Bail Amendment Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

11 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — after debate — put.

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

AYES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 10 October 2023, given the royal assent to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and on behalf of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023.

14 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 19 October 2023:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023
State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words 'State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023' be omitted *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

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

16 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Danny O'Brien circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 43 — Wednesday 18 October 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Crimes Act 1958*** *to provide for 2 non-fatal strangulation offences and to make a consequential amendment to the* ***Family Violence Protection Act 2008*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Eloque: the Joint Venture Between DoT and Xerox — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions Planning Scheme — VC241.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

8 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days *(Melissa Horne)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman;

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

NOES 30

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 31 October 2023.

9 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Jess Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 1 November 2023.

10 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 1 November 2023.

11 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Motion made and question — That this House recognises the Government's support for Victorians starting, or growing their families, and in the critical early years of their children's lives, by:

(1) Delivering public IVF;

(2) Establishing Victoria's first public egg and sperm bank; and

(3) Expanding Victoria's Early Parenting Centre network —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly grant leave to the Premier, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, to appear before the Legislative Council Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid to provide evidence in her capacity as the former Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration immediately.

16 **ATTENDANCE OF PREMIER BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Order read for consideration of the message from the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That this House refuses to grant leave to the Premier, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, to appear before the Legislative Council Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid to provide evidence in her capacity as the former Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery *(Gabrielle Williams)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — HELPING VICTORIAN CHILDREN THRIVE** — The Speaker read Nathan Lambert's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the importance that the Allan Labor Government has put on helping Victorian children thrive by:

(1) Making kinder free;

(2) Delivering hundreds of new and upgraded schools;

(3) Making it free to study to become a secondary school teacher in Victoria;

(4) Opening 50 new government-owned childcare centres;

(5) Supporting students with additional funding upgrades to every government specialist school in Victoria; and

(6) Funding the biggest ever investment in care services to deliver improved outcomes for children in residential care.'

Nathan Lambert addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **ATTENDANCE OF PREMIER BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 44 — Thursday 19 October 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

National Parks Act 1975 — Report 2022–23 on the working of the Act

National Parks Advisory Council — Report 2022–23

Recycling Victoria — Report 2022–23

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) — 2022–23 Progress Report

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report 2022–23

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 2022–23.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 31 October 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 November 2023.

6 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government puts in place measures to ensure that those responsible for the Lawyer X scandal are held to account' *(Michael O'Brien)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish;

James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

7 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to:

(a) consulting with key housing industry stakeholders on the impact of this Bill; and

(b) easing cost-of-living pressures to ensure every Victorian has the best opportunity to enjoy the social and economic benefits home ownership provides' —

(Peter Walsh) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 October 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government puts in place measures to ensure that those responsible for the Lawyer X scandal are held to account'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

12 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.47 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 45, 46 and 47

No 45 — Tuesday 31 October 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 October 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ISSUE OF WRIT** — The Speaker announced that, on 23 October 2023, she had issued a writ for a by-election for the District of Mulgrave to be held on 18 November 2023.

3 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013****, the* ***Accident Compensation Act 1985*** *and the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (DECRIMINALISATION OF PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS) REPEAL BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the* ***Summary Offences Amendment (Decriminalisation of Public Drunkenness) Act 2021*** *and to provide for the effect of that repeal and for other purposes*' *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Great Ocean Road crossing in Jan Juc — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on VicRoads, the Department of Transport and Planning and the Surf Coast Shire Council to develop immediate engineering options for safe passage via a crossing and pathway in the vicinity of Strathmore Drive, Jan Juc, bearing 435 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*

Road crossing in Jan Juc — Requesting that the Government develops options for a safe way to cross the Great Ocean Road near Christian College Geelong Surf Coast Campus in Jan Juc, bearing 21 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — GREAT OCEAN ROAD CROSSING IN JAN JUC** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — ROAD CROSSING IN JAN JUC** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

8 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I appoint Wayne Farnham to preside as Acting Speaker whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February 2023.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
31 October 2023

9 **DOCUMENTS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO IBAC'S OPERATION DAINTREE SPECIAL REPORT — Tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 13 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023
Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023
Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Bill 2023

Residential Tenancies Amendment (Rent Freeze and Caps) Bill 2023
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 — Advancing the Victorian Treaty Process — Report 2022–23

Auditor-General — Report 2022–23

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over St Kilda Botanical Garden Reserve

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) — Report 2022–23

Financial Management Act 1994:

Reports from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the reports 2022–23 of the:
Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Phillip Island Nature Parks
Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Zoos Victoria —
together with explanations for the delay
Report from the Minister for Women that she had received the report 2022–23 of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Mental Health Tribunal — Report 2022–23

Ombudsman — Watchdog for the people: 50 years of the Victorian Ombudsman 1973–2023 — Ordered to be published

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

Darebin — C217
Frankston — C164
Glen Eira — C231, C243
Kingston — C219
Yarra Ranges — C219

Regional Development Victoria — Report 2022–23

Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability — Final report — released on 30 October 2023 (18 documents)

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 107
Mutual Recognition (Victoria) Act 1998 — SR 109
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Victoria) Act 1998 — SR 108
Water Act 1989 — SRs 110, 111

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 108, 109

Sustainability Victoria — Report 2022–23

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2022 Victorian State election and 2023 Narracan District supplementary election

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Notice of request to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council for an assessment of the values of the Immediate Protection Areas in the Central Highlands and East Gippsland under s 26C

Victorian Multicultural Commission — Report 2022–23

VITS LanguageLoop — Report 2022–23.

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

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — Remaining provisions of Part 6 — 1 November 2023 *(Gazette S563, 24 October 2023)*
Water and Catchment Legislation Amendment Act 2021 — Remaining provisions (other than ss 23 and 30) — 20 November 2023 *(Gazette S564, 24 October 2023)*.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Land Powers) Bill 2023 without amendment.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

12 **TRIPLE ZERO VICTORIA BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 20 October 2023
Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023

On 24 October 2023
Bail Amendment Bill 2023
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Land Powers) Bill 2023.

14 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 November 2023:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023
Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 46 — Wednesday 1 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCIDENT RESPONSE) BILL 2023** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Livestock Disease Control Act 1994****, the* ***Plant Biosecurity Act 2010*** *and the* ***Livestock Management Act 2010*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Corrections Act 1986*** *in relation to parole and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

SUSTAINABILITY FUND — Activities Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

VISIT VICTORIA — Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

JUDICIAL COLLEGE OF VICTORIA — Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

VICTORIA LAW FOUNDATION — Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

VICTORIAN VETERANS COUNCIL — Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Natalie Suleyman)*.

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS — Reports 2022–23 of the Department of the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Parliamentary Services tabled by leave *(Matt Fregon)*.

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled the Parliamentary Budget Office Report 2022–23.

DOCUMENT TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following document had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Magistrates' Court of Victoria — Report 2022–23.

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Accident Compensation Conciliation Service — Report 2022–23

Adult, Community and Further Education Board — Report 2022–23

Adult Parole Board — Report 2022–23

Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Alexandra District Health — Report 2022–23

Alfred Health — Report 2022–23

Alpine Health — Report 2022–23

AMES Australia — Report 2022–23

Asset Confiscation Operations — Report 2022–23

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 — Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA) — Report 2022–23

Auditor-General — Domestic Building Oversight Part 1: Regulation — Ordered to be published

Austin Health — Report 2022–23

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) — Report 2022–23

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission:

Report 2022–23 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) — Report 2022–23

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — Report 2022–23

Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust — Report 2022–23

Barwon Health — Report 2022–23

Barwon Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Bass Coast Health — Report 2022–23

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service — Report 2022–23

Beechworth Health Service — Report 2022–23

Benalla Health — Report 2022–23

Bendigo Health — Report 2022–23

Boort District Health — Report 2022–23

Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Calvary Heath Care Bethlehem Ltd — Report 2022–23

Casterton Memorial Hospital — Report 2022–23

Cenitex — Report 2022–23

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Central Highlands Rural Health — Report 2022–23

Cohuna District Hospital — Report 2022–23

Colac Area Health — Report 2022–23

Coliban Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Commission for Children and Young People — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Consumer Affairs Victoria — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

Coroners Court of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Coronial Council of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Corryong Health — Report 2022–23

Court Services Victoria — Report 2022–23

Dairy Food Safety Victoria — Report 2022–23

Dental Health Services Victoria — Report 2022–23

Development Victoria — Report 2022–23

Dhelkaya Health — Report 2022–23

Disability Services Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Docklands Studio Melbourne Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

East Grampians Health Service — Report 2022–23

East Wimmera Health Service — Report 2022–23

Eastern Health — Report 2022–23

Echuca Regional Health — Report 2022–23

Education, Department of — Report 2022–23

Emergency Services Superannuation Board — Report 2022–23

Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority — Report 2022–23

Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Department of:

Report 2022–23
Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Energy Safe Victoria — Report 2022–23

Environment Protection Authority — Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Essential Services Commission — Report 2022–23

Families, Fairness and Housing, Department of — Report 2022–23

Film Victoria — Report 2022–23

Financial Management Act 1994:

Explanation from the Assistant Treasurer for the delay of the reports 2022–23 of the:
Albury Wodonga Health
Ambulance Services Victoria
Architect Registration Board of Victoria
Australian Grand Prix Corporation
Central Gippsland Health Service
Cladding Safety Victoria
Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
Country Fire Authority
Fire Rescue Victoria
Fire Services Implementation Monitor
Gippsland Southern Health Service
Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority
Great Ocean Road Health
Harness Racing Victoria
Heritage Council
Kerang District Health
Mental Health Complaints Commissioner
Northeast Health Wangaratta
Omeo District Health
Portland District Health
Remembrance Parks Central Victoria
Robinvale District Health Service
Rural Northwest Health
State Electricity Commission
Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria
Swan Hill District Health
Trust for Nature
VicForests
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Victorian Building Authority
Victorian Collaborative Centre
Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
Victorian Fisheries Authority
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health
Victorian Legal Services Board
Victorian Planning Authority
Victorian Professional Standards Council
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation
Reports from the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the Reports 2022–23 of the:
Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee
Phytogene Pty Ltd
Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria
Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee
Reports from the Minister for Health that she had received the Reports 2022–23 of the:
Mildura Cemeteries Trust
Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority
Victorian Pharmacy Authority
Report from the Minister for Veterans that she had received the Report 2022–23 of the Victorian Veterans Council

Forensic Leave Panel — Report 2022

Game Management Authority:

Report 2022–23
Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Geelong Cemeteries Trust — Report 2022–23

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — Report 2022–23

Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation — Report 2022–23

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Goulburn Valley Health — Report 2022–23

Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Government Services, Department of — Report 2022–23

Grampians Health — Report 2022–23

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2022–23

Greater Western Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Greyhound Racing Victoria — Report 2022–23

Health, Department of — Report 2022–23

Health Purchasing Victoria (HealthShare Victoria) — Report 2022–23

Heathcote Health — Report 2022–23

Hesse Rural Health Service — Report 2022–23

Heywood Rural Health — Report 2022–23

Infrastructure Victoria — Report 2022–23

Inglewood and District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Department of — Report 2022–23

Judicial Commission of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Justice and Community Safety, Department of — Report 2022–23

Kardinia Park Stadium Trust — Report 2022–23

Kilmore District Health — Report 2022–23

Kooweerup Regional Health Service — Report 2022–23

Kyabram District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Labour Hire Licensing Authority — Report 2022–23

Latrobe Regional Health — Report 2022–23

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee — Report 2022–23

Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation — Report 2022–23

Library Board of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Mallee Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

Mallee Track Health and Community Service — Report 2022–23

Mansfield District Hospital — Report 2022–23

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation — Report 2022–23

Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Health — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Market Authority — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Port Lessor Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Recital Centre — Report 2022–23

Melbourne Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by a member of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Return 30 October 2023 — Ordered to be published

Mercy Hospitals Victoria Ltd — Report 2022–23

Mildura Base Public Hospital — Report 2022–23

Monash Health — Report 2022–23

Moyne Health Services — Report 2022–23

Murray-Darling Basin Authority — Report 2021–22

Museums Board of Victoria — Report 2022–23

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) — Report 2022–23

National Health Funding Pool — Victoria State Pool Account, Administrator of — Report 2022–23

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman — Report 2022–23

National Rail Safety Regulator, Office of — Report 2022–23

NCN Health — Report 2022–23

North Central Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

North East Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

North East Link State Tolling Corporation — Report 2022–23

North East Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Northern Health — Report 2022–23

Orbost Regional Health — Report 2022–23

Parks Victoria — Report 2022–23

Peninsula Health — Report 2022–23

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre — Report 2022–23

Police Registration and Services Board — Report 2022–23

Port of Hastings Corporation — Report 2022–23

Ports Victoria — Report 2022–23

Post Sentence Authority — Report 2022–23

Premier and Cabinet, Department of — Report 2022–23

PrimeSafe — Report 2022–23

Public Advocate, Office of — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Public Interest Monitor — Report 2022–23

Public Record Office of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Queen Elizabeth Centre — Report 2022–23

Racing Integrity Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report 2022–23

Respect Victoria — Report 2022–23

Road Safety Camera Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria) Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Rolling Stock (Victoria-VL) Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Rolling Stock (VL-1) Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Rolling Stock (VL-2) Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Rolling Stock (VL-3) Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Royal Botanic Gardens Board — Report 2022–23

Royal Children's Hospital — Report 2022–23

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — Report 2022–23

Royal Women's Hospital — Report 2022–23

Safe Transport Victoria — Report 2022–23

Serious Offenders Act 2018 — Review of the Act

Seymour Health — Report 2022–23

Shrine of Remembrance Trustees — Report 2022–23

South East Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

South Gippsland Hospital — Report 2022–23

South Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

South West Healthcare — Report 2022–23

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2022–23

St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd — Report 2022–23

State Sport Centres Trust — Report 2022–23

State Trustees Ltd — Report 2022–23

Suburban Rail Loop Authority — Report 2022–23

Tallangatta Health Service — Report 2022–23

Terang and Mortlake Health Service — Report 2022–23

Timboon and District Healthcare Service — Report 2022–23

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) — Report 2022–23

Transport and Planning, Department of — Report 2022–23

Treasury and Finance, Department of — Report 2022–23

Treasury Corporation of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Tweddle Child and Family Health Service — Report 2022–23

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — Report 2022–23

Victoria 2026 Pty Ltd — Report 2022–23

Victoria Legal Aid — Report 2022–23

Victoria Police:

Report 2022–23
Report 2022–23 under s 133 of the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012*
Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Report 2022–23 under s 20R of the *Witness Protection Act 1991*

Victoria State Emergency Service Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership — Report 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2023

Victorian Arts Centre Trust — Report 2022–23

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Report 2022–23

Victorian Environmental Water Holder — Report 2022–23

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victorian Funds Management Corporation (VFMC) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission — Report 2022–23

Victorian Government Purchasing Board — Report 2022–23

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Institute of Sport Ltd — Report 2022–23

Victorian Institute of Teaching — Report 2022–23

Victorian Law Reform Commission — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Marine and Coastal Council — Report 2022–23

Victorian Plantations Corporation — Report 2022–23

Victorian Public Sector Commission — Report 2022–23

Victorian Racing Integrity Board — Report 2022–23

Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack)— Report 2022–23

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Small Business Commission — Report 2022–23 — Order to be published

Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) — Report 2022–23

V/Line Corporation — Report 2022–23

Wannon Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

West Gippsland Healthcare Group — Report 2022–23

West Wimmera Health Service — Report 2022–23

Western District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Western Health — Report 2022–23

Westernport Region Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — Report 2022–23

Yarra Valley Water Corporation — Report 2022–23

Yarram and District Health Service — Report 2022–23

Yarrawonga Health — Report 2022–23

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Report 2022–23

Youth Parole Board — Report 2022–23

Zoological Parks and Gardens Board — Report 2022–23.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Danny Pearson made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 November 2023.

9 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 47 — Thursday 2 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Harness Racing Victoria — Report 2022–23

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 107.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 14 November 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCIDENT RESPONSE) BILL 2023** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 November 2023.

6 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Anthony Carbines made the statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration required by s 31 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 November 2023.

7 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the government commits to:

(1) Publicly release an update on the progress of the roll-out of the Container Deposit Scheme, which commences on 1 November 2023, noting that:

(a) only half of the estimated 600 consumer collection point sites have been publicly confirmed, with no sites announced in Melbourne's Central Business District;

(b) no meaningful communication has occurred with businesses on their disposal of containers, nor commercial agreements put in place, to enable businesses who generate the bulk of container waste to dispose of containers in an environmentally friendly way;

(2) Publicly state what the Government intends to do with the additional charges collected from industry and the community that are not dispensed through the scheme; and

(3) Consider the cost of living impact on consumers of a scheme that is designed to impose operational costs on the beverage industry, who will in turn pass those costs onto consumers' —

(James Newbury) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 31 October 2023 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.08 pm under sessional orders.

12 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 48, 49 and 50

No 48 — Tuesday 14 November 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 2 November 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Child Employment Act 2003****, the* ***Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958****, the* ***Firearms Act 1996****, the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003****, the* ***Victoria Police Act 2013****, the* ***Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*** *and the* ***Worker Screening Act 2020*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for the revocation of certain permanent reservations of Crown land at Shepparton, Toolangi, Seaspray, Haunted Stream, Narracan South, Darlimurla, Mirboo, Wombelano, Geelong, Clunes, Melbourne and Walhalla, to revoke related Crown grants and to re-reserve certain land and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Anthony Carbines gave a notice of intention to make a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clauses 7, 8 and 9 of the Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Accessible tram stops on Sydney Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs fully accessible tram stops on Sydney Road before the Upfield train line is closed for level crossing removals, bearing 1748 signatures *(Tim Read)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — ACCESSIBLE TRAM STOPS ON SYDNEY ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brunswick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Read)* — put and agreed to.

7 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 14 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023
Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Protection from Torture and Slavery) Bill 2023
Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023

together with appendices and an extract of the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over part of Albert Park

Duties Act 2000 — Report 2022–23 of corporate reconstruction and consolidated concessions and exemptions under s 250B

Financial Management Act 1994:

2023–24 Quarterly Financial Report No 1 — released on 10 November 2023
Report from the Minister for Energy and Resources that she had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority, together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Education that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), together with an explanation for the delay

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

Ballarat — GC221
Banyule — GC223
Bass Coast — C162
Boroondara — GC223
Cardinia — GC221
Corangamite — C59
French Island and Sandstone Island — C12
Glen Eira — GC221
Greater Geelong — C454, GC221
Horsham — C82
Hume — GC221

Manningham — GC223
Melton — C239
Mitchell — C166
Mornington Peninsula — GC221
Moyne — C70
Nillumbik — GC223
Surf Coast — C144
Warrnambool — C215
Whitehorse — GC223
Whittlesea — GC223
Yarra — GC223

Portable Long Service Benefits Authority — Report 2022–23

Statutory Rule 112 under the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 110, 111, 112
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — Notice to fix fees
Water Act 1989 — Order to Declare Water System Zones in Victoria

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 1 July to 31 December 2022 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017 — Birrarung Council Review.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 8 November 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023
Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023.

11 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers an inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply in the context of urban sprawl and the impact of population growth on the farming industry and arable land to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 31 December 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 16 November 2023:

Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023
Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.16 pm and resumed it at 2.24 pm]

Question time continued.

16 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.37pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 49 — Wednesday 15 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

Member named and suspended — The Member for Richmond *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* having been named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair —

Motion made and question — That the Member for Richmond *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the sitting week *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put.

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

AYES 75

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Gabrielle de Vietri accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

2 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Constitution Act 1975*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***State Electricity Commission Act 1958*** *to abolish the State Electricity Commission of Victoria established by that Act, to make related amendments to that Act and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (MOVE-ON LAWS AND EXCLUSION ORDERS) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce 'A Bill for an Act to

amend the ***Summary Offences Act 1966*** in relation to directions to move on and to provide for the making of exclusion orders and for other purposes' *(Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

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

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Employee Health and Wellbeing in Victorian Public Hospitals — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 107 *(Gazette G45, 9 November 2023)*

Ombudsman — Investigation into a Building Permit complaint — Ordered to be published

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

Ballarat — C235
Campaspe — C120
Casey — C288
Greater Geelong — C427
Macedon Ranges — C156
Maroondah — C144
Melton — C240

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Environment Protection Act 2017 — SR 115

Social Services Regulation Act 2021 — SRs 113, 114
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 116

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCCA) — Report 2021–22.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023 without amendment.

7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the Member for Caulfield move General Business, Notice of Motion No 77 immediately *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

8 **CONDEMNATION OF ANTISEMITISM** — Motion made and question — That this House:

(a) condemns the disgusting acts of antisemitic violence committed by anti-Israel protestors outside a synagogue on Shabbat in Caulfield South;

(b) unequivocally condemns all acts of antisemitism; and

(c) stands with Melbourne's Jewish community and their right to feel safe in their own backyard —

(David Southwick) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

10 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 29 November 2023 to allow:

(1) The Speaker to take the Chair at 10.00 am, interrupt business, and the House proceed in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5);

(2) Legislative Council members to be admitted onto the floor of the House and to remain until the motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers is resolved;

(3) The Premier to move a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and the Leader of the Victorian Greens in the Legislative Council, to speak on the motion for up to 10 minutes each;

(4) The Speaker to put the question on the motion at the conclusion of the contributions referred to in paragraph (3);

(5) Any business under discussion at the 10.00 am suspension to be resumed immediately after the motion is resolved and Legislative Council members have withdrawn, and any member speaking at the time of interruption to then continue their speech —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 November 2023.

13 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 November 2023.

14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Agrees to freeze premium increases for 24 months and then limit increases to be in line with CPI for a further 24 months in order to provide certainty to businesses;

(2) Provides details of the commencement date, structure, objectives, functions and funding of Return to Work Victoria;

(3) Provides a detailed analysis and comparison of public and private sector claims for physical and mental injuries and commits to increasing focus on prevention strategies for each sector;

(4) Makes available the reports on the modelling for the legislation; and

(5) Commits to reporting annually to Parliament on the implementation and progress of the new arrangements, prior to the proposed legislative review in 2027' —

(Cindy McLeish) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — FAITH-BASED HARASSMENT** — The Speaker read Michael O'Brien's proposal to the House —

'That this House reaffirms that no Victorian should face harassment on account of their faith, and therefore:

(1) Condemns the intimidatory protest held in close proximity to a Caulfield synagogue on 10 November 2023; and

(2) Supports the reinstatement of Victoria Police's full range of move-on and arrest powers.'

Michael O'Brien addressed the House — Discussion followed.

19 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 50 — Thursday 16 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

One-officer police stations — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately rule out any cuts to one-person police stations and provides additional support to Victoria Police to ensure these stations remain open, bearing 713 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — ONE-OFFICER POLICE STATIONS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on a person referred to in the Legislative Assembly — Professor David Lindenmayer AO, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on a person referred to in the Legislative Assembly — Theo Theophanous, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Albury Wodonga Health — Report 2022–23

Auditor-General — Reducing the Illegal Disposal of Asbestos — Ordered to be published

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2022–23

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report 2022–23

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report 2022–23

Climate Change Act 2017 — Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2021

Commission for Children and Young People — Let us learn: Systemic inquiry into the educational experiences of children and young people in out-of-home care

Country Fire Authority (CFA) — Report 2022–23

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2023 under s 303

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2022–23 of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the Report 2022–23 of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria

Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report 2022–23

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority — Report 2022–23

Great Ocean Road Health — Report 2022–23

Kerang District Health — Report 2022–23

Northeast Health Wangaratta — Report 2022–23

Omeo District Health — Report 2022–23

Portland District Health — Report 2022–23

Robinvale District Health Services — Report 2022–23

Rural Northwest Health — Report 2022–23

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rule 117

Swan Hill District Health — Report 2022–23

VicForests — Report 2022–23

Victorian Building Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (FORENSICARE) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Planning Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation — Report 2022–23

Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee — Report 2022–23.

5 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE) BILL 2023** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Anthony Carbines made a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clauses 7, 8 and 9 of the Corrections Amendment (Parole) Bill 2023.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 28 November 2023 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **ATTENDANCE AT SPECIAL SITTING** — Motion made and question — That:

(1) The Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend a sitting of the Assembly in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 10.00 am for the consideration of the motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers.

(2) The lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Assembly standing orders be applied for the time that Council members are invited onto the floor of the House.

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

9 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 November 2023.

10 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 November 2023.

11 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Colin Brooks circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

15 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time – *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government (1) Agrees to freeze premium increases for 24 months and then limit increases to be in line with CPI for a further 24 months in order to provide certainty to businesses; (2) Provides details of the commencement date, structure, objectives, functions and funding of Return to Work Victoria; (3)Provides a detailed analysis and comparison of public and private sector claims for physical and mental injuries and commits to increasing focus on prevention strategies for each sector; (4) Makes available the reports on the

modelling for the legislation; and (5) Commits to reporting annually to Parliament on the implementation and progress of the new arrangements, prior to the proposed legislative review in 2027.'

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill considered in detail.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 14 November 2023 had expired.

Question — That clause 4 stands part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Question — That clauses 5 to 32 inclusive stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Question — That the Bill be agreed to without amendment — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish;

James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment No 1 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.37 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL
Supplement to Votes Nos 48, 49 and 50

No 50 — Thursday 16 November 2023

WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 — debate commenced.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 14 November 2023 had expired (for remaining stages see p 255).

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 51, 52 and 53

No 51 — Tuesday 28 November 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 16 November 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Monetary Units Act 2004** in relation to the use of fee units, to amend the **Essential Services Commission Act 2001** in relation to various administrative and enforcement matters, to amend the **Meat Industry Act 1993** in relation to the application of that Act, to amend the **Seafood Safety Act 2003** in relation to transport, to amend the **Food Act 1984** to modernise certain requirements, to amend the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** in relation to permit exemptions, to amend the **Regional Development Victoria Act 2002** in relation to advisory committee membership and other miscellaneous matters, to amend the **Environment Protection Act 2017** in relation to the emergency transportation of waste, to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Casino Control Act 1991** and the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**, to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Children, Youth and Families Act 2005**, the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021** and the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**, to amend the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006** in relation to various enforcement powers, to consequentially amend various Acts to reflect changes relating to Homes Victoria and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Service Victoria Act 2018** to provide for further powers of the Service Victoria CEO and to provide for the delivery of services by or with non-government entities and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995** and the **Building Act 1993** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Climate Change Act 2017** to change its title and to amend and bring forward emissions reduction targets, to amend the **Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017** to increase the renewable energy target for 2030, to introduce a new renewable energy target for 2035 and to introduce energy storage targets and offshore wind energy targets and to*

*amend the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** to expressly require consideration of climate change when making certain decisions under that Act and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT (MACHETES) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** in relation to machetes and for other purposes*' *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 27

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

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Fixed and mobile speed cameras — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to seek changes to the way that mobile and fixed speed cameras are identified and operated in accordance with best practices by introducing parity with NSW, and to make these changes within a reasonable time, bearing 23 signatures *(Brad Battin)*

Accessible tram stops before sky rail — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Victorian Government to install fully accessible tram stops on Sydney Road before the Upfield line is closed for level crossing removals in Brunswick, bearing 283 signatures *(Tim Read)*

Accessible transport for the Upfield corridor — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs fully accessible tram stops on Sydney Road before the Upfield train line is closed for level crossing removals, bearing 564 signatures *(Tim Read)*

Face-to-face general practitioner services in Ensay, Swifts Creek and Benambra — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to require the immediate restoration of face-to-face general practitioner services in Ensay, Swifts Creek and Benambra, and an assurance that they will not be withdrawn in the future, bearing 7 signatures *(Tim Bull)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE — Matt Fregon tabled an interim report from the Standing Orders Committee on the inclusion of sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders, together with an appendix and an extract from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on Gambling and liquor regulation in Victoria: a follow up of three Auditor-General reports, together with appendices, extracts from the proceedings, a minority report and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices, extracts from the proceedings and minority report ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 15 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023
State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Chair, tabled a report from the Environment and Planning Committee on the Inquiry into employers and contractors who refuse to pay their subcontractors for completed works, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2022–23 — Released on 24 November 2023

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Firearm Prohibition Order Biennial Ministerial Report — 8 May 2018 to 31 December 2020

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

Bayside — C187, C200
Cardinia — C268
Greater Bendigo — C269
Kingston — C205
Melbourne — C454
Mildura — C118
Wangaratta — C79 Part 1
Yarra Ranges — C198

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report 2022–23

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 — SR 116
Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 118
Public Records Act 1973 — SR 117

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in relation to statutory rules 115, 118, 120.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Bill 2023 without amendment.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 21 November 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, today, given the royal assent to the Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Bill 2023, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023.

13 **POSTPONE APOLOGY FOR PAST CARE LEAVERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the resolution of the House on 15 November 2023 to suspend standing and sessional orders to consider a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers be amended as follows:

(1) omit ‘Wednesday 29 November 2023’ and insert ‘Thursday 8 February 2024’;

(2) in paragraphs (1) and (5) omit '10.00 am' and insert '11.30 am' —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

14 **AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that paragraph (1) of the resolution of the House on 16 November 2023 to invite Legislative Council members to attend the special sitting for the parliamentary apology for past care leavers be amended as follows:

(1) omit 'Wednesday 29 November 2023' and insert 'Thursday 8 February 2024';

(2) omit '10.00 am' and insert '11.30 am';

and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 30 November 2023:

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

19 **BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCIDENT RESPONSE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.31 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 52 — Wednesday 29 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Police and PSO resources in the Latrobe Valley — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to increase police and Protective Services Officer resources across the Latrobe Valley as a matter of urgency, bearing 872 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — POLICE AND PSO RESOURCES IN THE LATROBE VALLEY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

CONSUMER POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE — Report 2022–23 tabled by leave *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Contractors and Consultants in the Victorian Public Service: Spending — Ordered to be published

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission — Report 2022–23 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2022–23

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

Casey — C275
Manningham — GC231
South Gippsland — GC231
Southern Grampians — GC231

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 113, 114, 122

Special Investigator, Office of — Report 2022–23 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victoria Police:

Report 2021–22 under s 139A of the *Confiscation Act 1997*
Report 2022–23 under s 139A of the *Confiscation Act 1997*
Report 2022–23 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2022–23 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2022–23 under s 37F of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017:

Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo: Yarra Strategic Plan 2023
Report on the implementation of Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo: Yarra Strategic Plan 2022–23.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That, as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee's Report on the inclusion of sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders, November 2023, this House adopts the proposed amendments to standing and sessional orders as detailed in Appendix A, to come into effect from 1 January 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

9 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 December 2023.

10 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 December 2023.

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 December 2023.

12 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 December 2023.

13 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House recognises the Government's support for Victorians starting, or growing their families, and in the critical early years of their children's lives, by: (1) Delivering public IVF; (2) Establishing Victoria's first public egg and sperm bank; and (3) Expanding Victoria's Early Parenting Centre network; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIA'S FRONTLINE WORKERS** — The Speaker read Luba Grigorovitch's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the hard work of Victoria's frontline workers during the holiday and summer season, not just in Melbourne but right across regional Victoria.'

Luba Grigorovitch addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 53 — Thursday 30 November 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2021/22, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the appointment of a person to conduct the independent performance audit of the Victorian Ombudsman, together with an appendix.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following documents had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:
Children's Court of Victoria — Report 2022–23
County Court of Victoria — Report 2022–23
Supreme Court of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Ambulance Victoria — Report 2022–23

Auditor-General:

Fair Presentation of Service Delivery Performance 2023 — Ordered to be published
Major Projects Performance Reporting 2023 — Ordered to be published

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — Victorian State of the Environment — Report 2023 (three documents)

Emerald Tourist Railway Board — Report 2022–23

Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2022

Families, Fairness and Housing, Department of — Report 2022–23 *(replacement for copy tabled on Wednesday 1 November 2023)*

Financial Management Act 1994:

Reports from the Minister for Planning that she had received the reports 2022–23 of the:
Heritage Council of Victoria
Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria
Reports from the Minister for Environment that he had received the reports 2022–23 of the:
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board, together with an explanation for the delay
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board, together with an explanation for the delay

Local Jobs First — Report 2022–23

Mental Health Complaints Commissioner – Report 2022–23

Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority — Report 2022–23

Mount Buller and Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2022

Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2022

Police Informants Royal Commission Implementation Monitor Act 2021 — Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants: Progress Report 2022–23

Portland District Health — Report 2022–23 *(replacement for copy tabled on Thursday 16 November 2023)*

Professional Standards Councils — Report 2022–23

Sentencing Advisory Council — Report 2022–23

Southern Alpine Resort Management Board — Report 2022

Spent Convictions Act 2021 — Review of the operation of the Act under s 25

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 122
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 121

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989*:
Declaration of Rationing Areas in Declared Water Systems 2023
Ministerial Prohibition Determination Applicable to Particular Place of Take Approvals that are Tagged – November 2023
Ministerial Rules for Managing General Place of Take Approvals
Water Trading Rules for Declared Water Systems 2023

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine — Report 2022–23

Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Victoria's Mental Health and Wellbeing Services — Report 2022–23

3 **PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE VICTORIAN OMBUDSMAN** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) In accordance with s 24D(1) of the Ombudsman Act 1973, the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly appoint O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd ('O'Connor Marsden'):

(a) to conduct the performance audit of the Victorian Ombudsman;

(b) in accordance with the Agreement for the provision of services for the performance audit of the Victorian Ombudsman;

(c) at the fixed-fee level of remuneration of $231,000 (including GST) to be paid upon completion of the following:

(i) $46,200 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's audit plan, representing 20 per cent of the total fee;

(ii) $69,300 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's progress report, representing 30 per cent of the total fee;

(iii) $115,500 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of the final draft report, representing 50 per cent of the total fee.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

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

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the appointment of O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd ('O'Connor Marsden') to conduct the performance audit of the Victorian Ombudsman.

6 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 and the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words ', and that General Business, Notice of Motion No 79,' be inserted after the words 'State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That such words be inserted — put.

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — That the House agrees to the motion without amendment — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

7 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Crimes Amendment (Non-Fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

9 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 6 February 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

15 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to and the following further amendments be made to the Bill:

1. Insert the following New Clauses to follow Clause 27—

'**27A What is the rate of land tax?**

For section 35(3) of the **Land Tax Act 2005 substitute**—

"(3) Subject to section 88EB, the rate of vacant residential land tax is—

(a) if the land was not liable for vacant residential land tax in the preceding tax year—1%; or

(b) if the land was liable for vacant residential land tax in the preceding tax year but not the tax year preceding that tax year—2%; or

(c) if the land was liable for vacant residential land tax in the last 2 preceding tax years—3%.

Note

For the purposes of the vacant residential land tax, the taxable value of the land is the capital improved value of the land as at the relevant date—see section 19(1A).".

27B Holiday home exemption

For section 88A(1)(a) of the **Land Tax Act 2005 substitute**—

"(a) in the year preceding the tax year—

(i) the owner of the land or a vested beneficiary of a trust to which the land is subject used and occupied other land in Australia as a principal place of residence; and

(ii) the owner of the land or a vested beneficiary of a trust to which the land is subject, or a relative of the owner or vested beneficiary, used and occupied the land as a holiday home for a period of at least 4 weeks (whether continuous or aggregate); and".'.

2. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 28—

'**28A New sections 88EA to 88EC inserted**

After section 88E of the **Land Tax Act 2005 insert**—

"**88EA Land becomes residential land during third year preceding tax year and has not been used or occupied or changed ownership**

(1) Land is exempt from vacant residential land tax for a tax year if—

(a) at the commencement of the third year preceding the tax year the land was not residential land within the meaning of section 34B(1); and

(b) during the third year preceding the tax year the land becomes residential land within the meaning of section 34B(1); and

(c) during the second year preceding the tax year the land is exempt from vacant residential land tax under section 88D; and

(d) during the year immediately preceding the tax year the land is exempt from vacant residential land tax under section 88E; and

(e) for the period from which the land becomes residential land within the meaning of section 34B(1) up to the tax year—

(i) the land has not been used or occupied; and

(ii) the land has not changed ownership; and

(f) the Commissioner is satisfied that during the period referred to in paragraph (e) the owner of the land made genuine attempts to sell the land at or below the price that they expected to receive when construction commenced on the land.

(2) To obtain an exemption from vacant residential land tax under this section, the owner of the land must—

(a) apply to the Commissioner for the exemption on or before 15 January of the tax year; and

(b) give the Commissioner any information the Commissioner requests for the purpose of enabling the Commissioner to determine whether the land is exempt from vacant residential land tax under this section.

88EB Residential land that has not been used or occupied or changed ownership for more than 3 years

(1) Land is eligible for a concessional rate of vacant residential land tax of 1% for a tax year if—

(a) in a preceding tax year, the land becomes residential land within the meaning of section 34B(1); and

(b) in a tax year after the tax year referred to in paragraph (a) but preceding the tax year, the land is exempt from land tax under section 88EA; and

(c) for the period from which the land becomes residential land within the meaning of section 34B(1) up to the tax year—

(i) the land has not been used or occupied; and

(ii) the land has not changed ownership.

88EC Publication of report on exemptions and concession

(1) The Commissioner must publish on the Commissioner's website an annual report of the following information for the 12 month period to which the report relates—

(a) for each postcode in Victoria, the number of—

(i) exemptions granted under each of sections 88D, 88E and 88EA; and

(ii) concessions granted under section 88EB;

(b) the total amount of vacant residential land tax that was not payable because of the grant of the exemptions and the concessions referred to in paragraph (a).".'.

3. Clause 30, line 15, omit "the commencement day, the land is" and insert "31 December 2023 the land was".

4. Clause 30, line 27, omit "the commencement day, the land is" and insert "31 December 2023 the land was".

5. Clause 30, line 33, omit "**2023**;" and insert '**2023**."'.

6. Clause 30, page 24, lines 1 to 3, omit all words and expressions on those lines.

7. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 34—

'**34A What is the rate of land tax?**

For section 35(3)(a), (b) and (c) of the **Land Tax Act 2005 substitute**—

"(a) for residential land within the meaning of section 34B(2B)—1%; or

(b) for any other land—

(i) if the land was not liable for vacant residential land tax in the preceding tax year—1%; or

(ii) if the land was liable for vacant residential land tax in the preceding tax year but not the tax year preceding that tax year—2%; or

(iii) if the land was liable for vacant residential land tax in the last 2 preceding tax years—3%."' —

(Danny Pearson) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words 'New Clauses to follow Clause 27' be omitted and replaced with 'New Clause to follow Clause 27' from further amendment 1 *(Brad Rowswell)*

Amendment proposed — That the words 'New sections 88EA to 88EC inserted' be omitted and replaced with 'New section 88EC inserted' from further amendment 2 *(Brad Rowswell)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 28 November 2023 had expired.

16 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INCIDENT RESPONSE) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

19 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council and further amendments moved by the Assistant Treasurer and the amendments to the further amendments moved by the Member for Sandringham be agreed to.

Question — That the amendments made by the Council be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien;

Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted from further amendment No 1 stand part of the further amendment — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted from further amendment No 2 stand part of the further amendment — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 2 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question – that further amendments Nos 3 to 6 be agreed to – put and agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 7 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

20 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 6.33 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 54, 55 and 56

No 54 — Tuesday 6 February 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 November 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WRIT** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writ issued on 23 October 2023 and that Eden Foster has been elected for the District of Mulgrave.

3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Eden Foster was then introduced and took and subscribed the oath required by law.

4 **DEATH OF DR RONALD JAMES HERBERT WELLS** — The Speaker announced the death of Dr Ronald James Herbert Wells, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Dromana from 1985 to 1992 and Member of the Legislative Council for the Province of Eumemmerring from 1992 to 1999; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

5 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *to provide for the employment of persons at, or for the purposes of operating, government early learning centres and to consequentially amend the* ***Long Service Leave Act 2018*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Alternative solutions to euthanasia for homeless animals — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly assists the Government, animal welfare organisations, communities and individuals to collaborate to address euthanasia for homeless animals, bearing 127 signatures *(Matt Fregon)*

Public conveniences and facilities for Hamilton railway station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures the Government takes immediate action to provide toilets, seating and shelter at Hamilton railway station, bearing 84 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

Contaminated soil washing facility in Brooklyn — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure the EPA takes immediate action to prevent a new contaminated soil washing facility being established in Brooklyn and move any other

dust-producing activity to areas where air pollution impacts will be minimised, bearing 206 signatures *(Melissa Horne)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO EUTHANASIA FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ashwood be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Matt Fregon)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND FACILITIES FOR HAMILTON RAILWAY STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

9 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under SO 20, I:

(1) appoint Daniela De Martino, Lauren Kathage, Nathan Lambert, Alison Marchant, John Mullahy and Iwan Walters to preside as Acting Speakers whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker; and

(2) discharge Chris Couzens, Bronwyn Halfpenny and Michaela Settle from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February 2023 and 31 October 2023.

Hon Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
6 February 2024.

10 **IBAC COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 16 December 2023, she administered to Victoria Elliott, the Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the oath required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

11 **DOCUMENTS**

MUNICIPAL MONITOR APPOINTED TO STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL — Report to the Minister for Local Government tabled by leave *(Melissa Horne)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 1 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023

Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs on Victorian Roads — released on 6 December 2023

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust — Report 2022–23

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Albert Park

Duties Act 2000 — Report 1 January to 30 June 2023 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Financial Management Act 1994 — Budget Update 2023–24 — released on 15 December 2023

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Wagering and Betting Licence issued to Tabcorp VIC Pty Ltd under s 4.3A.14 (two documents)

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Victoria Police's responses to IBAC's recommendations — released on 12 December 2023

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

Statutory Rule 115/2023 *(Gazette G50, 14 December 2023)*
Statutory Rule 122/2023 *(Gazette G50, 14 December 2023)*

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2024

Local Government Act 2020 — Order in Council — Suspension of all of the councillors of the Strathbogie Shire Council and appointment of an administrator for the Council

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Orders for the:

2023 Boxing Day Test — Australia v Pakistan Melbourne Cricket Ground — 26 December to 30 December 2023
2023/2024 Big Bash League matches at the MCG (including finals)

One Day International — Australia v West Indies Melbourne Cricket Ground — 2 February 2024

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004:

Order approving the Workplace facilities and the working environment compliance code
Order revoking the approval of the Workplace amenities and work environment compliance code

Ombudsman — Alleged politicisation of the public sector: Investigation of a matter referred from the Legislative Council on 9 February 2022 — Part 2 — released on 6 December 2023

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

Infrastructure contributions and development contribution levies — Report 2022–23
Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:
Bass Coast — C152
Baw Baw — GC230
Brimbank — C238
Campaspe — C124
Cardinia — GC230
Central Goldfields — C39
Colac Otway — C127
Darebin — C199, C209
East Gippsland — C166
Golden Plains — C103
Greater Bendigo – C247
Greater Dandenong — C224, C240, C246, C247, GC230
Greater Geelong — C339 pt 2, C455, GC230
Greater Shepparton — C239, C242
Hepburn — C78, GC230
Hobsons Bay — C134
Hume — C269
Latrobe — C121, GC230
Mansfield — C59
Maribyrnong — C178, C183
Maroondah — C146
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Mornington Peninsula — C303
Murrindindi — C75
Stonnington — GC230
Strathbogie — GC230

Surf Coast — C141
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC249, VC250
Whitehorse — C241
Wyndham — GC230
Yarra — C269
Yarra Ranges — C211, C222
Yarriambiack — C33

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Documents under s 9 in relation to the Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre Precinct Project (three documents)

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Administration and Probate Act 1958 — SR 125/2023
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — SR 126/2023
Architects Act 1991 — SR 135/2023
Building Act 1993 — SRs 132/2023, 2
Casino Control Act 1991 — SR 119/2023
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 134/2023
Cladding Safety Victoria Act 2020 — SR 1
County Court Act 1958 — SRs 120/2023, 130/2023
Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — SR 129/2023
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009 — SR 127/2023
Heritage Act 2017 — SR 3
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SRs 128/2023, 129/2023
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 4
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 133/2023
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 123/2023, 124/2023, 125/2023
Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 — SR 131/2023

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 119/2023, 121/2023, 123/2023, 124/2023, 125/2023, 126/2023, 128/2023, 129/2023, 130/2023, 131/2023, 132/2023, 133/2023, 134/2023, 1, 2, 3, 4
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Environment Protection Act 2017:
EPA Designation — Classification of digestate for composting or other secondary processing or use
EPA Determination — Specifications acceptable to the Authority for receiving digestate
Essential Services Commission Act 2001 — Land Access Code of Practice 2023

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2022–23 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standard Scheme Report 2022–23.

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

Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Act 2023 — Remaining provisions — 20 December 2023 *(Gazette S686, 19 December 2023)*

Special Investigator Repeal Act 2023 — Whole Act — 2 February 2024 *(Gazette S687, 19 December 2023)*

Triple Zero Victoria Act 2023 — Whole Act (other than Part 11) — 15 December 2023 *(Gazette S670, 12 December 2023)*.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's further amendments to the State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 December 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023
Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 12 December 2023, given the royal assent to the State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

15 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023.

16 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 7 February 2024 to allow the Member for Mulgrave to make her inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes at 6.30 pm *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

17 **AMENDMENT TO APOLOGY FOR PAST CARE LEAVERS MOTION** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the resolution of the House on 15 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023, to suspend standing and sessional orders to consider a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers, be further amended as follows:

(1) omit paragraph (1) and insert:

'(1) The sitting of the House to be suspended at 11.20 am;

(1A) The Speaker to take the Chair at 11.30 am, interrupt business, and the House to proceed in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5);'

(2) After paragraph (2) insert:

'(2A) The Premier to table an apology statement for past care leavers;'

(3) In paragraph (3) after the words 'The Premier to move a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers and' insert 'the Premier,'

(4) After paragraph (4) insert:

'(4A) Legislative Council members to withdraw and the sitting be suspended until 2.00 pm; and'

(5) In paragraph (5) omit the words 'Any business under discussion at the 11.30 am suspension to be resumed immediately after the motion is resolved and Legislative Council members have withdrawn,' and insert 'Any business under discussion at the 11.20 am suspension to be resumed immediately at the conclusion of constituency questions,' —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

18 **AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That paragraph (2) of the resolution of the House on 16 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023, to invite Legislative Council members to attend the special sitting for the parliamentary apology for past care leavers be further amended to omit the words 'lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the', and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

19 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 8 February 2024:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

20 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — COUNCIL VACANCY** — Proposing that the Legislative Council meets the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the

resignation of Matthew Bach and that the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.15 pm.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration immediately.

21 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — Motion made and question — That this House agrees to the Legislative Council's proposal for a joint sitting on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.15 pm in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Matthew Bach *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

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

23 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **QUESTION TIME**.

25 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

26 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

27 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 55 — Wednesday 7 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Firearms Act 1996*** *to further provide for the service of firearm prohibition orders and for related and minor matters, to amend the* ***Control of Weapons Act 1990*** *to clarify that a machete is a type of knife and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 6.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Jess Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 21 February 2024.

8 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

11 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

[Business interrupted at 6.15 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.22 pm]

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

14 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 6 February 2024, the Member for Mulgrave made an inaugural speech.

15 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 56 — Thursday 8 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 7 February 2024 with the Legislative Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Matthew Bach and that Richard Welch was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report 2022–23

Office of the Public Advocate — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Office of Public Prosecutions — Report 2022–23

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account — Report 2022–23 on the disbursement of revenue

State Electricity Commission of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Crime Commission (State Provisions) Act 2003 — SR 6
Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 — SR 5

Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing — Report 2022–23.

4 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Gary Maas from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee and Jackson Taylor from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from today.

5 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Jackson Taylor be a member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee; and

(2) Eden Foster be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 20 Febuary 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 22 February 2024.

9 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 57

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 11.30 am under the resolution of the House on 15 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023 and 6 February 2024.

11 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Jacinta Allan tabled the Parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care.

12 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Motion made and question — That this Parliament expresses our formal and sincere apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in silence to signify their assent.

13 **QUESTION TIME.**

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

15 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

18 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 6 February 2024 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.37 pm.

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Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 57, 58 and 59

No 57 — Tuesday 20 February 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 8 February 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Private Security Act 2004** to provide for a new licensing system for the private security industry and to amend the **County Court Act 1958** and the **Sentencing Act 1991** to extend the operation of the Drug Court Division of the County Court and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of Victoria*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** in relation to funding dispute resolution and advocacy services, to amend the **Estate Agents Act 1980** in relation to funding dispute resolution and advocacy services and to abolish the Estate Agents Council, to amend the **Business Licensing Authority Act 1998** to facilitate closure of the Sex Work Regulation Fund, to amend the **Public Records Act 1973** to abolish the Public Records Advisory Council and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **BAIL AMENDMENT (INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHILST ON BAIL) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Amendment Act 2023** so that the offence of committing an indictable offence whilst on bail is not repealed, or to amend the **Bail Act 1977** to re-enact that offence if it is repealed, and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes' (Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish;

James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

6 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing Pilot for Drug Harm Reduction) Bill 2023
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024
SR No 86 — Water (Recreational Area) Regulations 2023
SR No 102 — Building and Plumbing Amendment (National Construction Code and Other Matters) Regulations 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Electronic gaming machine tax review — released on 12 February 2024

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

Boroondara — C406
Greater Geelong — C464
Hobsons Bay — GC214
Strathbogie — C80
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC244, VC254
Wyndham — GC214

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023 without amendment.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 13 February 2024
Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023

On 20 February 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023
Land (Revocation of Reservations) Bill 2023.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 22 February 2024:

Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Guarantees secure and reliable energy for every Victorian, noting the recent system collapse which led to 530,000 people without power;

(2) Commits to energy being affordable, noting the 25 per cent price increase over the last year;

(3) Details how Victoria will have adequate base load power, noting the State Government's ban on gas;

(4) Sets out a plan to upgrade 57-year-old transmission infrastructure, noting that almost one in seven of Victoria's 13,000 electricity transmission towers is damaged and experts warned the Government in 2020 of the risks in extreme weather events;

(5) Reveals to Victorians exactly how the new planning powers, and Ministerial directions, will operate, and why the Government is stripping communities from planning decisions;

(6) Explains what the impact will be on agricultural land, when analysis from the Government's Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper of March 2020 shows that to meet net zero targets up to 70 per cent of Victoria's land will need to host wind and solar farms;

(7) Provides an update on how Victoria will reach the 2032 wind target, noting the collapse of the flagship project in Hastings; and

(8) Provides public transparency on climate measures through a website with live measures covering emissions, renewable energy, battery storage, and wind energy' —

(James Newbury) — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.21 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 58 — Wednesday 21 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Bail Act 1977 — SR 8
Co-operatives National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 9
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 10
Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 11
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 7.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

7 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

8 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

9 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 6 March 2024.

10 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026;

(2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House;

(3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including:

(a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and

(b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and

(4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026' —

(Jess Wilson) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIA'S EMERGENCY SERVICES** — The Speaker read John Pesutto's proposal to the House —

'That this House, despite the tireless commitment of emergency services workers and volunteers during the recent severe weather event, expresses deep concern at the Labor Government's inability to manage Victoria's emergency services, including failure to ensure power supply across the state, failure to rapidly respond to Victorians calling Triple Zero for emergency assistance, and failure to financially support affected businesses and households.'

John Pesutto addressed the House — Discussion followed.

15 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Motion made and question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care *(Natalie Hutchins)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Melissa Horne)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 59 — Thursday 22 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Neerim District Rural Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to maintain Neerim District Rural Primary School's operational status, collaborate with parents and locals to devise a strategy to restaff the school, and ensure the site remains available for community use, bearing 128 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Redevelopment of Rosebud Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund the redevelopment of the Rosebud Hospital to help fix the healthcare crisis on the southern Mornington Peninsula, bearing 3506 signatures *(Sam Groth)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — NEERIM DISTRICT RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — REDEVELOPMENT OF ROSEBUD HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2022–23 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) — Report 2022–23.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 5 March 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare

centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted following stakeholder consultation on what effect classifying a machete as a prohibited weapon would have on protecting the public against the use of machetes, while ensuring the bill retains the important changes to the service of firearm prohibition orders' *(Brad Battin)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 69

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos;

Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 20 February 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Guarantees secure and reliable energy for every Victorian, noting the recent system collapse which led to 530,000 people without power; (2) Commits to

energy being affordable, noting the 25 per cent price increase over the last year; (3) Details how Victoria will have adequate base load power, noting the State Government's ban on gas; (4) Sets out a plan to upgrade 57-year-old transmission infrastructure, noting that almost one in seven of Victoria's 13,000 electricity transmission towers is damaged and experts warned the Government in 2020 of the risks in extreme weather events; (5) Reveals to Victorians exactly how the new planning powers, and Ministerial directions, will operate, and why the Government is stripping communities from planning decisions; (6) Explains what the impact will be on agricultural land, when analysis from the Government's Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper of March 2020 shows that to meet net zero targets up to 70 per cent of Victoria's land will need to host wind and solar farms; (7) Provides an update on how Victoria will reach the 2032 wind target, noting the collapse of the flagship project in Hastings; and (8) Provides public transparency on climate measures through a website with live measures covering emissions, renewable energy, battery storage, and wind energy'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Provides a preliminary or draft fee structure for the early learning centres (ELCs) scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026; (2) Seeks written feedback from any childcare centre, kindergarten or preschool within a 15 kilometre radius of the proposed government ELC sites regarding the likely impact of a government ELC on their workforce capacity and

enrolments, and provides their feedback to the House; (3) Conducts an analysis on the childcare workforce implications of the new government ELC sites, including: (a) establishing the workforce vacancy rates around the locations of the new sites; and (b) providing the House with a comprehensive plan on how the Government will ensure existing childcare centres and kindergartens are not disadvantaged in their ability to recruit and retain staff in their existing programs; and (4) Provides an estimate of the budget impact of the operating costs for the government ELCs scheduled to open in 2025 and 2026'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.38 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 60, 61 and 62

No 60 — Tuesday 5 March 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 22 February 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Land Act 1958**, the **Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978** and the **Forests Act 1958** to enable licences over public land to be granted for up to 21 years for purposes relating to offshore wind energy generation, to include offshore wind energy generation companies within the scope of certain provisions in the **National Parks Act 1975** and to amend the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** to enable the Minister to declare persons to be offshore wind energy generation companies and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005** in relation to VicGrid and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to apply as laws of Victoria, and subject to any necessary modifications prescribed under regulations, the provisions of the National Energy Retail Law providing for retailer of last resort arrangements and the other provisions of that Law that support the effective operation of those provisions, to make related amendments to the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** and the **Gas Industry Act 2001** and to make other minor technical amendments to the **Electricity Industry Act 2000** and the **Gas Industry Act 2001** to improve their operation and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Youth violence in the Sunraysia district — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement a range of changes to increase penalties and sentences for perpetrators of youth violence, hold their caregivers accountable, and better support the victims of violent attacks, bearing 279 signatures *(Jade Benham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE SUNRAYSIA DISTRICT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mildura be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Jade Benham)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 3 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment (Indictable Offences Whilst on Bail) Bill 2024
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing Pilot for Drug Harm Reduction) Bill 2023
Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024
Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Revision Bill 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Electoral Review Expert Panel — Report on Victoria's laws on political finance and electronic assisted voting under s 222DB of the *Electoral Act 2002*

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

Statutory Rule 102/2023 *(Gazette G9, 29 February 2024)*
Statutory Rule 106/2023 *(Gazette G9, 29 February 2024)*

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by a member of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Return 14 February 2024 — Ordered to be published

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

Central Goldfields — C38
Macedon Ranges — C145
Maribyrnong — C162, C186
Melbourne — C379
Moonee Valley — C232
Murrindindi — C76
Whitehorse — C220
Wyndham — C262
Yarra Ranges — C217

Statutory Rule under the *Children's Services Act 1996* — SR 12

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 12

Victorian Inspectorate — Inspection Report February 2023 under the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Act 2024 — Whole Act — 28 February 2024 *(Gazette S 88, 27 February 2024)*.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 27 February 2024
Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023

On 5 March 2024
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — SENATE VACANCY** — Transmitting a despatch from the President of the Senate notifying that a vacancy had happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia following the death of Senator Linda White on 29 February 2024.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 5 March 2024; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 7 March 2024:

State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023
Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024

Statute Law Revision Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the government business program resolution proposed by the Leader of the House be amended by omitting paragraph (1) and after '7 March 2024:' inserting 'Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the government business program be agreed to without amendment — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy;

Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

14 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023 AND STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Mary-Anne Thomas circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 in detail.

Debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 in detail.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023 in detail.

Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023 AND STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 in detail.

Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 4 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 58

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 58

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of a special majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 61 — Wednesday 6 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Flooding of Tyers Road causeway and closure of Latrobe River Bridge — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund and deliver works to raise the Tyers Road causeway and install culverts to prevent further flooding, bearing 150 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — FLOODING OF TYERS ROAD CAUSEWAY AND CLOSURE OF LATROBE RIVER BRIDGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Board of Inquiry into historical child sexual abuse at Beaumaris Primary School and certain other government schools — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Investigation into healthcare provision for Aboriginal people in Victorian prisons — Ordered to be published.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Workcover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023 with amendments.

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

6 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Electoral Matters Committee's Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2022 Victorian State Election be extended to no later than 1 August 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 20 March 2024.

11 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 20 March 2024.

12 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 20 March 2024.

13 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — EDUCATION POLICIES** — The Speaker read Ben Carroll's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes that Victoria is the Education State with the Allan Labor Government implementing a range of policies to ensure all students get the best start in life.'

Ben Carroll addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

19 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 62 — Thursday 7 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (PORT OF MELBOURNE) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for South-West Coast introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Emergency Management Act 2013*** *in relation to emergency risk management arrangements for the Port of Melbourne and for other purposes*' *(Roma Britnell)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

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

NOES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Results of 2022–23 Audits: Local Government — Ordered to be published

Building Act 1993 — Cladding Rectification Levy Review Report under s 205LO

Cladding Safety Victoria Act 2020 — Review Report under s 45.

4 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Kim O'Keeffe from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee and Ellen Sandell from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, both effective from 6 March 2024.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 19 March 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024 without amendment.

12 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 5 March 2024 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams;.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **PRIVATE SECURITY AND COUNTY COURT AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.08 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 63, 64, 65 and 66

No 63 — Tuesday 19 March 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 7 March 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE DIGBY CROZIER** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Digby Crozier and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Portland from 1985 to 1988, Member of the Legislative Council for Western Province from 1973 to 1985 and Minister of Tourism and Minister for State Development and Decentralisation from 1976 to 1978, Minister of State Development, Decentralisation and Tourism from 1978 to 1979, Minister for Local Government from 1979 to 1981, and Minister of Mines and Minister for Minerals and Energy from 1981 to 1982 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Digby Crozier, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.50 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 64 — Tuesday 19 March 2024
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Confiscation Act 1997*** *in relation to unexplained wealth and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Social Services Regulation Act 2021****, the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005****, the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Campbells Bridge Wind Facility — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to request that the Campbells Bridge Wind Facility project be abandoned, bearing 196 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

HOMES VICTORIA — Ground Lease Model Project Summary tabled by leave *(Colin Brooks)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024
National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (No New Oil or Gas Activities) Bill 2022

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2023–24 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 8 March 2024

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 5 *(Gazette S122, 14 March 2024)*

Murray-Darling Basin Authority — Report 2022–23

Parliamentary Budget Officer — Operational Plan 2024–25

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

Bass Coast — C164
Kingston — C206
Latrobe — C147
Queenscliffe — C39
Stonnington — C332, C337
Victorian Planning Provisions — VC256
Wyndham — C268
Yarra — C323

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989* — Model Waterways Protection By-law 2024

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Act 2023 — Subdivision 3 of Division 2 of Part 2 and ss 265 and 266 — 27 March 2024 *(Gazette S118, 13 March 2024)*.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023 with an amendment.

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

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 13 March 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024.

11 **OMBUDSMAN** — The Speaker advised that, on 14 March 2024, she administered to Marlo Jane Baragwanath, the Ombudsman, the affirmation required by s 10 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973*.

12 **BALLARAT MINING INCIDENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House expresses its condolences:

(1) To the family and loved ones of Kurt Hourigan, who died at the Ballarat Gold Mine incident on Wednesday 13 March 2024;

(2) To those that were injured and the dozens of miners who were trapped underground —

(James Newbury) — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 21 March 2024:

Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024
Support for Victorian families — motion
Big Housing Build — motion
Level Crossing Removals — motion
Education State — motion
Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

15 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that amendment be agreed to *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government provides:

(1) proof that tenants and rental providers will not be disadvantaged by the Bill;

(2) more information about how the Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria (RDRV) will work;

(3) a breakdown of costings and how the RDRV will be funded;

(4) advice on the timeline of when each stage of establishing the RDRV will be reached and for full operations;

(5) details on how the Minister intends to seek advice in the absence of the Estate Agents Council (EAC) and Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC); and

(6) details on what bodies will replace the EAC and PRAC, including plans for appointments, remuneration, and public information about those bodies' —

(Tim McCurdy) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.31 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 65 — Wednesday 20 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to reform the taxation of commercial and industrial property, to amend the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997****, the* ***Treasury Corporation of Victoria Act 1992*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Staff participation in protests — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to mandate against teacher and support staff participation in activities such as the Pro-Palestine week of action, and stands down or terminates teachers who breach Department of Education guidelines, bearing 1775 signatures *(David Southwick)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — STAFF PARTICIPATION IN PROTESTS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into increasing the

number of registered organ and tissue donors, together with summary booklet, appendices, and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and summary booklet ordered to be published.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2021–22 and 2022–23 Financial and Performance Outcomes, together with transcripts of evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Withdrawal from 2026 Commonwealth Games — Ordered to be published

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — Strategic Audit: Implementation of environmental management systems by agencies and public authorities 2022–23

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Social housing complaint handling — Progress report — Ordered to be published

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 *(Gazette S113, 8 March 2024)*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 April 2024.

10 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 April 2024.

11 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Pesutto)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 27

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

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

16 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 66 — Thursday 21 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHILD INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME — Tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — Child Information Sharing Scheme Five-Year Review under s 41ZO

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking water quality in Victoria — Report 2022–23

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2023 Warrandyte District by-election

Victorian Inspectorate — Special Report on a compliance case study on the use and oversight of coercive powers — Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Apartment Design Standards.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 30 April 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

4 **COMPLAINT** — The Speaker informed the House that on Thursday 21 March 2024 the Member for Brighton had lodged with her written notification of a complaint of a breach of privilege, alleging that the attendance and actions of a person on the parliamentary precinct on a sitting day on Wednesday 20 March 2024 improperly interfered with the free performance of a member's duties as a member—and, the Speaker being of the opinion that the complaint should be given precedence —

Motion made and question — That the complaint made by the Member for Brighton on Thursday 21 March 2024 be referred to the Privileges Committee for examination and report *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

7 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Tim Pallas made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 4 April 2024.

8 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into the mechanisms for capturing data on the profile and volume of perpetrators of family violence in Victoria, and barriers to achieving a full understanding of this cohort to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 26 November 2024 *(Vicki Ward)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

10 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government provides: (1) proof that tenants and rental providers will not be disadvantaged by the Bill; (2) more information about how the Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria (RDRV) will work; (3) a breakdown of costings and how the RDRV will be funded; (4) advice on the timeline of when each stage of establishing the RDRV will be reached and for full operations; (5) details on how the Minister intends to seek advice in the absence of the Estate Agents Council (EAC) and Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC); and (6) details on what bodies will replace the EAC and PRAC, including plans for appointments, remuneration, and public information about those bodies'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 19 March 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House recognises the Government's support for Victorians starting, or growing their families, and in the critical early years of their children's lives, by: (1) Delivering public IVF; (2) Establishing Victoria's first public egg and sperm bank; and (3) Expanding Victoria's Early Parenting Centre network.

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

16 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes — (a) since the start of the Big Housing Build in November 2020, 7,600 homes are completed or underway, with Victoria on track to deliver over 12,000 much-needed social and affordable homes; and (b) the new $1 billion Regional Housing Fund will deliver more than 1,300 additional homes.

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

17 **LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes that: (1) The Government has removed 72 dangerous and congested level crossings; (2) In 2018 the Government promised to remove 75 level crossings by 2025, and is already two years ahead of schedule; and (3) The Government will remove a total of 110 level crossings by 2030 — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words: '(1) Notes that two successive Auditor-General's reports have found flaws with the business case put forward for Level Crossing Removals, leading to billions in budget blowouts; and (2) Calls on the Government to release costings for every level crossing removal project it has undertaken'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

18 **EDUCATION STATE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House recognises the work of the Andrews Labor Government to build the Education State by: (1) Making kinder free; (2) Delivering hundreds of new schools and school upgrades; (3) Supporting student wellbeing; (4) Implementing One VCE; and (5) Putting over 70 courses on the Free TAFE list.

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

19 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 67, 68 and 69

No 67 — Tuesday 30 April 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 21 March 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Act 2011**, to abolish the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, to amend the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003**, the **Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission Act 2011** and the **Liquor Control Reform Act 1998** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Local Government Act 2020** in relation to governance and integrity matters and to make other miscellaneous amendments, to amend the **Local Government Act 1989** to reflect machinery of government changes, to make consequential amendments to the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**, to abolish VicForests, to amend the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987** and the **Forests Act 1958** in relation to forest management and to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Proposed Grosvenor Street housing precinct redevelopment — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to enforce clear lines of communication with residents and the community about any proposed redevelopment of the Grosvenor Street housing precinct in Balaclava, bearing 31 signatures *(David Southwick)*

Leakes Road and Clearwood Drive in Truganina — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Police and Crime Prevention and the Government to have the Road Safety Camera Site Selection Committee assess the potential installation of a speed camera and red light camera at the intersection of Leakes Road and Clearwood Drive in Truganina, bearing 387 signatures *(Sarah Connolly)*

Expanded bus service from Frankston to Rosebud — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to expand the 887 bus service from Frankston to Rosebud, bearing 102 signatures *(Sam Groth)*

Increase police resources to the Knox Police Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to increase police resources to the Knox Police Station to allow for regular police patrols to occur within the Wantirna South area as well as the addition of lighting at neighbourhood parks, and installation of security cameras, bearing 854 signatures *(Kim Wells)*

Consideration of unborn babies as human beings — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to consider unborn babies as human beings, to allow any baby past 24 weeks of gestation, with a birth certificate to be recognised by the law and the justice system, bearing 280 signatures *(Kim O'Keeffe)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — PROPOSED GROSVENOR STREET HOUSING PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — EXPANDED BUS SERVICE FROM FRANKSTON TO ROSEBUD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — CONSIDERATION OF UNBORN BABIES AS HUMAN BEINGS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim O'Keeffe)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — INCREASE POLICE RESOURCES TO THE KNOX POLICE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Rowville be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim Wells)* — put and agreed to.

10 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024
Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024
Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024
SR No 33 — Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) (Waste to Energy Scheme) Regulations 2023
SR No 49 — Forests (Recreation) (Temporary) Amendment Regulations 2023
SR No 50 — Conservation, Forests and Lands (Infringement Notice) Regulations 2023
SR No 78 — Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) (Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2023

SR No 113 — Social Services Regulations 2023
SR No 116 — Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023
SR No 119 — Casino Control Regulations 2023
EPA Designation — Classification of PFAS-impacted soil made under Regulation 86 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2022–23

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — State of the Birrarung (Yarra) and Its Parklands — Report 2023

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Spencer and Drybrough Street Reserve and Miller Street West Melbourne Reserve
The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve
Orders under ss 17B and 17D granting licences and leases over:
Albert Park
Point Leo Foreshore Reserve

Ombudsman — Reflections on 10 years — released on 25 March 2024

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Compliance Officer — Statement of Findings under s 9H — Ordered to be published

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

Alpine — GC222
Ballarat — GC222
Bass Coast — C165
Bayside — C201
Benalla — GC222
Boroondara — C409
Buloke — GC222
Campaspe — GC222
Central Goldfields — GC222
Darebin — C219
Gannawarra — GC222
Glen Eira — C259
Glenelg — C109, C112
Greater Bendigo — GC222

Greater Geelong — C383, C467
Greater Shepparton — GC222
Hepburn — GC222
Horsham — C81
Hume — C266
Indigo — GC222
Kingston — C215
Loddon — GC222
Macedon Ranges — GC222
Mansfield — GC222
Maroondah — C156
Mildura — GC222
Mitchell — GC222
Moira — GC222
Mornington Peninsula — C293
Moorabool — GC222
Mount Alexander — GC222
Moyne — C79
Murrindindi — GC222
Pyrenees — GC222
Stonnington — C333
Strathbogie — GC222
Swan Hill — GC222
Towong — GC222
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC252, VC259, VC261
Wangaratta — GC222
Warrnambool — C212
Whitehorse — C230
Wodonga — GC222
Yarra — C307, C324

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 20
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 16
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 21
Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994 — SR 22
Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 — SR 13
Land Conservation (Vehicle Control) Act 1972 — SR 19
National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 — SR 25
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 23
Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1983 — SR 24
Social Services Regulation Act 2021 — SR 17
Supported Residential Services (Private Proprietors) Act 2010 — SR 18
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 14, 15
Vexatious Proceedings Act 2014 — SR 14
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 13

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Wildlife Act 1975* — Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2023 Mulgrave District by-election

Wildlife Act 1975:

Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife *(Gazette S123, 14 March 2024)*
Wildlife (Emergency Closure of Moodie Swamp State Game Reserve and Lake Modewarre Reserve) Notice *(Gazette S177, 12 April 2024)*
Wildlife (Indigenous Game Birds (Quail) Hunting) Notice *(Gazette S155, 2 April 2024)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2/2024 *(Gazette S162, 7 April 2024)*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Act 2024 — Whole Act (except Divisions 1 and 4 of Part 2 and Sections 50, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 and 99) — 22 April 2024 *(Gazette S182, 16 April 2024)*.

11 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024
Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Revision Bill 2024.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 26 March 2024
Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023
Firearms and Control of Weapons (Machetes) Amendment Bill 2024
State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023

On 9 April 2024
Private Security and County Court Amendment Bill 2024

On 23 April 2024
Statute Law Revision Bill 2024.

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024
Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024
Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — SENATE VACANCY** — Transmitting a despatch from the President of the Senate notifying that a vacancy had happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia through the resignation of Senator Janet Rice on 19 April 2024.

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

15 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Ellen Sandell from the Standing Orders Committee, effective from 24 April 2024.

16 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Sam Hibbins be a member of the Standing Orders Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

17 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Integrity and Oversight Committee's Inquiry into the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* be extended to no later than 30 September 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 May 2024:

National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024
Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

20 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **QUESTION TIME**.

22 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

23 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned — after debate —

Question put.

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

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate resumed on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 68 — Wednesday 1 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SENTENCING AMENDMENT (SENTENCING PRACTICES FOR CHILD SEXUAL OFFENCES) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Sentencing Act 1991*** *in relation to the sentencing of an offender for a child sexual offence and for other purposes*' *(Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

40 km/h zone along Doncaster Road through North Balwyn Village — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement a 40 km/h zone along Doncaster Road through North Balwyn Village, bearing 446 signatures *(Jess Wilson)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — 40 KM/H ZONE ALONG DONCASTER ROAD THROUGH NORTH BALWYN VILLAGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kew be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Jess Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Follow-up of Management of the Student Resource Package — Ordered to be published
Literacy and Numeracy Achievement Outcomes for Victorian Students — Ordered to be published

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2023

Box Hill Institute — Report 2023

Chisholm Institute — Report 2023

Deakin University — Report 2023

Federation University Australia — Report 2023

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of Alpine Resorts Victoria, together with an explanation for the delay
Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2022–23 of the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board, together with an explanation for the delay

Gordon Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2023

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2023

La Trobe University — Report 2023

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2023

Monash University — Report 2023

Professional Standards Act 2003:

Bar Association of Queensland Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette G17 24 April 2024)*
Law Society of Western Australia Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette G17 24 April 2024)*

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2023

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 27
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 26

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE) — Report 2023

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2023

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2023

University of Melbourne — Report 2023

Victoria University — Report 2023

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

Wodonga Institute of TAFE — Report 2023

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024 without amendment.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

11 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

12 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — Motion made and question — That this House meets the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice, and

proposes that the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 1 May 2024 at 6.00 pm *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them of the resolution and requesting their agreement.

13 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Brad Rowswell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to:

(1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties;

(2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and

(3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the $50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate' —

(Brad Rowswell) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES** — The Speaker read Brad Rowswell's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the financial mismanagement and economic recklessness of the Allan Labor Government which is causing a cost-of-living crisis for Victorian families and businesses.'

Brad Rowswell addressed the House — Discussion followed.

[Business interrupted at 6.00 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.05 pm]

Discussion continued.

18 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 69 — Thursday 2 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 1 May 2024 with the Legislative Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice and that Stephanie Hodgins-May was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Blue Rock Lake reforestation — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to review the decision to reforest the south-western area of Blue Rock Lake and keep these allotments as leased open areas, maintained by local farmers with grazing stock, bearing 191 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — BLUE ROCK LAKE REFORESTATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — Review of Victoria's Reportable Conduct Scheme under s 16ZN

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2023–24 Budget Estimates

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 27, 28
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe Meat Industry Licensing and Fees Determination 2024
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe Seafood Safety Licensing and Fees Determination 2024.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Janet Rice as proposed by the Assembly.

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

8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 7, 14 and 15 May 2024 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 14 May.

(2) The matter of public importance to be omitted from the order of business for the week of Tuesday 14 May.

(3) The order of business to be:

Tuesday 7 May
Question time and constituency questions
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business

Tuesday 14 May
Formal business
Statements by members
Statements on committee reports
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business continued

Wednesday 15 May
Formal business
Members statements
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business continued

(4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 15 May —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put and agreed to.

9 **UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — REPORT 2023** — Motion made and question — That the report be tabled *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to: (1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties; (2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and (3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the $50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 30 April 2024 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to: (1) further consultation on the proposed CIPT rate including the cost neutrality of the proposed reforms and how the reforms will affect owners of regional and non-regional commercial and industrial properties; (2) providing investors with certainty and confidence against any potential future tax increases; and (3) making public the modelling assumptions underpinning the $50 billion economic uplift anticipated from this reform scheme and the rationale for the

risk margin component of the proposed 10-year transitional government loan, including any future changes made to the risk margin component of the loan rate'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 70

No 70 — Tuesday 7 May 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 2 May 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Financial Management Act 1994*** *in relation to gender responsive budgeting and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

5 **STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***Environment Protection Act 2017****, the* ***Gambling Taxation Act 2023****, the* ***Land Tax Act 2005****, the* ***Payroll Tax Act 2007****, the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987****, the* ***State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Act 2023****, the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997*** *and the* ***Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Dederang Battery Energy Storage System — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to reject the Dederang Battery Energy Storage System proposal

due to widespread community opposition, risks to community health, concerns about environmental impacts, loss of prime agricultural land, increased bushfire risk and impacts on the landscape and tourism, bearing 1310 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — DEDERANG BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

BUDGET PAPERS 2024–25 —

2024–25 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement
2024–25 Budget Overview
2024–25 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer's Speech
2024–25 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program

tabled by leave *(Tim Pallas)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

2024–25 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook
2024–25 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery
2024–25 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)
2024–25 Department Performance Statement

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

Kingston — C203
Victorian Planning Provisions — VC255

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Crimes Act 1958 — SR 29
Financial Management Act 1994 — SR 28

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 29
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Health Complaints Act 2016* — Revised Health Complaint Handling Standards 2023.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024 without amendment.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had today given the royal assent to the Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2024/2025.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 1.07 pm and resumed it at 1.17 pm]

13 **APPROPRIATION (2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2024/2025 and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Rowswell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2024/2025.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

15 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2024/2025 and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was

read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

16 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

17 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 14 May 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

19 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to and the following further amendment be made to the Bill:

1. Clause 19, omit this clause —

(Gabrielle Williams) — after debate — put and agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

20 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to:

(1) consulting properly with stakeholders, including the Law Institute of Victoria and the Victorian Bar, to consider and address their concerns; and

(2) assuring Victorians that the Bill contains sufficient safeguards to adequately protect the rights of innocent people with no involvement in criminal activity' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 71 and 72

No 71 — Tuesday 14 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolutions of the House on 2 May 2024 and 7 May 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, to repeal the* ***Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Act 1985****, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I appoint Paul Mercurio to preside as Acting Speaker whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February 2023, 31 October 2023 and 6 February 2024.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
14 May 2024.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 6 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024
Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024
Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024
Financial Management Amendment (Gender Responsive Budgeting) Bill 2024
Hemp Industry Bill 2024
Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024
Sentencing Amendment (Sentencing Practices for Child Sexual Offences) Bill 2024
Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Bill 2024
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Bill 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Lower Maribyrnong Riverlands

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report to the Attorney-General under s 464ZP of the *Crimes Act 1958*

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Obligations of managers of land or infrastructure (Urban stormwater management and On-site wastewater management) *(Gazette S230, 9 May 2024)*

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

Ballarat — C246
Boroondara — C387
Hume — C267
Melbourne — C440
Strathbogie — C89
Yarra — C308

Special Investigator, Office of — Report 1 July 2023 to 1 February 2024 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Statutory Rule 30 under the *Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 30
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Environment Protection Act 2017* — Obligations of managers of land or infrastructure (Urban stormwater management and On-site wastewater management).

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had today given the royal assent to the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024
State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024

Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Bill 2024
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Bill 2024.

7 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) The Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 7.00 pm on 14 May 2024:

Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024
Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024
Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024; and

(2) The Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 15 May 2024:

State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024
Financial Management Amendment (Gender Responsive Budgeting) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the government business program proposed by the Leader of the House be amended by omitting the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024 *(James Newbury)* — after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

10 **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into the extent to which surveillance data is being collected, shared, stored, disclosed, sold, disposed of and otherwise utilised in Victorian workplaces to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 31 March 2025 including, but not limited to, an examination of:

(1) The effectiveness of current privacy and workplace laws when it comes to employee workplace surveillance;

(2) The current practices of employers disclosing the use of workplace surveillance to employees and others;

(3) The manner in which surveillance data is collected, shared, stored, disclosed and disposed of or sold, including but not limited to covert, overt, remote, digital and analogue methods;

(4) The ownership of workplace surveillance data;

(5) The protection of the privacy, autonomy and dignity of workers and other individuals, and the potential for privacy and data security risks to individuals, workers, businesses, communities and Victoria;

(6) The personal impact of workplace surveillance on Victorian workers, such as on their physical and mental safety;

(7) The impact of workplace surveillance on workplace relations and the balance of power between employers and workers;

(8) The impact of workplace surveillance on the balance of power in the workplace and the effect on workers' rights;

(9) International or domestic examples of best practice workplace surveillance regulation and privacy protection;

(10) The potential consequences of unregulated surveillance on workers and their families;

(11) Australia's obligations under international law, including International Labour Organization Conventions;

(12) The interaction between State and Commonwealth laws, and the jurisdictional limits imposed on the Victorian Parliament; and

(13) Any other related matters —

(Natalie Suleyman) — put and agreed to.

11 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 1 to 3 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

12 **STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow *(Tim Pallas)*, after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage;

Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 15 May 2024.

13 **APPROPRIATION (2024–2025) BILL 2024 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **APPROPRIATION (2024–2025) BILL 2024 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That these Bills be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to: (1) consulting properly with stakeholders, including the Law Institute of Victoria and the Victorian Bar, to consider and address their concerns; and (2) assuring Victorians that the Bill contains sufficient safeguards to adequately protect the rights of innocent people with no involvement in criminal activity'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.08 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.32 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 72 — Wednesday 15 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY, DEFAMATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Crime Statistics Act 2014****, the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009****, the* ***Defamation Act 2005****, the* ***Freedom of Information Act 1982****, the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011****, the* ***Judicial Commission of Victoria Act 2016****, the* ***Local Government Act 2020****, the* ***Ombudsman Act 1973****, the* ***Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014****, the* ***Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012****, the* ***Public Interest Monitor Act 2011****, the* ***Racing Act 1958****, the* ***Spent***

Convictions Act 2021*, the* ***Surveillance Devices Act 1999****, the* ***Telecommunications (Interception) (State Provisions) Act 1988*** *and the* ***Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011****, to make consequential amendments to various Acts following the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Commission and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

New freeway overpass at Jetty Road, Rosebud — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund a new freeway overpass at Jetty Road, Rosebud, bearing 2474 signatures *(Sam Groth).*

Reopen Portland helipad — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure the immediate reopening of the helipad at the Portland and District Health site, bearing 738 signatures *(Roma Britnell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — NEW FREEWAY OVERPASS AT JETTY ROAD, ROSEBUD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — REOPEN PORTLAND HELIPAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Murtoa Caravan Park Reserve.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024 without amendment.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's further amendment to the Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

10 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 28 May 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Member for Pakenham to make a statement to the House immediately after formal business *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

12 **STATEMENT BY A MEMBER** — In accordance with the resolution of the House today, the Member for Pakenham made a statement.

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

14 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow only members who did not speak on the second reading debate on the Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024 to speak on the motion to take note of the 2024–25 budget papers *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

15 **VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 May 2024.

16 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

19 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

20 **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (VICTORIA) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

21 **STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 14 May 2024 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

22 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.08 pm under the resolution of the House on 2 May 2024.

23 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.46 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 73, 74 and 75

No 73 — Tuesday 28 May 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 15 May 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Jacinta Allan introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish a Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission, Parliamentary Integrity Adviser and Parliamentary Ethics Committee, to make consequential and related amendments to Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Natalie Hutchins introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Aboriginal Lands Act 1970** and the **Aboriginal Lands Act 1991** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION TRUST AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Act 1996** to change the name of that Act, to change the name of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust and to modernise governance and operational provisions and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **STATE SPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **ANZAC Day Act 1958** to change the description of an area in which sports are held on ANZAC Day, to amend the **Kardinia Park Stadium Act 2016**, the **Melbourne and Olympic Parks Act 1985**, the **Melbourne Cricket Ground Act 2009** and the **State Sport Centres Act 1994** in relation to trust membership, leasing powers and other miscellaneous amendments, to amend the **Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985** in relation to acting appointments and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 7 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Hemp Industry Bill 2024
State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010:

Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2024 under s 303
Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2024 under s 303

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2021–22

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

Baw Baw C150
Golden Plains GC239
Latrobe GC239
Mildura C124
Monash C166
Mount Alexander GC239
Stonnington C314
Warrnambool C214
Whitehorse C250
Yarra C326, C327

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Child Employment Act 2003 — SR 33
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 34
Survey Co-ordination Act 1958 — SR 31
Water Act 1989 — SR 32
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 — SR 35

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 31, 34, 35

Victorian Law Reform Commission — Report on Recklessness — Ordered to be published

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Closure of Lake Lonsdale) Notice *(Gazette S239, 16 May 2024)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 3 *(Gazette S241, 16 May 2024).*

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 21 May 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Bill 2024
Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024
National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024.

9 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House meets the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White, and proposes that the time and place of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 29 May 2024 at 6.30 pm *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them of the resolution and requesting their agreement.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 30 May 2024:

Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024
Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Bill 2024
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY, DEFAMATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Peter Walsh)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 June 2024.

13 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide procedural fairness by way of an appropriate appeal mechanism for councillors subject to suspension' *(Peter Walsh)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Sam Hibbins circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 74 — Wednesday 29 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Belgrave-Gembrook Road near Selby Primary School — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to engage VicRoads to assess the section of road and install further safety measures as a matter of urgency, bearing 155 signatures *(Daniela De Martino)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — BELGRAVE-GEMBROOK ROAD NEAR SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Monbulk be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Daniela De Martino)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Guardianship and Decision-making for Vulnerable Adults — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 36.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White as proposed by the Assembly.

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024
State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

10 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Jacinta Allan tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Jacinta Allan)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 June 2024.

11 **MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION TRUST AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 June 2024.

12 **ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Natalie Hutchins tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Natalie Hutchins)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 June 2024.

13 **STATE SPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 June 2024.

14 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until fair compensation for loss of income is received by all those impacted by the Labor Government's early closure of the sustainable native timber industry' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

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

AYES 48

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Motion made and question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

20 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers.

[Business interrupted at 6.30 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.37 pm]

Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.22 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 75 — Thursday 30 May 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 29 May 2024 with the Legislative Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Linda White and that Lisa Darmanin was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Police resources in Gippsland — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and resources to increase the police presence and deter crime in Gippsland, bearing 2324 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — POLICE RESOURCES IN GIPPSLAND** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 38
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Service Victoria Act 2018* — Service Victoria Identity Verification Standards.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 18 June 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

9 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **NUCLEAR POWER** — Motion made and question — That this House:

(1) Condemns the Federal Opposition's plan to send energy bills sky-high with dangerous and expensive nuclear power.

(2) Calls on the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Victorian Opposition to rule out nuclear reactors on the Great Ocean Road or in any Victorian community —

(Lily D'Ambrosio) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Allan Labor Government be condemned for failing to provide secure, reliable and affordable energy to Victorians' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 28 May 2024 had expired.

14 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) REPEAL BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until fair compensation for loss of income is received by all those impacted by the Labor Government's early closure of the sustainable native timber industry'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide procedural fairness by way of an appropriate appeal mechanism for councillors subject to suspension'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer;

Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.14 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.42 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 76, 77, 78 and 79

No 76 — Tuesday 18 June 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 May 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF HONOURABLE LOUIS STUART LIEBERMAN, AM** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Louis Stuart Lieberman, AM, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Benambra from 1976 to 1992, Minister for Planning from 1979 to 1982, Assistant Minister for Health from 1979 to 1981, Minister of Mines and Minister for Minerals and Energy in 1981, and Minister for Local Government from 1981 to 1982 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Louis Stuart Lieberman, AM, the House now adjourns until 1.30 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.28 pm, adjourned until 1.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 77 — Tuesday 18 June 2024
(1.30 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for the reform of the youth justice system, to amend the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*** *and other related Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ACTING PUBLIC ADVOCATE** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, on 5 June 2024, the Speaker administered to Daniel Gilbert Leighton, the Acting Public Advocate, the oath required by s 14 of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2019*.

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

Phone reception in Berwick — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly reviews planning laws to ensure adequate communication infrastructure for residents in the Minta Farm and Halcyon Stockland Berwick regions, bearing 134 signatures *(Brad Battin)*

Mornington Peninsula paid parking pilot program — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to remove the current Mornington Peninsula paid parking pilot program immediately, bearing 3316 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*

Police resources at Trafalgar Police Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to invest in police resources and availability at Trafalgar Police Station to ensure the safety of the local community, bearing 4 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Workcover legislation changes — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to undo the changes to the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023 and undertake detailed and thorough discussions with injured workers and their advocates to improve the system for all, bearing 170 signatures *(Sam Hibbins)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — PHONE RECEPTION IN BERWICK** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Berwick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Brad Battin)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — MORNINGTON PENINSULA PAID PARKING PILOT PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — POLICE RESOURCES AT TRAFALGAR POLICE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — WORKCOVER LEGISLATION CHANGES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Prahan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Hibbins)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFICATION OF COMPUTER GAMES 2023 — Tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Independent performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office 2024: budget variation.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 8 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Bill 2024
Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024
Payroll Tax Amendment (Protecting Victorians' Access to GPs, Dentists and Other Allied Health Practitioners) Bill 2023
State Sporting Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Euroa I49 Bushland Reserve

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to EPA Designation — Classification of black coal fly ash *(Gazette G23, 6 June 2024)*

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

Bayside C186, C198
Brimbank C240
Frankston C152
Greater Bendigo C242
Kingston C222
Latrobe C136
Macedon Ranges C153
Melbourne C401, C470
Monash C167
Moorabool C104
Mornington Peninsula C300
Stonnington C324

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 41
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 46
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 43
Service Victoria Act 2018 — SR 38
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 37, 40
Transfer of Land Act 1958 — SR 39
Victoria Police Act 2013 — SR 42
Water Act 1989 — SR 44
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 45

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 32, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Environment Protection Act 2017*
EPA Designation — Classification of black coal fly ash
EPA Determination under s 48(a) — Exemption from requirement to hold a development licence — black coal fly ash
EPA Determination under s 48(c) — Exemption from requirement to hold a permit — black coal fly ash
EPA Determination under s 48(d) – Exemption from requirement to hold a registration — black coal fly ash

Trust for Nature (Victoria) — Report 2022–23.

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

Land (Revocation of Reservations) Act 2024 — Whole Act (other than Part 3) — 1 June 2024 *(Gazette S274, 28 May 2024)*
Service Victoria Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 29 May 2024 *(Gazette S275, 28 May 2024)*.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024
Financial Management Amendment (Gender Responsive Budgeting) Bill 2024.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS — APPROPRIATION BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 4 June 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Speaker:

Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024
Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 4 June 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Financial Management Amendment (Gender Responsive Budgeting) Bill 2024
State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024.

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Bill 2024
Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024
State Sporting Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

14 **PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) This House notes that on 5 October 2023 the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly agreed that under section 82 of the *Audit Act 1994*, MartinJenkins be appointed to conduct the performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office in 2023–24, and further notes the recommendation in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's report on *Independent Performance Audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office 2024: budget variation* tabled 18 June 2024;

(2) A budget variation of an additional $30,000 (excluding GST) be approved for MartinJenkins to deliver the performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office by the end of July 2024; and

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement to the budget variation —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 20 June 2024:

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Debate continued on question — That the Government Business Program agreed to.

Question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

19 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's resolution on 18 June 2024 regarding a budget variation for MartinJenkins to deliver the performance audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office by the end of July 2024.

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

21 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.20 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 78 — Wednesday 19 June 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the* ***Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*** *and to consequentially amend the* ***Monetary Units Act 2004****, to make miscellaneous amendments to the* ***Administrative Arrangements Act 1983*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PAYROLL TAX AMENDMENT (SCHOOLS) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Kew introduce 'A Bill for an Act to amend the ***Payroll Tax Act 2007*** to exempt wages paid or payable in Government and non-Government schools from payroll tax and for other purposes' *(Jess Wilson)* — and, after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Funding and maintenance to fix roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and maintenance to fix Victorian roads, bearing 1392 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*

Police resources in Gippsland — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and resources to boost police presence and deter crime in Gippsland, bearing 59 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE TO FIX ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — POLICE RESOURCES IN GIPPSLAND** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Domestic Building Oversight Part 2: Dispute Resolution — Ordered to be published
Effectiveness of the Tutor Learning Initiative — Ordered to be published
Planning Social Housing — Ordered to be published

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17D granting a lease over Flemington and Kensington Reserve
Orders under s 17B granting licences over St Kilda Botanical Gardens Reserve (three orders)
Orders under ss 17B and 17D granting a licence and a lease over Sandringham Beach Park Reserve

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989* — Ministerial Prohibition Determination Applicable to Particular Place of Take Approvals that are Tagged — June 2024.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

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

10 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

11 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Anthony Carbines made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 July 2024.

12 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

The amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

13 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes notes of the 2024–25 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes notes of the 2024–25 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — PRIVATISATION** — The Speaker read Sam Hibbins's proposal to the House —

'That this House calls on the Victorian Labor Government to end its privatisation agenda.'

Sam Hibbins addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 79 — Thursday 20 June 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY VISITORS REPORT 2022–23 — Tabled by leave *(Ben Carroll)*.

GOVERNMENT PROGRESS REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY IBAC OPERATION DAINTREE SPECIAL REPORT — Tabled by leave *(Colin Brooks)*.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT: ALLEGED POLITICISATION OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR: INVESTIGATION OF A MATTER REFERRED FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 9 FEBRUARY 2022 — PART 2 — Tabled by leave *(Colin Brooks)*.

NYAAL BANYUL GEELONG CONVENTION AND EVENT CENTRE PROJECT: PROJECT SUMMARY — Tabled by leave *(Colin Brooks)*.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS REPORT 2023, DOMAIN 1 TO 6 DATA TABLES AND VICTORIAN 2023 CLOSING THE GAP TABLES — Tabled by leave *(Natalie Hutchins)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Annual Plan 2024–25
Assuring the Integrity of the Victorian Government's Procurement Activities — Ordered to be published

Effectiveness of Arterial Road Congestion Initiatives — Ordered to be published
Metro Tunnel Project: Phase 3 — Systems Integration, Testing and Commissioning — Ordered to be published

Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information Commissioner, and National Education and Care Services Privacy Commissioner — Report 2022–23

Land Tax Act 2005 — Report 2022–23 of Land Tax Absentee Owner Surcharge Exemptions under s 3BB

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 — Victorian Government Report on Multicultural Affairs 2022–23

Phillip Island Nature Parks — Report 2022–23

Road Safety Act 1986 — Documents in relation to the Order in Council Declaring Certain Motor Vehicles Not to Be Motor Vehicles — Electric Scooters

State Owned Enterprises Act 1992:

Constitution of SEC Energy Pty Ltd under s 75
Constitution of SEC Infrastructure Pty Ltd under s 75
Constitution of SEC Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 30 July 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Colin Brooks tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Colin Brooks)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 4 July 2024.

6 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY, DEFAMATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

7 **NUCLEAR POWER** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House: (1) Condemns the Federal Opposition's plan to send energy bills sky-high with dangerous and expensive nuclear power; (2) Calls on the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Victorian Opposition to rule out nuclear reactors on the Great Ocean Road or in any Victorian community — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Allan Labor Government be condemned for failing to provide secure, reliable and affordable energy to Victorians'.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **NUCLEAR POWER** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Bill 2024 with an amendment.

Ordered — That the amendment be taken into consideration immediately.

12 **VICTORIAN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FOUNDATION REPEAL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

13 **NUCLEAR POWER** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House: (1) Condemns the Federal Opposition's plan to send energy bills sky-high with dangerous and expensive nuclear power; (2) Calls on the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Victorian Opposition to rule out nuclear reactors on the Great Ocean Road or in any Victorian community — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Allan Labor Government be condemned for failing to provide secure, reliable and affordable energy to Victorians'; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 18 June 2024 had expired.

14 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY, DEFAMATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.32 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 80, 81, 82 and 83

No 80 — Tuesday 30 July 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 June 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF JUDE PERERA AND INGA PEULICH** — The Speaker announced the death of Jude Perera, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Cranbourne from 2002 to 2018 and the death of Inga Peulich, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Bentleigh from 1992 to 2002 and Member of the Legislative Council for the Region of South-Eastern Metropolitan from 2006 to 2018; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE BARRY PULLEN** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Barry Pullen and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Council for the Province of Melbourne from 1982 to 1999, Minister for Conservation and Environment in 1992, Minister for Education and Training from 1991 to 1992, Minister for Education from 1990 to 1991, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Minister for the Arts in 1989 and Minister for Housing and Construction from 1988 to 1990 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Barry Pullen, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm today *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.41 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 81 — Tuesday 30 July 2024
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997*** *in relation to Part 4A parks, to amend the* ***Funerals Act 2006*** *in relation to funeral goods and services price lists and coffin price lists and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the* ***Prahran Mechanics' Institute Act 1899****, to dissolve the Prahran Mechanics' Institution and Circulating Library incorporated and to provide for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities of that entity to the PMI Victorian History Library Inc., and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Caulfield introduce *'A Bill for an Act to impose certain obligations on parties to construction contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Crown and on certain registered employee organisations and for other purposes' (David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Funding for San Remo Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reinstate the remaining promised funding for San Remo Primary School to allow the school to commence construction works at the end of 2024 as planned, bearing 506 signatures *(Jordan Crugnale)*

Review the Victorian Planning Scheme — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to review the Victorian Planning Scheme section 52.23 to allow for only one rooming house per street, minimum distance limits placed between rooming houses, community input, and opportunities to raise objections, bearing 18 signatures *(David Hodgett)*

Alexandra District Health Board — Requesting that the findings of the Department of Health expert advisory committee that is reviewing Alexandra District Health Board be released to the public, that any proposed Health Services Plan be subject to genuine public consultation, and that the power and responsibilities and authorities remain with the Alexandra District Health Board and no amalgamation take place, bearing 3008 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Build an aquatic centre in Mornington — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide funding to build an aquatic centre in Mornington, giving local residents easy public access to water-based exercise, therapeutic rehabilitation and recreation, bearing 138 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — FUNDING FOR SAN REMO PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Bass be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Jordan Crugnale)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — BUILD AN AQUATIC CENTRE IN MORNINGTON** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — REVIEW THE VICTORIAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

11 **PETITION — ALEXANDRA DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

12 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I appoint Kim O'Keeffe to preside as Acting Speaker whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, and 6 February and 14 May 2024.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
30 July 2024.

13 **DOCUMENTS**

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Luba Grigorovitch, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election, together with appendices, extracts from the proceedings, minority reports and transcripts of evidence.

Report (two volumes), appendices, extracts from the proceedings and minority reports ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Kathleen Matthews-Ward tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024
Subordinate Legislation and Administrative Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024
Youth Justice Bill 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Performance Audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office 2024

Auditor-General:

Access to Emergency Healthcare — released on 25 June 2024
Managing State-significant Risks — released on 27 June 2024
Results of 2023 Audits: Universities — released on 28 June 2024

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978

Order under s 17D granting a lease over Rosebud Public Park and Recreation Reserve
Orders under s 17B granting licences over Alexandra Gardens Reserve (two orders)

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Report of Independent Review Panel: Wagering and Betting Licensing Project

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan 2024–25 — released on 27 June 2024

Integrity and Oversight Committee — Report on the Independent performance audit of the Victorian Ombudsman — released on 1 July 2024

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on Gambling and liquor regulation in Victoria: a follow up of three Auditor-General reports

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Report on Distribution from the Assembly Suspension Fines Fund 2023–24

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

Bass Coast — C167, C168
Bayside — C194
Brimbank — C225
Colac Otway — C124
Glen Eira — C247
Greater Bendigo — C241
Greater Geelong — C470
Macedon Ranges — C157
Melbourne — C381, C471
Mornington Peninsula — C305, C306
Southern Grampians — C60
Stonnington — C340, C343
Surf Coast— C138
Whitehorse — C245, C249, C251
Yarra — C293, C322

State Owned Enterprises Act 1992 — Constitution of Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 59
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 55
City of Melbourne Act 2001 — SRs 56, 57

Country Fire Authority Act 1958 — SR 49
Fundraising Act 1998 — SR 67
Honorary Justices Act 2014 — SR 66
Local Government Act 2020 — SRs 56, 57
National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 — SR 69
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 63
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010 — SR 65
Petroleum Act 1998 — SR 64
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 47, 58
Road Management Act 2004 — SR 61
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 60
Sale of Land Act 1962 — SR 48
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 51, 52, 53
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 36
Treasury Corporation of Victoria Act 1992 — SR 68
Victoria Police Act 2013 — SR 50
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 54
Water Act 1989 — SR 62

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 33, 40, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Dairy Act 2000 — Dairy Food Safety Victoria Legislative Instrument Determining Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses
Duties Act 2000 — Notice of Declaration of a Kind of Insurance that is Excluded from the Definition of Business Insurance under Section 3(2A)
Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Ministerial Order No 1454, Government ELC Workforce (Employment Conditions)
Water Act 1989:
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority By-law No 5 Waterways Protection 2024
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024
Mallee Catchment Management Authority By-law No 2 Waterways Protection 2024
Ministerial Prohibition Determination Applicable to Particular Place of Take Approvals that are Tagged – July 2024
North Central Catchment Management Authority By-law No 2 Waterways Protection 2024
North East Catchment Management Authority By-law No 2024/01 Waterways Protection
Order to Amend the Water Trading Rules for Declared Water Systems 2023 (Removing the Grandfathered Use Reserve from the Goulburn to Murray Trade Rule)
West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority By-law No 3 Waterways Protection 2024

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal:

Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2024
Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No 1/2024

Victorian Inspectorate:

Annual Plan 2024–25 — released on 28 June 2024
Inspection Report 2022–23 on controlled operation records and reports under the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2004, Wildlife Act 1975* and *Fisheries Act 1995*
Inspection Report 1 January to 30 June 2023 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Inspection Report March to August 2023 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*
Special report — Investigation of unauthorised disclosures by an integrity officer — released on 25 June 2024

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2023 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to medical panels under Part VBA *(Gazette G26, 27 June 2024).*

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

Gambling Legislation Amendment Act 2023 — Division 2 of Part 3 — 30 August 2024 *(Gazette S406, 23 July 2024)*
State Electricity Commission Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 1 July 2024 *(Gazette S319, 18 June 2024)*
Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Act 2024 — Whole Act — 1 July 2024 *(Gazette S345, 25 June 2024)*
Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2023 — Part 5 and ss 37, 47, 49 and 55 — 1 July 2024 *(Gazette S319, 18 June 2024)*
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Act 2024 — Whole Act — 1 July 2024 *(Gazette S345, 25 June 2024)*.

14 **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER OF PARLIAMENT** — The Speaker informed the House that, under s 18 of the *Parliamentary Administration Act 2005*, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has appointed Joel Akira Hallinan to be Assistant Clerk Committees.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Bill 2024 without amendment.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 25 June 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024
Sustainable Forests (Timber) Repeal Bill 2024
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Repeal and Advisory Councils Bill 2024.

17 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Youth Justice Bill 2024.

18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 1 August 2024:

Youth Justice Bill 2024
State Sporting Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

20 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 1 and 2, be postponed until later this day.

21 **STATE SPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 82 — Wednesday 31 July 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (ENDING POLITICAL CORRUPTION) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brunswick introduce 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011* in relation to the meaning of corrupt conduct and for other purposes' *(Tim Read)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Requesting that the expert advisory committee advice regarding the Health Services Plan be released to the public, that genuine public

consultation be undertaken about any proposed Health Services Plan, and that the powers, authorities and responsibilities remain with the Yea and District Memorial Hospital Board and no amalgamation take place, bearing 4112 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Lavers Hill–Cobden Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately resurface Lavers Hill–Cobden Road to prevent injury or death, bearing 251 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — YEA AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — LAVERS HILL–COBDEN ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Results of 2023 Audits: Technical and Further Education Institutes — Ordered to be published.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

8 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

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

10 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

11 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 August 2024.

12 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Peter Walsh)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 August 2024.

13 **ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — WOMEN'S HEALTH** — The Speaker read Kat Theophanous' proposal to the House —

'That this House recognises that the Allan Labor Government is prioritising women's health by giving it the focus and funding it deserves.'

Kat Theophanous addressed the House — Discussion followed.

19 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

20 **STATE SPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 83 — Thursday 1 August 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BAIL AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING CONDUCT CONDITIONS) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act 1977* to make changes to the unacceptable risk test and to the imposition of conduct conditions and to re-enact, with modifications, offences previously repealed from that Act and for other purposes.' *(Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

NOES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Mansfield District Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly maintains the current powers and responsibilities of the Mansfield District Hospital Board of Directors, bearing 7469 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly maintains the current powers and authorities of the Yea and District Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, bearing 461 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — MANSFIELD DISTRICT HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — YEA AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 71
National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Act 2024 — SR 70

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 70 and 71.

7 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee's Inquiry into capturing data on family violence perpetrators in Victoria be extended to no later than 31 March 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

8 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 13 August 2024 *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

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

10 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until:

(1) A comprehensive, fully developed and fully funded program to target and divert at-risk individuals and cohorts of young people to prevent crimes occurring is agreed to by all stakeholders;

(2) Community safety concerns about the current level of youth crime in Victoria are addressed; and

(3) Further assessment of and consultation on more binding powers to manage young people where it is deemed their behaviour poses a risk to the safety of others is completed' —

(Brad Battin) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 30 July 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor;

Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

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

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **STATE SPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.12 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.44 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 84, 85 and 86

No 84 — Tuesday 13 August 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 1 August 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **STATE CIVIL LIABILITY (POLICE INFORMANTS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to limit the civil liability of the State by extinguishing causes of action in relation to the provision of information and other assistance by specified human sources and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Road Safety Act 1986**, the **Melbourne City Link Act 1995**, the **EastLink Project Act 2004**, the **Road Safety Camera Commissioner Act 2011**, the **West Gate Tunnel (Truck Bans and Traffic Management) Act 2019**, the **North East Link Act 2020** and the **Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008**, the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, the **Health Services Act 1988**, the **Non-Emergency Patient Transport and First Aid Services Act 2003**, the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**, the **Radiation Act 2005** and the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003** in relation to regulatory and enforcement matters and to amend the **Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008**, the **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996**, the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, the **Epworth Foundation Act 1980**, the **Health Services Act 1988**, the **Human Tissue Act 1982**, the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** and the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003** to make minor miscellaneous amendments and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Cooba Solar Facility — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reconsider the application for the Cooba Solar Facility, bearing 1362 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*

Wild dog control program — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to recommit to the wild dog control program, bearing 839 signatures *(Tim Bull)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — COOBA SOLAR FACILITY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Annabelle Cleeland)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — WILD DOG CONTROL PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Government Construction Projects Integrity Bill 2024
Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Bill 2024
Residential Tenancies and Funerals Amendment Bill 2024
SR No 3 — Heritage Amendment Regulations 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17D granting a lease over Sandringham Beach Park
Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Port Melbourne Ornamental Plantation Reserve
Princes Park

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 44 *(Gazette S425, 2 August 2024)*

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

Ballarat — C247
Bass Coast — C170
Baw Baw — C153
Boroondara — C381, C397
Cardinia — C265, C273

Colac Otway — GC228
East Gippsland — C167
Golden Plains — GC228
Greater Dandenong — C248
Greater Geelong — GC228
Latrobe — C141
Melbourne — C441, C472
Port Phillip — C199
Queenscliffe — GC228
Surf Coast — GC228

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 72, 73
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Ministerial Order No 1455 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1228 — Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Act 2024 — Whole Act — 30 July 2024 *(Gazette S413, 30 July 2024)*.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

10 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had on 6 August 2024 given the royal assent to the Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Bill 2024, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024 be considered and completed by 4.00 pm on 14 August 2024; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 15 August 2024:

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024
Subordinate Legislation and Administrative Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That paragraph (1) be omitted *(James Newbury)* — after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy;

Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

17 **VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(a) properly consults with the medical profession in Victoria on the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine;

(b) ensures that victim-survivors of sexual assault can obtain timely forensic medical services; and

(c) improves safeguards for the use and sharing of personal information held by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 85 — Wednesday 14 August 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Proposed Mt Atkinson train station — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to review urgent transport needs of the residents of Mt Atkinson and Deanside and immediately start the planning and delivery of the Mt Atkinson train station, bearing 4794 signatures *(Luba Grigorovitch)*

Timboon District Health Care Service — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to continue its support of the Timboon District Health Care Service with adequate funding and local governance, bearing 534 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — PROPOSED MT ATKINSON TRAIN STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kororoit be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — TIMBOON DISTRICT HEALTH CARE SERVICE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Appointment of a person to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Building a Capable and High-performing Public Service Workforce — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 73
Social Services Regulation Act 2021 — SR 72

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Notice of amendment to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council assessment of the values of state forests in the Central Highlands under s 26C.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Sporting Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 without amendment.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 August 2024.

10 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 August 2024.

11 **STATE CIVIL LIABILITY (POLICE INFORMANTS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

Anthony Carbines made the statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration required by s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

12 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Speaker ruled the Bill to be a private bill.

Motion made and question — That this Bill be treated as a public bill and that fees be dispensed with *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Debate resumed on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **STATE CIVIL LIABILITY (POLICE INFORMANTS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024 under the resolution of the House on 13 August 2024 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas;

Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

18 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 86 — Thursday 15 August 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Heavy vehicle traffic through Maldon — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly takes action to undertake a review of the nature and volume of current and future heavy vehicle traffic through Maldon, including residential areas, with a view to exploring the redistribution of the truck route, bearing 788 signatures *(Michaela Settle)*

Meadow Creek Solar Farm — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to reject the proposal to develop the Meadow Creek Solar Farm due to community and environmental concerns and opposition, including loss of agricultural land, increased bushfire risk, impacts on local waterways, flora and fauna and the lack of adequate third-party appeals avenues, bearing 517 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — MEADOW CREEK SOLAR FARM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 27 August 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

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

AYES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 74

Juliana Addison; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government (a) properly consults with the medical profession in Victoria on the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine; (b) ensures that victim-survivors of sexual assault can obtain timely forensic medical services; and (c) improves safeguards for the use and sharing of personal information held by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine'.

Debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Vicki Ward)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 13 August 2024 had expired.

12 **PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE REPEAL BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government (a) properly consults with the medical profession in Victoria on the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine; (b) ensures that victim-survivors of sexual assault can obtain timely forensic medical services; and (c) improves safeguards for the use and sharing of personal information held by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell;

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

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.31 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 87, 88 and 89

No 87 — Tuesday 27 August 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 15 August 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to impose a levy in relation to the provision of short stay accommodation, to amend the* ***Owners Corporations Act 2006*** *and the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 11 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Government Construction Projects Integrity Bill 2024
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024
Youth Justice Bill 2024
Youth Justice Bill 2024 (House Amendments)

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Board of — Chair report 2022–23

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 55 *(Gazette G33, 15 August 2024)*

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary returns 1 February to 30 June 2024 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2024–25 — Ordered to be published

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

East Gippsland — C168
Greater Geelong — C471
Latrobe — C142
Melbourne — C438
Port of Melbourne — C6
South Gippsland — C119
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC262
Yarra — C286

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Health Services Act 1988 — SR 77
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 74
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 76
Sale of Land Act 1962 — SR 75

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Ministerial Order No 1452 — Fees for Services Provided to Children in Government Early Learning Centres

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Public Interest Determination under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014.*

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE — The Clerk tabled the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser — Report 2023–24.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Youth Justice Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 20 August 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Bill 2024
State Sporting Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024

Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

7 **FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE VICTORIAN AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Under s 79 of the *Audit Act 1994*, Andrew Wehrens of Nexia Melbourne Audit be appointed for a period of four years:

(a) to conduct the financial audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the financial years 2024–25 to 2027–28;

(b) in accordance with the Terms, Conditions and Specifications set out in the Request for Tender issued on 11 June 2024; and

(c) at the fixed fees of:

(i) $40,000 (plus GST) for audit services for the year ending 30 June 2025;

(ii) $41,000 (plus GST) for audit services for the year ending 30 June 2026;

(iii) $42,000 (plus GST) for audit services for the year ending 30 June 2027;

(iv) $43,000 (plus GST) for audit services for the year ending 30 June 2028.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

8 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 29 August 2024:

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Bill 2024
Residential Tenancies and Funerals Amendment Bill 2024
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle;

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

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

10 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

11 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **YOUTH JUSTICE BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Original question — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's resolution today appointing Andrew Wehrens of Nexia Melbourne Audit to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for a period of four years.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Bill 2024 without amendment.

17 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into possible reforms to the composition of, and voting systems for, the Legislative Council to the Electoral Matters Committee for consideration and report no later than 8 December 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

18 **MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION TRUST AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 88 — Wednesday 28 August 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012*** *and to*

make consequential amendments to certain other Acts and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Administration and Probate Act 1958 — SR 79
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 78, 79.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Tim Pallas made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Rowswell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 September 2024.

7 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — THE BIG BUILD** — The Speaker read David Southwick's proposal to the House —

'That this House recognises that "the Big Build … is absolutely rotten" (Nick McKenzie, 2024) and condemns the Allan Labor Government for:

(1) the disastrous CFMEU-driven cost blowouts exceeding $40 billion across major projects, including the Metro Tunnel and North East Link; and

(2) the wasteful $216 billion Suburban Rail Loop, which is pushing Victoria's debt to $187.8 billion by 2027, threatening the financial future of our state, and leaving Victorians across the State without their fair share of quality services and infrastructure.'

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

12 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION TRUST AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 89 — Thursday 29 August 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into vaping and tobacco controls, together with appendices, a minority report and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and minority report ordered to be published.

3 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Eden Foster from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from today.

4 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Dylan Wight be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 10 September 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 September 2024.

8 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until an expert panel comprised of representatives from the legal sector, specialist counsellors, people with lived experience of donor conception and assisted reproductive technology, and people with other relevant expertise, has examined the implications of the dissolution of the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority, and that the findings of this panel are tabled in both Houses' *(Tim Read)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY, DEFAMATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

14 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until an expert panel comprised of representatives from the legal sector, specialist counsellors, people with lived experience of donor conception and assisted reproductive technology, and people with other relevant expertise, has examined the implications of the dissolution of the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority, and that the findings of this panel are tabled in both Houses'; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 27 August 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 72

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND FUNERALS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION TRUST AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 90, 91 and 92

No 90 — Tuesday 10 September 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 29 August 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009****, the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987****, the* ***Road Management Act 2004****, the* ***Suburban Rail Loop Act 2021*** *and the* ***Transport Integration Act 2010*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*** *in relation to drug-checking services and opioid overdose and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Dairy Act 2000****, the* ***Food Act 1984****, the* ***Meat Industry Act 1993*** *and the* ***Seafood Safety Act 2003*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Kathleen Matthews-Ward tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024
Short Stay Levy Bill 2024

together with appendices and extracts from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Kathleen Matthews-Ward tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on Annual Review 2023 — Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Improving Cancer Outcomes Act 2014 — Victorian cancer plan 2024–2028

Inquiries Act 2014 — Interim Report of the Formal Review into Victorian Government Bodies' Engagement with Construction Companies and Construction Unions — Released on 30 August 2024

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

Ballarat — C248
Brimbank — C227
Campaspe — C126
Glen Eira — C258
Glenelg — C110
Knox — C185
Latrobe — C132
Mitchell — C168
Moorabool — C113
Mornington Peninsula — C241
Wyndham — C260
Yarra — C319

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 82
Children's Services Act 1996 — SR 80
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 83
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 81

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 83
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989* — East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority By-law No 2024–1 Waterways Protection

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — 2023 report on the Operation of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities — Ordered to be published

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No 02/2024

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2023–24.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 without amendment.

7 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 3 September 2024
Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Bill 2024

On 10 September 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Youth Justice Bill 2024.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024
Short Stay Levy Bill 2024.

9 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Dylan Wight from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, effective from today.

10 **SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Eden Foster be a member of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

11 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 12 September 2024:

Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Short Stay Levy Bill 2024
Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman;

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

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

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

13 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 91 — Wednesday 11 September 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS BILL 2024** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Building Act 1993****, the* ***Architects Act 1991*** *and the* ***Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010*** *in relation to petroleum production licences and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 80, 82

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2023–24 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998.*

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Residential Tenancies and Funerals Amendment Bill 2024
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2024.

9 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2024.

10 **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2024.

11 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to:

(a) consulting with the property sector, tourism industry, disability advocates and survivors of family violence about the proposed levy and its impact across Victoria, especially regional Victoria;

(b) making public modelling showing projected long term rentals, the impact on Victoria's tourism industry and legal advice about the Bill's constitutionality;

(c) working with short stay operators to agree to a regulatory framework for the sector; and

(d) making public a whole-of-government forward plan for sustainable growth of Victoria's long term rental stock' —

(Brad Rowswell) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIA AS A PLACE OF DIVERSITY** — The Speaker read Tim Richardson's proposal to the House —

'That this House recognises Victoria as a place of diversity where community is strong, and equality and inclusion are not negotiable.'

Tim Richardson addressed the House — Discussion followed.

16 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.32 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 92 — Thursday 12 September 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 — Advancing the Victorian Treaty Process — Report 2023–24

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Fences Act 1968 — SR 84
Human Source Management Act 2023 — SR 85
Water Act 1989 — SR 86

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 84.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 15 October 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 September 2024.

6 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS BILL 2024** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 September 2024.

7 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Pesutto)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

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

AYES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

12 **STATE CIVIL LIABILITY (POLICE INFORMANTS) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 10 September 2024 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to — (a) consulting with the property sector, tourism industry, disability advocates and survivors of family violence about the proposed levy and its impact across Victoria, especially regional Victoria; (b) making public modelling showing projected long term rentals, the impact on Victoria's tourism industry and legal advice about the Bill's constitutionality; (c) working with short stay operators to agree to a regulatory framework for the sector; and (d) making public a whole-of-government forward plan for sustainable growth of Victoria's long term rental stock'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read;

Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

16 **STATE CIVIL LIABILITY (POLICE INFORMANTS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put.

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

AYES 47

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 47

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 6.30 pm.

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MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 93, 94 and 95

No 93 — Tuesday 15 October 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 12 September 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of restrictive practices substitute decision-makers for the purposes of the Aged Care Act 1997 of the Commonwealth and to make related amendments to the* ***Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *in relation to regulatory and enforcement matters and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 13 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Building Legislation Amendment and Other Matters Bill 2024
Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Bill 2024
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2024
Protecting Public Assets and Services Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Act 2024 (House Amendments)
State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024
Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Service Victoria Identity Verification Standards

together with appendices and an extract from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report 2023–24

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17D granting a lease over O'Donnell Gardens and Shakespeare Grove Reserves
Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Footscray Park
Queen Victoria Gardens and Memorial Statue Reserve
St Kilda Botanical Gardens

Environment Protection Act 2017 — Sustainability Fund Guidelines 2024

Financial Management Act 1994 — Financial Report for the State of Victoria 2023–24 incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 4 — released on 4 October 2024

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Operation Leo: Special Report — released on 9 October 2024
Operation Turton: Special Report — released on 25 September 2024

Integrity and Oversight Committee — Report on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence — Report and appendices released on 23 September 2024

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 45 *(Gazette G39, 26 September 2024)*

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Order for the 2024 to 2026 Melbourne Marathons

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

Ballarat — C215
Baw Baw — C148
Bayside — C204
Buloke — C46
Cardinia — C279
Glen Eira — C265
Glenelg — C114
Kingston — C223
Melbourne — C473
Moyne — C69
Nillumbik — C152

Stonnington — C346
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC270
Wyndham — C274

Professional Standards Act 2003 — Law Society of New South Wales Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette G38, 19 September 2024)*

Road Safety Camera Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 106
Bus Safety Act 2009 — SR 96
County Court Act 1958 — SR 88
Credit Act 1984 — SR 90
Credit (Administration) Act 1984 — SR 91
Electricity Industry Act 2000 — SR 104
Gas Industry Act 2001 — SR 105
Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 — SR 95
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 92
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SRs 100, 107
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 101, 102
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — SR 87
Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004 — SR 94
Status of Children Act 1974 — SR 103
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 99
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 89
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 97
Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014 — SR 98
Valuation of Land Act 1960 — SR 93

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Wildlife Act 1975* — Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife

Victorian Local Government Grants Commission — Allocation Report year ended 31 August 2024

Victorian Multicultural Commission — Report 2023–24

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2023 — Division 1 of Part 2, Division 1 of Part 3, ss 27, 28, 29 and 30 and Division 3 of Part 8 — 1 October 2024 *(Gazette S508, 24 September 2024).*

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023 with amendments.

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

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 17 September 2024
Residential Tenancies and Funerals Amendment Bill 2024
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Bill 2024

On 24 September 2024
State Civil Liability (Police Informants) Bill 2024.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

8 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 17 October 2024:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Bill 2024
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2024
Building Legislation Amendment and Other Matters Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 48

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

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

10 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to.

Question put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

14 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Pesutto)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 94 — Wednesday 16 October 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Protecting the Biosecurity of Agricultural Plant Species — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 92, 110.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Bill 2024 without amendment.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 October 2024.

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 October 2024.

9 **CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

15 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 95 — Thursday 17 October 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Kidney dialysis facilities at Cobram Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Health to require that the Department of Health fund and implement adequate dialysis facilities at Cobram in order to alleviate the cost to residents and reduce the extensive travel time required, bearing 1,254 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — KIDNEY DIALYSIS FACILITIES AT COBRAM HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2024 — Ordered to be published

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report year ended 31 March 2024

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the 2021–22 and 2022–23 Financial and Performance Outcomes

SEC Energy Pty Ltd — Report 26 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

SEC Infrastructure Pty Ltd — Report 26 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

SEC Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 25 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — SR 111
Royal Botanic Gardens Act 1991 — SR 110
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 108
Treasury Corporation of Victoria Act 1992 — SR 112
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 109

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 81, 106.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Committee's Report on the Inquiry into employers and contractors who refuse to pay their subcontractors for completed works.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 29 October 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Peter Walsh)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

8 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted following stakeholder consultation on the impact of the gas ban, while ensuring the other changes in the bill are retained' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024 with an amendment.

Ordered — That the amendment be taken into consideration immediately.

13 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

14 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted following stakeholder consultation on the impact of the gas ban, while ensuring the other changes in the bill are retained'; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 15 October 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 51

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AND GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put

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

AYES 69

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PILL TESTING) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 51

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 22

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 96, 97 and 98

No 96 — Tuesday 29 October 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 17 October 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DUTIES AMENDMENT (MORE HOMES) BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas, after debate, introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Duties Act 2000*** *to introduce a temporary concession from duty for newly constructed dwellings in strata subdivisions and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time immediately.

Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Tim Pallas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

3 **STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal certain redundant or spent provisions in Acts*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (STAMPING OUT FIRE BOMBINGS) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Ovens Valley introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Tobacco Act 1987*** *to provide for a licensing scheme and other measures to combat fire bombing, to provide in relation to enforcement and for other purposes*' *(Tim McCurdy)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan;

Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000****, the* ***Land Tax Act 2005****, the* ***Payroll Tax Act 2007****, the* ***Sale of Land Act 1962****, the* ***State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Act 2023****, the* ***State Taxation Amendment Act 2024****, the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997****, the* ***Unclaimed Money Act 2008*** *and the* ***Valuation of Land Act 1960****, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMITTALS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009*** *and other Acts to reform the process for committal proceedings and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

7 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Bail laws — Requesting that Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to not weaken bail laws and listen to the concerns of the community to look at ways to prevent repeat youth offending, bearing 298 signatures *(Sam Groth)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — BAIL LAWS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 14 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Bill 2024
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Bill 2024
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2024
Youth Justice Bill 2024 (House Amendments)

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Alpine Resorts Victoria — Report 2 October 2022 to 31 December 2023

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Waverley Park and Gardens Reserve

Game Management Authority — Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984:

Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 42 *(Gazette G43, 24 October 2024)*
Notices under s 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 82/2021 *(Gazette G42, 17 October 2024)*

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — Report of requests under s 11

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

Alpine Resorts — C31
Ballarat — C245
Bayside — C199 Part 1
Boroondara — C414
Campaspe — C125
Darebin — C223
Frankston — C158
Hindmarsh — C22
Kingston — C212
Maribyrnong — C185, C187
Moira — C93
South Gippsland — C129
Stonnington — C345

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Estate Agents Act 1980 — SR 114
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 116
Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 — SR 113
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 115

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 103, 114, 115

Victoria Police — Report 2023–24 under s 37F of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Victorian Inspectorate — Report on irregular inspection of IBAC surveillance device records by the Victorian Inspectorate in May–June 2023 under the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999.*

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Youth Justice Act 2024 — Chapter 20 and s 1 — 16 October 2024 *(Gazette S557, 15 October 2024)*.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Short Stay Levy Bill 2024 without amendment.

11 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 22 October 2024
Constitution Amendment (SEC) Bill 2023
Criminal Organisations Control Amendment Bill 2024
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Bill 2024

On 29 October 2024
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2024
Short Stay Levy Bill 2024.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 31 October 2024:

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2024
Duties Amendment (More Homes) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos;

Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

17 **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government conducts stakeholder consultation on a definition of 'good repute' and a right of appeal for seafood licensees prior to the suspension of their seafood licence' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **DUTIES AMENDMENT (MORE HOMES) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 97 — Wednesday 30 October 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS — Reports 2023–24 of the Department of the Legislative Assembly and Department of Parliamentary Services tabled by leave *(Matt Fregon).*

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Orders for the:

International Test Cricket matches to be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) — 2024 to 2028
One Day Internationals and Twenty20 Internationals to be held at Junction Oval — 2024 to 2028
One Day Internationals and Twenty20 Internationals to be held at Kardinia Park — 2024 to 2028
One Day Internationals and Twenty20 Internationals to be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) — 2024 to 2028
Twenty20 Domestic matches (including Men's Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League) at the Docklands Stadium — 2024 to 2028
Twenty20 Domestic matches (including Men's Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League) at Junction Oval — 2024 to 2028
Twenty20 Domestic matches (including Men's Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League) at Kardinia Park — 2024 to 2028
Twenty20 Domestic matches (including Men's Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League) at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) — 2024 to 2028

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 109, 113, 123

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published.

3 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Bill 2024
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2024.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Pallas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 November 2024.

7 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMITTALS) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 November 2024.

8 **STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 November 2024.

9 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT AND LACK OF BUDGET TRANSPARENCY** — The Speaker read Brad Rowswell's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the financial mismanagement and lack of budget transparency of the Allan Labor Government.'

Brad Rowswell addressed the House — Discussion followed.

14 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.20 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 98 — Thursday 31 October 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Glen Huntly Farmers' Market — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with Metro in providing Glen Huntly traders access to the Glen Huntly Station car park to perform their farmers' market, bearing 893 signatures *(David Southwick)*

Pascoe Vale South Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit $4.7 million in funding to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes,

promote inclusion and improve accessibility at Pascoe Vale South Primary School in the 2024–25 Budget, bearing 1517 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — GLEN HUNTLY FARMERS' MARKET** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — PASCOE VALE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

2009 VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUND — Final report tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas).*

JUDICIAL COLLEGE OF VICTORIA — Report 2023–24 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

VICTORIA LAW FOUNDATION — Report 2023–24 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION — Report 2023–24 tabled by leave *(Anthony Carbines)*.

Ordered to be published.

VICTORIAN VETERANS COUNCIL — Report 2023–24 tabled by leave *(Natalie Suleyman)*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2024–25 Budget Estimates, together with an appendix, a minority report and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix and minority report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Adult, Community and Further Education Board — Report 2023–24

Adult Parole Board Victoria — Report 2023–24

Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — Report 2023–24

AMES Australia — Report 2023–24

Asset Confiscation Operations — Report 2023–24

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) — Report 2023–24

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission:

Report 2023–24 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2023–24 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust — Report 2023–24

Barwon Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 2023–24

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report 2023–24

Coliban Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Commission for Children and Young People — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Coroners Court of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Coronial Council of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Dairy Food Safety Victoria — Report 2023–24

Dental Health Services Victoria — Report 2023–24

Development Victoria — Report 2023–24

Disability Services Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Docklands Studio Melbourne Pty Ltd — 2023–24

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Education, Department of — Report 2023–24

Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme (ESSSuper) — Report 2023–24

Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Department of:

Report 2023–24
Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Energy Safe Victoria — Report 2023–24

Essential Services Commission — Report 2023–24

Families, Fairness and Housing, Department of — Report 2023–24

Film Victoria (VicScreen) — Report 2023–24

Financial Management Act 1994:

Explanation from the Assistant Treasurer for the delay of the reports 2023–24 of the:
Albury Wodonga Health
Alexandra District Hospital
Alfred Health
Alpine Health
Ambulance Victoria
Austin Health
Australian Grand Prix Corporation
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service
Barwon Health
Bass Coast Regional Health
Beaufort and Skipton Health Service
Beechworth Health Service
Benalla Health
Bendigo Health Care Group
Boort District Health
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited
Casterton Memorial Hospital
Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust
Cenitex
Central Gippsland Health Service
Central Highlands Rural Health
Children's Court of Victoria
Cohuna District Hospital
Colac Area Health
Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
Consumer Affairs Victoria
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
Corryong Health
Country Fire Authority
County Court Victoria
Court Services Victoria
Crown Prosecutors
Dhelkaya Health
Dhelkunya Dja Traditional Owner Land Management Board
East Gippsland Water
East Grampians Health Service
East Wimmera Health Service
Eastern Health
Echuca Regional Health

Environment Protection Authority
Fire Rescue Victoria
Fire Services Implementation Monitor
Forensic Leave Panel
Gippsland Southern Health Service
Goulburn Valley Health
Grampians Health
Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority
Great Ocean Road Health
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Harness Racing Victoria
Heathcote Health Service
Hesse Rural Health Service
Heywood Rural Health
Inglewood and Districts Health Service
Kerang District Health
Kilmore District Health
Kooweerup Regional Health Service
Kyabram and District Health Services
Latrobe Regional Health
Local Jobs First
Magistrates Court of Victoria
Mallee Track Health and Community Service
Mansfield District Hospital
Marine and Coastal Council
Maryborough District Health Service
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust
Melbourne Health
Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission
Mercy Hospitals Victoria Limited
Mildura Base Hospital
Monash Health
Moyne Health Services
NCN Health
Northeast Health Wangaratta
Northern Health
Omeo District Health
Orbost Regional Health
Peninsula Health
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute
Phillip Island Nature Park Board
Portland District Health
Public Prosecutions, Director of
Public Prosecutions, Office of
Puffing Billy Railway Board
Recreational Fishing License Trust Account
Remembrance Parks Central Victoria
Residential Tenancies Bond Authority

Robinvale District Health Services
Rochester and Elmore District Health Service
Rural Northwest Health
Safe Transport Victoria
Sentencing Advisory Council
Seymour Health
South Gippsland Hospital
South West Healthcare
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited
Supreme Court of Victoria
Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria
Sustainability Victoria
Swan Hill District Health
Tallangatta Health Service
Terang and Mortlake Health Service
The Queen Elizabeth Centre
The Royal Children's Hospital
The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital
The Royal Women's Hospital
Timboon and District Healthcare Service
Treaty Authority
Triple Zero Victoria
Trust for Nature
Tweddle Child and Family Health Service
VicForests
Victims of Crime Commissioner
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Victorian Environmental Assessment Council
Victorian Fisheries Authority
Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health
Victorian Planning Authority
Victorian Professional Standards Council
Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation
Visit Victoria
West Gippsland Healthcare Group
West Wimmera Health Service
Western District Health Service
Western Health
Yarram and District Health
Yarrawonga Health
Yea and District Memorial Hospital
Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board

Reports from the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the reports 2023–24 of the:

Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee
Phytogene Pty Ltd
Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria

Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee
Report from the Attorney-General that she had received the report 2023–24 of the Victorian Law Reform Commission
Reports from the Minister for Health that she had received the reports 2023–24 of the:
Mildura Cemeteries Trust
Victorian Pharmacy Authority
Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the report 2023–24 of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria
Report from the Minister for Veterans that she had received the report 2023–24 of the Victorian Veterans Council
Report from the Minister for Women that she had received the report 2023–24 of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre

Firefighters Registration Board — Report 17 October 2023 to 30 June 2024

Game Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Geelong Cemeteries Trust — Report 2023–24

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — Report 2023–24

Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation Ltd — Report 2023–24

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Government Services, Department of — Report 2023–24

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2023–24

Greater Western Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Greyhound Racing Victoria — Report 2023–24

Health, Department of — Report 2023–24

Health Purchasing Victoria (HealthShare Victoria) — Report 2023–24

Infrastructure Victoria — Report 2023–24

Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Department of — Report 2023–24

Judicial Commission of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Justice and Community Safety, Department of — Report 2023–24

Kardinia Park Stadium Trust — Report 2023–24

Labour Hire Licensing Authority — Report 2023–24

LanguageLoop — Report 2023–24

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee — Report 2023–24

Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation — Report 2023–24

Library Board of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Mallee Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Market Authority — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Port Lessor Pty Ltd — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Recital Centre — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Mental Health Tribunal — 2023–24

Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority — Report 2023–24

Museums Board of Victoria — Report 2023–24

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) — Report 2023–24

National Parks Advisory Council — Report 2023–24

National Rail Safety Regulator, Office of — Report 2023–24

North Central Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

North East Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

North East Link State Tolling Corporation — Report 2022–23

North East Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Ombudsman — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Parks Victoria — Report 2023–24

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme — C238

Police Registration and Services Board — Report 2023–24

Port of Hastings Corporation — Report 2023-24

Portable Long Service Benefits Authority — Report 2023–24

Ports Victoria — Report 2023–24

Post Sentence Authority — Report 2023–24

Premier and Cabinet, Department of — Report 2023–24

PrimeSafe — Report 2023–24

Public Advocate, Office of — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Public Interest Monitor — Report 2023–24

Public Record Office Victoria — Report 2023-24

Recycling Victoria — Report 2023–24

Regional Development Victoria — Report 2023–24

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) — 2023–24 Progress Report

Respect Victoria — Report 2023–24

Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria) Pty Limited — Report 2023–24

Rolling Stock (Victoria-VL) Pty Limited — Report 2023–24

Rolling Stock (VL-1) Pty Limited — Report 2023–24

Rolling Stock (VL-2) Pty Limited — Report 2023–24

Rolling Stock (VL-3) Pty Limited — Report 2023–24

Royal Botanic Gardens Board — Report 2023–24

Shrine of Remembrance Trustees — Report 2023–24

South East Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

South Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2023–24

State Sport Centres Trust — Report 2023–24

State Trustees Limited — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Bail Act 1977 — SR 117
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 — SR118
Public Interest Monitor Act 2011 — SR 119
Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — SR 120
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007— SR 122
Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011 — SR 121
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 123

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 122

Suburban Rail Loop Authority — Report 2023–24

Surveyor-General — Report 2023–24 on the administration of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1958*

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) — Report 2023–24

Transport and Planning, Department of — Report 2023–24

Treasury and Finance, Department of — Report 2023–24

Treasury Corporation of Victoria — Report 2023-24

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — Report 2023–24

Victoria Legal Aid — Report 2023–24

Victoria Police:

Report 2023–24
Report 2023–24 under s 139A of the *Confiscation Act 1997*
Report 2023–24 under s 133 of the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012*
Report 2023–24 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Report 2023–24 under s 20R of the *Witness Protection Act 1991*

Victoria State Emergency Service Authority (SES) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership — Report 2023–24

Victorian Arts Centre Trust — 2023–24

Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Building Authority (VBA) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing — Report 2023–24

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Environmental Water Holder — Report 2023–24

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Victorian Funds Management Corporation (VFMC) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Government Purchasing Board — Report 2023–24

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Institute of Sport Trust — Report 2023–24 (two documents)

Victorian Institute of Teaching — Report 2023–24

Victorian Legal Services Board and Victorian Legal Services Commissioner — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Plantations Corporation — Report 2023–24

Victorian Public Sector Commission — Report 2023–24

Victorian Racing Integrity Board — Report 2023–24

Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack)— Report 2023–24

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority — Report 2023–24

Victorian Small Business Commission — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) — Report 2023–24

V/Line Corporation — Report 2023–24

Wannon Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Westernport Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee — Report 2023–24

Workplace Injury Commission — Report 2023–24

Yarra Valley Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Youth Parole Board — Report 2023–24

Zoological Parks and Gardens Board (Zoos Victoria) — Report 2023–24.

6 **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Jess Wilson from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee, effective from 30 October 2024.

7 **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Roma Britnell be a member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

8 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 12 November 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

10 **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to conducting community consultation on each major precinct project declaration enabled by this bill' *(David Southwick)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **DUTIES AMENDMENT (MORE HOMES) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **DUTIES AMENDMENT (MORE HOMES) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 29 October 2024 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government conducts stakeholder consultation on a definition of 'good repute' and a right of appeal for seafood licensees prior to the suspension of their seafood licence'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the

words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to conducting community consultation on each major precinct project declaration enabled by this Bill’.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 23

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.15 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.41 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
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MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 99, 100 and 101

No 99 — Tuesday 12 November 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 31 October 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne, after debate, introduced 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Tobacco Act 1987* to establish a licensing scheme for tobacco retailers and wholesalers and make related and other amendments, to make consequential amendments to the *Confiscation Act 1997*, the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981* and the *Spent Convictions Act 2021* and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and, by leave, ordered to be read a second time immediately.

Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow *(Melissa Horne)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 13 November 2024.

3 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION RECORDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Natalie Hutchins introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Inquiries Act 2014*** *and the* ***Public Records Act 1973*** *in relation to the Yoorrook Justice Commission and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Air quality at Southern Cross Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to take steps to improve the air quality at Southern Cross train and bus stations, bearing 572 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — AIR QUALITY AT SOUTHERN CROSS STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 15 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Bill 2024
Duties Amendment (More Homes) Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (House Amendments)
Short Stay Levy Bill 2024
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024
SR No 33 — Child Employment Regulations 2024
SR No 35 — Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Regulations 2024
SR No 42 — Victoria Police Regulations 2024
SR No 44 — Water (Lake Eildon Recreational Area) (Houseboats) Regulations 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled the Parliamentary Budget Office Report 2023–24 under section 28 of the *Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2017*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office year ended 30 June 2024

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17B granting licences over Sandringham Beach Park (8 licenses)
Orders under s 17D granting leases over:
Albert Park
Watery Gully Reserve

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

Boroondara — C411
Maribyrnong — C189

Professional Standards Act 2003 — Australian Computer Society Incorporated Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S594, 31 October 2024)*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Firearms Act 1996 — SR 125
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 124

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 108, 111, 112, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 125.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Act 2024 — Part 6 — 1 November 2024 *(Gazette S579, 29 October 2024)*.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Building Legislation Amendment and Other Matters Bill 2024 without amendment.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — COUNCIL VACANCY** — Proposing that the Council meets the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Samantha Ratnam MLC and that the place and time of such meeting be the Assembly Chamber on Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 6.20 pm.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration immediately.

10 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — Motion made and question — That this House agrees to the Council's proposal for a joint sitting on Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 6.20 pm in the Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Samantha Ratnam MLC *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 6 November 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Bill 2024
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill 2024

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, today, given the royal assent to the Building Legislation Amendment and Other Matters Bill 2024, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2024.

14 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Sam Hibbins from the Electoral Matters Committee and the Standing Orders Committee, effective from 4 November 2024.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 14 November 2024:

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Bill 2024
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024
Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

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

17 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

20 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

21 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

22 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Duties Amendment (More Homes) Bill 2024 without amendment.

23 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.22 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 100 — Wednesday 13 November 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*** *to establish paramedic practitioners as a class of registered paramedics authorized to obtain, possess, use, sell and supply certain substances and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Victorian firewood supply — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly guarantees a secure sustainable supply of Victorian firewood for residential heating and cooking from State reserves that have been sustainably managed for decades, bearing 270 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — VICTORIAN FIREWOOD SUPPLY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION RECORDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Natalie Hutchins tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Natalie Hutchins)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 27 November 2024.

10 **AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

11 **STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government conducts further consultation with affected stakeholders on when the licensing scheme should come into effect' *(Tim McCurdy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — BUILDING HOMES AND SUPPORTING RENTERS** — The Speaker read Katie Hall's proposal to the House —

'Victoria is number one for approving and building new homes and number one for supporting renters.'

Katie Hall addressed the House — Discussion followed.

17 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers; debate resumed.

[Business interrupted at 6.20 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.28 pm]

Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 101 — Thursday 14 November 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 13 November 2024 with the Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the seat in the Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Samantha Ratnam MLC and that Anasina Gray-Barberio was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on the Inquiry into complaint by the Member for Brighton, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Albury Wodonga Health — Report 2023–24

Alexandra District Health — Report 2023–24

Alfred Health — Report 2023–24

Alpine Health — Report 2023–24

Ambulance Victoria — Report 2023–24

Austin Health — Report 2023–24

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) — Report 2023–24

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — Report 2023–24

Barwon Health — Report 2023–24

Bass Coast Health — Report 2023–24

Beechworth Health Service — Report 2023–24

Benalla Health — Report 2023–24

Bendigo Health — Report 2023–24

Boort District Health — Report 2023–24

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited— Report 2023–24

Casterton Memorial Hospital — Report 2023–24

Central Highlands Rural Health — Report 2023–24

Cohuna District Hospital — Report 2023–24

Colac Area Health — Report 2023–24

Corryong Health — Report 2023–24

Dhelkaya Health — Report 2023–24

East Grampians Health Service — Report 2023–24

East Wimmera Health Service — Report 2023–24

Eastern Health — Report 2023–24

Echuca Regional Health — Report 2023–24

Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report 2023–24

Goulburn Valley Health — Report 2023–24

Grampians Health — Report 2023–24

Great Ocean Road Health — Report 2023–24

Heathcote Health — Report 2023–24

Hesse Rural Health Service — Report 2023–24

Heywood Rural Health — Report 2023–24

Inglewood and District Health Service — Report 2023–24

Kerang District Health — Report 2023–24

Kooweerup Regional Health Service — Report 2023–24

Kyabram District Health Service — Report 2023–24

Latrobe Regional Health — Report 2023–24

Mallee Track Health and Community Service — Report 2023–24

Mansfield District Hospital — Report 2023–24

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2023–24

Melbourne Health (Royal Melbourne Hospital) — Report 2023–24

Mercy Hospitals Victoria Ltd — Report 2023–24

Monash Health — Report 2023–24

Moyne Health Service — Report 2023–24

NCN Health — Report 2023–24

Northeast Health Wangaratta — Report 2023–24

Northern Health — Report 2023–24

Omeo District Hospital — Report 2023–24

Orbost Regional Health — Report 2023–24

Peninsula Health — Report 2023–24

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre — Report 2023–24

Portland District Health — Report 2023–24

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service — Report 2023–24

Royal Children's Hospital — Report 2023–24

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — Report 2023–24

Royal Women's Hospital — Report 2023–24

South Gippsland Hospital — Report 2023–24

South West Healthcare — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 126
Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance Scheme) Act 2022 — SR 127
Victims of Crime Commissioner Act 2015 — SR 128

St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited — Report 2023–24

Swan Hill District Health — Report 2023–24

Tallangatta Health Service — Report 2023–24

Terang and Mortlake Health Service — Report 2023–24

Timboon and District Healthcare Service — Report 2023–24

Tweddle Child and Family Health Service — Report 2023–24

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) — Report 2023–24

West Gippsland Healthcare Group — Report 2023–24

West Wimmera Health Service — Report 2023–24

Western District Health Service — Report 2023–24

Western Health — Report 2023–24

Yarrawonga Health — Report 2023–24

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Report 2023–24.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 26 November 2024 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Natalie Suleyman tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Natalie Suleyman)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 November 2024.

7 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government conducts further consultation with affected stakeholders on when the licensing scheme should come into effect'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 24

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

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — The Acting Speaker announced that the Speaker had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under Joint Standing Order 6(1), she has made the following correction in the Bill:

Clause 42D, as inserted by the Council's amendment No 6 and agreed to by the Assembly, inserts new subsection 58BA into the *Road Safety Act 1986*. She has replaced the four references to '*Roads and Roads Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024*' with '*Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024'*.

12 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to a payroll tax exemption for all medical and allied health providers' *(Brad Rowswell)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 November 2024 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **AGED CARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKER BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the

Government conducts further consultation with affected stakeholders on when the licensing scheme should come into effect'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
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Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 102, 103 and 104

No 102 — Tuesday 26 November 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 14 November 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 23 November 2024, she had received the resignation of the Member for Prahran.

3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Equal Opportunity Act 2010** and the **Bail Act 1977**, to repeal the **Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001** and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** and the **Casino Control Act 1991** in relation to pre-commitment and carded play and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003** and the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Police stop and search powers — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to amend legislation to afford police greater 'stop and search' powers, including the ability for officers to act on reasonable suspicion; reinstate section 30B of the Bail Act; and cancel plans to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14, bearing 9,829 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — POLICE STOP AND SEARCH POWERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 16 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (House Amendment)
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024
Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (House Amendments)
Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024
SR No 31 — Survey Co-ordination Regulations 2024
SR No 37 — Subordinate Legislation (Freedom of Information (Access Charges) Regulations 2014) Extension Regulations 2024
SR No 49 — Country Fire Authority (Community Fire Refuge) Regulations 2024
SR No 68 — Treasury Corporation of Victoria (Prescribed Agencies) Regulations 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Chair, tabled a report from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee on the Inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2023–24 — released on 22 November 2024

Climate Change Act 2017:

Victoria's Climate Science Report 2024
Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2022

Coroners Act 2008 — Statutory review report under s 118A

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2024–25 Quarterly Financial Report No 1 — released on 15 November 2024

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

Banyule — C174
Manningham — C139
Melbourne — C451, C464
Mount Alexander — C99
Pyrenees — C55
Victorian Planning Provisions — VC263
Whitehorse — C234
Wyndham — C263

Statutory Rule 129 under the *Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 126, 127, 128

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Notice of request to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council for an assessment of State forests in eastern Victoria under s 26C

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

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pill Testing) Act 2024 — Whole Act — 12 November 2024 *(Gazette S610, 12 November 2024)*
Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance Scheme) Act 2022 — Remaining provisions — 18 November 2024 *(Gazette S610, 12 November 2024)*.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Subordinate Legislation and Administrative Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024
Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 19 November 2024
Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Duties Amendment (More Homes) Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

On 26 November 2024
Subordinate Legislation and Administrative Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024
Transport Infrastructure and Planning Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

11 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Tim Read be a member of the Standing Orders Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 28 November 2024:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024
Budget Papers — motion
Nuclear Power — motion
Parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care — motion
Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

14 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMITTALS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(a) explains why it has rejected the Victorian Law Reform Commission recommendation to empower the Magistrates' and Children's Courts to discharge the accused on a relevant indictable charge or charges if satisfied that there is no reasonable prospect of conviction; and

(b) commits to reviewing the implementation of the Bill to identify and remedy any demonstrable unfairness to defendants that may be occasioned' *(Michael O'Brien)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMITTALS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Hutchins)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Acting Speaker announced that the Speaker had received the resignation of Peter Walsh from the Privileges Committee and Standing Orders Committee, effective from today.

19 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2024–25 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 103 — Wednesday 27 November 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997****, the* ***Estate Agents Act 1980****, the* ***Owners Corporations Act 2006****, the*

***Conveyancers Act 2006**, the **Sale of Land Act 1962**, the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** and the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Retirement Villages Act 1986**, to make minor amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Danny O'Brien be a member of the Privileges Committee and Standing Orders Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*— put and agreed to.

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

Goranwarrabul House, Seymour — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide recurrent funding for Goranwarrabul House to cover their expenses including community program costs, community program contingency, rental expenses, staff and facility costs, motor vehicle costs, and administrative support, bearing 348 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*

Melbourne to Warrnambool train line services — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure new V/Line Velocity trains on the Melbourne to Warrnambool line match, or exceed, the capacity and amenities of the current N-class train sets, to meet the needs of the growing southwest communities and maintain service standards, bearing 1,200 signatures *(Roma Britnell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — GORANWARRABUL HOUSE, SEYMOUR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Annabelle Cleeland)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — MELBOURNE TO WARRNAMBOOL TRAIN LINE SERVICES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report on the Fair Presentation of Service Delivery Performance 2024 — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 130

Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017:

Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan — Reporting on the implementation from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Report on the implementation of Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan 2024.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024 with an amendment.

Ordered — That the amendment be taken into consideration immediately.

10 **TOBACCO AMENDMENT (TOBACCO RETAILER AND WHOLESALER LICENSING SCHEME) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Bill 2024 without amendment.

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

13 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 6 be postponed until later this day.

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 December 2024.

16 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 December 2024.

17 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 December 2024.

18 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION RECORDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

19 **QUESTION TIME**.

20 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

21 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION RECORDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

22 **DIVISIVE PROTEST** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Member for Berwick for bringing neo-Nazis into the Narre Warren community by organising and promoting a divisive protest *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the following words be inserted after the word 'protest':

'and notes the Member immediately reported the matter to Victoria Police; and that this House also condemns the behaviour of other Labor Members of Parliament' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

23 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

24 **DIVISIVE PROTEST** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment.

Amendment proposed — That, in relation to the amendment moved by the Member for Brighton, the word 'Labor' be omitted and replaced with the word 'Liberal' *(Gary Maas)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

25 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 104 — Thursday 28 November 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **FAMILY VIOLENCE (RIGHT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Eildon introduce '*A Bill for an Act to provide for disclosure in certain circumstances of information held by Victoria Police about a person's history of violent behaviour and for other purposes*' *(Cindy McLeish)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 48

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TREATMENT) BILL 2024** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Corrections Act 1986** to provide that a prisoner does not have the right to undergo assisted reproductive treatment or any procedure for the purposes of another person undergoing assisted reproductive treatment and for other purposes*' *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Traffic management masterplan for Caulfield South — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with Glen Eira Council and the Department of Transport and Planning to complete an updated traffic management count and a masterplan to better consider growth and development in the Caulfield South area, bearing 166 signatures *(David Southwick)*

National park creation — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to not create any new national parks and keep our forest regions and bush open for public access and enjoyment, bearing 13,969 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MASTERPLAN FOR CAULFIELD SOUTH** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — NATIONAL PARK CREATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

INCLUSIVE VICTORIA — STATE DISABILITY PLAN: MIDWAY REPORT 2022–24 — tabled by leave *(Ben Carroll)*.

SUSTAINABILITY FUND ACTIVITIES REPORT: INVESTING IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE — Tabled by leave *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

METRO TUNNEL: TUNNEL AND STATIONS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT SUMMARY ADDENDUM 2 — Tabled by leave *(Danny Pearson)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following documents had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

County Court of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Magistrates' Court of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Supreme Court of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Staff Wellbeing in Fire Rescue Victoria — Ordered to be published

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2023–24

Beaufort and Skipton Health Services — Report 2023–24

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust — Report 2023–24

Cenitex — Report 2023–24

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report 2023–24

Community Visitors — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Consumer Affairs Victoria — Report 2023–24 — Ordered to be published

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — Report 2023–24

Country Fire Authority (CFA) — Report 2023–24

Court Services Victoria — Report 2023–24

East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2023–24

Environment Protection Authority:

Report 2023–24
Report 2023–24 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Financial Management Act 1994:

Reports from the Minister for Environment that he had received the reports 2023–24 of the:
Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Reports from the Minister for Planning that she had received the reports 2023–24 of the:
Heritage Council of Victoria
Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2023–24

Forensic Leave Panel — Report 2023

Harness Racing Victoria — Report 2023–24

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Chief Officer report 2020–21 to the Minister under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Chief Officer report 2021–22 to the Minister under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Chief Officer report 2022–23 to the Minister under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Chief Officer report 2021–22 to the Minister under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Chief Officer report 2022–23 to the Minister under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Chief Officer report 2023–24 to the Minister under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust — Report 2023–24

Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission — Report 2023–24

Mental Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 1 July to 30 August 2023

Mildura Base Public Hospital — Report 2023–24

National Parks Act 1975 — Report 2023–24 on the working of the Act

Phillip Island Nature Parks — Report 2023–24

Puffing Billy Railway Board — Report 2023–24

Racing Integrity Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account — Report 2023–24 on the disbursement of revenue

Robinvale District Health Services — Report 2023–24

Safe Transport Victoria — Report 2023–24

Seymour Health — Report 2023–24

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 132

Sustainability Victoria — Report 2023–24

Treaty Authority — Report 2023–24

Triple Zero Victoria — Report 2023–24

Trust for Nature (Victoria) — Report 2023–24

VicForests — Report 2023–24

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Victoria Police — Report 2023–24 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Report 2023–24

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2023–24

Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission — Report 2023–24

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine — Report 2023–24

Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare) — Report 2023–24

Victorian Marine and Coastal Council — Report 2023–24

Victorian Planning Authority — Report 2023–24

Victorian Professional Standards Councils — Report 2023–24

Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation — Report 2023–24

Yarram and District Health Service — Report 2023–24.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Integrity, Defamation and Other Matters) Act 2024 — Division 2 of Part 12 and Schedule 1 — 10 February 2025 *(Gazette S648, 26 November 2024)*.

8 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had received the resignation of Danny O'Brien from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, the resignation of Nicole Werner from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee, and the resignation of Wayne Farnham from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee, effective from 27 November 2024.

9 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Jade Benham be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee;

(2) Nicole Werner be a member of the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee; and

(3) Wayne Farnham be a member of the Environment and Planning Standing Committee —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

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

11 **CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 December 2024.

12 **RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 December 2024.

13 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson;

Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

17 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 4 February 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **DIVISIVE PROTEST** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Member for Berwick for bringing neo-Nazis into the Narre Warren community by organising and promoting a divisive protest — *and on the amendment* — That the following words be inserted after the word 'protest', 'and notes the Member immediately reported the matter to Victoria Police; and that this House also condemns the behaviour of other Labor members of Parliament' — *and on the amendment to the amendment* — That the word 'Labor' be omitted and replaced with the word 'Liberal'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the amendment — put.

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

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — That the word 'Liberal' be accordingly inserted — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted by the Member for Brighton, as amended, be so inserted — put.

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

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Original question — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

19 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Acting Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 26 November 2024 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMITTALS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (a) explains why it has rejected the Victorian Law Reform Commission recommendation to empower the Magistrates' and Children's Courts to discharge the accused on a relevant indictable charge or charges if satisfied that there is no reasonable prospect of conviction; and (b) commits to reviewing the implementation of the Bill to identify and remedy any demonstrable unfairness to defendants that may be occasioned'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

21 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION RECORDS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

22 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes notes of the 2024–25 budget papers.

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

23 **NUCLEAR POWER** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House (1) condemns the Federal Opposition's plan to send energy bills sky-high with dangerous and expensive nuclear power; (2) calls on the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Victorian Opposition to rule out nuclear reactors on the Great Ocean Road or in any Victorian community — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Allan Labor Government be condemned for failing to provide secure, reliable and affordable energy to Victorians'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Question agreed to.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

24 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care.

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

Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.

25 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.50 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 105, 106, 107 and 108

No 105 — Tuesday 4 February 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 28 November 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 6 January 2025, she had received the resignation of the Member for Werribee.

3 **ISSUE OF WRITS** — The Speaker announced that, on 20 December 2024, she had issued a writ for a by-election for the District of Prahran to be held on 8 February 2025 and, on 6 January 2025, she had issued a writ for a by-election for the District of Werribee to be held on 8 February 2025.

4 **DEATH OF ROBERT CHARLES SERCOMBE** — The Speaker announced the death of Robert Charles Sercombe, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Niddrie from 1988 to 1996; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

5 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN DELZOPPO OAM** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable John Delzoppo OAM, and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Narracan from 1982 to 1996 and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1992 to 1996 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

5 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable John Delzoppo OAM, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm today *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to

And the House, at 12.42 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 106 — Tuesday 4 February 2025
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Electricity Safety Act 1998****, the* ***Gas Safety Act 1997****, the* ***Pipelines Act 2005****, the* ***Energy Safe Victoria Act 2005*** *and the* ***Land Act 1958*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Adoption Act 1984****, the* ***Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996****, the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005****, the* ***Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021****, the* ***Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003****, the* ***Domestic Animals Act 1994****, the* ***Electricity Industry Act 2000****, the* ***Environment Protection Act 2017****, the* ***Essential Services Commission Act 2001****, the* ***Housing Act 1983****, the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990****, the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Act 2023****, the* ***Service Victoria Act 2018****, the* ***Subdivision Act 1988****, the* ***Transfer of Land Act 1958*** *and the* ***Water Act 1989*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Victoria's wild dog program — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to recommit to the wild dog control program, retain the buffer zone for controlling dogs without alteration, retain all control measures currently available to doggers without alteration and publish the relevant statistics annually, bearing 632 signatures *(Tim Bull)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 1 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024
Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024

Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024
Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (House Amendments)
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024
Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024
SR No 30 — Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) (Infringements) Regulations 2024
SR No 59 — Building Amendment (Fees and Other Matters) Regulations 2024
Ministerial Order No 1452 — Fees for Services Provided to Children in Government Early Learning Centres

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — Budget Update 2024–25 — released on 13 December 2024

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

EPA Designation — Classification of PFAS-impacted soil *(Gazette G1, 2 January 2025)*
Statutory Rule 41/2017 *(Gazette G2, 9 January 2025)*

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificates under s 7

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2025

Local Jobs First — Report 2023–24

Melbourne City Link Act 1995 — Operating Services Agreement Direct Deed: CityLink and Exhibition Street Extension

National Health Funding Pool, Administrator of — Report 2023–24

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner — Report 2023–24

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:
Ararat — C48
Ballarat — C253
Campaspe — C122
Cardinia — GC206
Casey — GC206
Colac Otway — C130
Glen Eira — C263, C266, C268

Golden Plains — C102
Greater Bendigo — C291
Greater Dandenong — C244
Hepburn — C88
Hume — GC206, C276
Kingston — C221, C224
Knox — C203
Latrobe — C131
Macedon Ranges — C163
Maribyrnong — C184
Maroondah — C158
Melbourne — C384, C474, C475, C476
Melton — GC206
Merri-bek — C232
Mildura — C121, GC202
Mitchell — GC206
Monash — C157
Mornington Peninsula — C271
Nillumbik — C153
Port Phillip — C217
Stonnington — C348
Swan Hill — C78, GC202
Victoria Planning Provisions— VC237, VC269, VC272, VC273
Whitehorse — C254
Whittlesea — C278, GC206
Wodonga — C144
Wyndham — GC206
Yarra Ranges —C224
Report 2023–24 on Infrastructure contributions and development contribution levies

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Documents under s 9 in relation to the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital Project

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 — SR 141/2024
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 138/2024
County Court Act 1958 — SR 135/2024
Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958 — SR 131/2024
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 134/2024
National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 — SR 137/2024
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 132/2024
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 130/2024
Service Victoria Act 2018 — SR 140/2024
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 136/2024
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 133/2024

Water Industry Act 1994 — SR 139/2024

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 129/2024, 131/2024, 133/2024, 134/2024, 135/2024, 136/2024, 138/2024, 139/2024, 140/2024, 141/2024
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Environment Protection Act 2017 — EPA Designation — Classification of PFAS-impacted soil
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — 2025 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Rates.

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

Aboriginal Land Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act (other than Part 2) — 1 January 2025 *(Gazette S671, 3 December 2024)*
Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Act 2024 — Remaining provisions — 19 December 2024 *(Gazette S686, 10 December 2024)*
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Act 2024 — Parts 2 and 3 — 1 January 2025; Parts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 — 1 March 2025 *(Gazette S700, 17 December 2024)*
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Repeal Act 2024 — Whole Act — 1 January 2025 *(Gazette S700, 17 December 2024)*.

8 **PARLIAMENTARY INTEGRITY ADVISER** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, on 5 December 2024, the Speaker administered to Professor Charles John Gordon Sampford, the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser, the affirmation required by s 95 of the *Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024*.

9 **IBAC ACTING COMMISSIONER** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, on 3 January 2025, the Speaker administered to Stephen John Farrow, the Acting Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

10 **PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY COMMISSIONERS** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, on 20 December 2024, the Speaker administered to Natasha de Silva and David Wolf, Commissioners of the Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission, the affirmations required by s 55 of the *Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024*.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2024 without amendment.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 3 December 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Bill 2024
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2024
Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Bill 2024.

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024
Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024.

14 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had received the resignations of:

Brad Battin, effective from 2 February 2025, Wayne Farnham, effective from 3 February 2025, and Luba Grigorovitch and Emma Vulin, effective from today, from the Electoral Matters Committee;

Bev McArthur MLC from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from today;

Moira Deeming MLC, effective from 3 February 2025, and David Davis MLC, effective from today, from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee; and

David Southwick from the Standing Orders Committee, effective from 3 February 2025.

15 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Chris Crewther and Dylan Wight be members of the Electoral Matters Committee;

(2) John Pesutto be a member of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee; and

(3) Bridget Vallence be a member of the Standing Orders Committee —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

16 **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the reporting date for the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee's Inquiry into workplace surveillance be extended to no later than 30 April 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

17 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 6 February 2025:

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024
Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

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

19 **CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to take into account further consultation with rental providers and industry about the unfair impact of the removal of no-fault notices to vacate' *(Tim McCurdy)* — and, after debate —

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 107 — Wednesday 5 February 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Chimney at the Hoffman's Brickworks — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly recognises that the three year delay in the safety works at the Hoffman's Brickworks is unacceptable, and that all steps should be taken by the Assembly, Government and Heritage Victoria to ensure that the works are completed for neighbourhood safety and amenity, bearing 285 signatures *(Tim Read)*

Installation of a pedestrian refuge in Tootgarook — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently fund a pedestrian refuge in Tootgarook near Keith and Kevin Streets, bearing 542 signatures *(Sam Groth)*

Shepparton bus service review — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to address the urgent need for an extensive bus service review in Shepparton given growth in the area, bearing 53 signatures *(Kim O'Keeffe)*

Shepparton and surrounds bus service review — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to undertake an extensive bus service review for Shepparton and surrounds, bearing 250 signatures *(Kim O'Keeffe)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE IN TOOTGAROOK** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — CHIMNEY AT THE HOFFMAN'S BRICKWORKS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brunswick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Read)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — SHEPPARTON BUS SERVICE REVIEW** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim O'Keeffe)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — SHEPPARTON AND SURROUNDS BUS SERVICE REVIEW** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim O'Keeffe)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Reporting on Local Government Performance: Follow-up — Ordered to be published.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2024 without amendment.

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

10 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

11 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 February 2025.

12 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 February 2025.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government:

(a) urgently considers additional options, including those available to Victoria Police, as a practical means of tackling anti-social and vilifying behaviours; and

(b) consults further with Victoria's faith groups, including the Jewish and Islamic communities, who have warned the Government that the proposed genuine political purpose defence to incitement will damage social cohesion in this state' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

18 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Amendment proposed to Michael O'Brien's amendment — That all the words after 'until' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Government conducts community consultation on the genuine political purpose defence' *(Will Fowles)* — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 108 — Thursday 6 February 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BAIL AMENDMENT (RE-ENACTMENT OF REPEALED OFFENCES) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Bail Act 1977*** *to re-enact the repealed offences of contravening certain conduct conditions and*

committing an indictable offence whilst on bail and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes' *(Michael O'Brien)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

NEW MELTON HOSPITAL: PROJECT SUMMARY — Tabled by leave *(Melissa Horne)*.

DOCUMENT TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following document had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Children's Court of Victoria — Report 2023–24.

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Attorney-General that she had received the Report 2023–24 of the Sentencing Advisory Council

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Electoral Matters Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report 2023–24

Rural Northwest Health — Report 2023–24.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 18 February 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **HOUSE COMMITTEE** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the Speaker had received the resignation of Ellen Sandell from the House Committee, effective from today.

7 **HOUSE COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Gabrielle de Vietri be a member of the House Committee *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

8 **RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to address the concerns of residents and operators in the retirement sector' *(Tim McCurdy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 4 February 2025 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **CONSUMER AND PLANNING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HOUSING STATEMENT REFORM) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to take into account further consultation with rental providers and industry about the unfair impact of the removal of no-fault notices to vacate'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.09 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 109, 110 and 111

No 109 — Tuesday 18 February 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 6 February 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF CAROLE FRANCES MARPLE** — The Speaker announced the death of Carole Frances Marple, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Altona from 1992 to 1996; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to adopt specified provisions of the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to refer legislative power of the State in the form of an amendment reference to the Parliament of the Commonwealth to make amendments to the Help to Buy Act 2024 of the Commonwealth, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Road Safety Act 1986** in relation to vehicle sharing schemes and offences involving electric scooters and the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983** in relation to vehicle sharing schemes and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **VICTORIAN BANK LEVY (TAX THE MAJOR BANKS) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Melbourne introduce '*A Bill for an Act to impose a levy on authorised deposit-taking institutions liable to pay the levy under the Major Bank Levy Act 2017 of the Commonwealth and for other purposes*' *(Ellen Sandell)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

NOES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

Preserving traditions in Chinatown and other Victorian restaurants — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to preserve the tradition of housing seafood in aquariums and maintaining access to fresh Victorian pork products, bearing 40 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

Intersection of Edgecombe Road and Melville Drive, Kyneton — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to install a dedicated right-turn lane immediately to the south of Melville Drive for northbound traffic on Edgecombe Road to access Melville Drive safely, bearing 1163 signatures *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*

Small-scale livestock farming — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement Recommendation 27 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Securing the Victorian Food Supply and apply the standards set out in AS4464:2007 the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption, bearing 2428 signatures *(Martha Haylett)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — PRESERVING TRADITIONS IN CHINATOWN AND OTHER VICTORIAN RESTAURANTS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Constitution Amendment (Abortion) Bill 2024
Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025
SR No 40 — Subordinate Legislation (Forest (Fire Protection) Regulations 2014) Extension Regulations 2024
SR No 66 — Honorary Justices Regulations 2024
SR No 83 — Supreme Court (Chapter I Costs Amendment) Rules 2024
Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment (Transitional Provisons) Regulations 2024 under s 303

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Ombudsman — Support when children are sexually abused at school: The Department of Education's response to abuse in a Victorian primary school — Released on 13 February 2025

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

Greater Geelong — C452
Mitchell — GC234
Mount Alexander — C94
Strathbogie — GC234

Statutory Rule 1 under the *Food Act 1984*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 5 February 2025 *(Gazette S29 4 February 2025).*

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 11 February 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Paramedic Practitioners) Bill 2024
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2024
Statute Law Repeals Bill 2024.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025.

13 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Dylan Wight from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from today.

14 **INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Eden Foster be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 20 February 2025:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025
Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

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

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently considers additional options, including those available to Victoria Police, as a practical means of tackling anti-social and vilifying behaviours; and (b) consults further with Victoria's faith groups, including the Jewish and Islamic communities, who have warned the Government that the proposed genuine political purpose defence to incitement will damage social cohesion in this state' — *and on the amendment to the amendment* — That all the words after 'until' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Government conducts community consultation on the genuine political purpose defence'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

20 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment — and on the amendment to the amendment.

Under SO 64, Mary-Anne Thomas circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment — and on the amendment to the amendment.

Will Fowles' amendment to Michael O'Brien's amendment withdrawn by leave under SO 157(5) *(Will Fowles).*

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment — and on the amendment to the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 110 — Wednesday 19 February 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver on the $1.05 billion promise to rebuild the Maroondah Hospital, bearing 151 signatures *(David Hodgett)*

Leakes Road interchange on the Western Highway — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to develop a road safety plan for the Leakes Road interchange on the Western Highway in alignment with the Western Highway upgrade, which includes both temporary and permanent fixes to road safety and an upgrade to traffic signals, bearing 2020 signatures *(Luba Grigorovitch)*

Rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to engage in consultation with all stakeholders about rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles (Dyurrite), and demands established climbing routes and The Pines campgrounds are not removed until such consultation occurs, bearing 10373 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

Coburg High Secondary instrumental music program — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure Coburg High School is allocated its full and fair allocation of music funding for the 2025 school year and beyond, bearing 387 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — ROCK-CLIMBING AT MT ARAPILES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — LEAKES ROAD INTERCHANGE ON THE WESTERN HIGHWAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kororoit be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Major Projects Performance Reporting 2024 — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 1.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Bill 2024 without amendment.

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

9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

10 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 March 2025.

11 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 March 2025.

12 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 5 March 2025.

13 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — POLICE COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker read David Southwick's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for the chaos and dangerous precedent created by sacking a Police Commissioner in the middle of a crime crisis of the Government's own making after:

(a) failing to strengthen laws requested by the Police Commissioner including bail laws resulting in accused offenders re-offending and further endangering the community;

(b) failing to resolve the 18-month-old enterprise agreement with police officers; and

(c) demanding the Police Commissioner cut $1 billion from the police budget as part of a restructure despite escalating gang violence, youth crime and firebombing attacks.'

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 111 — Thursday 20 February 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Proposed merger of Seymour Health with Northern Health — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to release expert advisory committee advice about amalgamating Seymour Health with Northern Health, undertake genuine public consultation and to ensure that the powers, authorities and responsibilities remain with the local Seymour Health board, and that no amalgamation takes place, bearing 169 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*

Speed limit reductions proposed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to implement speed limit reductions on C777 between Somerville and Frankston as proposed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire, bearing 2 signatures *(Paul Mercurio)*

Southern Cross bus terminal — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that Victoria Police provides hourly patrols of the Southern Cross Station Bus Terminal and provide a physical presence to deter anti-social behaviour, bearing 79 signatures *(Sarah Connolly)*

Rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to engage in consultation with all stakeholders about rock-climbing at Mt Arapiles (Dyurrite), and demands established climbing routes and The Pines campgrounds are not removed until such consultation occurs, bearing 1973 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

Melbourne Market Authority — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls for the immediate resignation of the Melbourne Market Authority board, CEO, and management team, an immediate freeze on rent increases within the Melbourne Market, the appointment of a new Board, CEO and management team and an inquiry into the decision-making process that led to the rent hikes, bearing 229 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

Greater safeguards at Mornington Peninsula back beaches — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently fund upgraded warning signs in different languages to alert people of the dangerous beach conditions and rescue tubes or flotation devices to save lives, bearing 119 signatures *(Sam Groth)*

Small-scale livestock farming — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement Recommendation 27 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Securing the Victorian Food Supply and apply the standards set out in AS4464:2007 the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption, bearing 221 signatures *(Martha Haylett)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — PROPOSED MERGER OF SEYMOUR HEALTH WITH NORTHERN HEALTH** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Annabelle Cleeland)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — GREATER SAFEGUARDS AT MORNINGTON PENINSULA BACK BEACHES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — ROCK-CLIMBING AT MT ARAPILES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — COBURG HIGH SECONDARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale on 19 February 2025 be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2023–24 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Public Prosecutions, Office of — Report 2023–24

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 — Review of the operation of the Act under s 116.

9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 4 March 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

11 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

12 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024 without amendment.

17 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into the conduct of the 2025 by-elections for the Districts of Prahran and Werribee to the Electoral Matters Committee for consideration and report no later than 8 December 2025 and the Committee should examine:

(1) the conduct of, and processes implemented by, the Victorian Electoral Commission and its officials; and

(2) voter turnout —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

18 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 18 February 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke;; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently considers additional options, including those available to Victoria Police, as a practical means of tackling anti-social and vilifying behaviours; and (b) consults further with Victoria's faith groups, including the Jewish and Islamic communities, who have warned the Government that the proposed genuine political purpose defence to incitement will damage social cohesion in this state'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.11 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.38 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 112, 113 and 114

No 112 — Tuesday 4 March 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 February 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WRITS** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writs issued on 20 December 2024 and 6 January 2025 and that Rachel Westaway has been elected for the District of Prahran and that John Lister has been elected for the District of Werribee.

3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Rachel Westaway was then introduced and took and subscribed the oath required by law.

4 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — John Lister was then introduced and took and subscribed the affirmation required by law.

5 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013****, the* ***Accident Compensation Act 1985*** *and the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Emergency Services Superannuation Act 1986****, the* ***State Superannuation Act 1988*** *and the* ***Transport Superannuation Act 1988*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

7 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Building Act 1993****, the* ***Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995****, the* ***Sale of Land Act 1962****, the* ***Subdivision Act 1988*** *and the* ***Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 3 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024 (House Amendments)
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under ss 17B and 17D granting a licence and a lease over Daylesford Court House and Residence Reserve

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 81/2024 (*Gazette S78, 27 February 2025*)

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

Boroondara — C414
Cardinia — C274
Knox — C191
Victoria Planning Provisions— VC257, VC266, VC274

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Ministerial Order No 1472 — Order Amending Structured Workplace Learning and Work Experience Arrangements Ministerial Orders (Ministerial Order No 1412 and Ministerial Order No 1413).

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 25 February 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Inquiries Amendment (Yoorrook Justice Commission Records and Other Matters) Bill 2024
Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals) Bill 2024.

10 **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS** — The Speaker announced that the Deputy Speaker had received a Commission from the Governor, which she read as follows:

BY HER EXCELLENCY MARGARET GARDNER AC
GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

TO MATT FREGON MP
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

GREETING:

Acting under section 23 of the *Constitution Act 1975* I authorise you, in the Parliament Houses, Melbourne, during any period in which the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria is absent or unable to perform the duties of their office, to administer the prescribed Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to any Member of the Legislative Assembly who has not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my hand and the seal of Victoria on this fourth day of March 2025.

(LS) MARGARET GARDNER
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command
JACINTA ALLAN
Premier

11 **INAUGURAL SPEECHES** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended:

(1) On Wednesday 5 March 2025 to allow the Member for Werribee to make an inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes immediately after the matter of public importance.

(2) On Wednesday 19 March 2025 to allow the Member for Prahran to make an inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes immediately after the grievance debate —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 6 March 2025:

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025
Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

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

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

14 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government considers further options to tackle controlled weapons and ensure community safety during planned events' *(David Southwick)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Amendment proposed to David Southwick's amendment — That all the words after 'until' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Government commits to working with stakeholders to address allegations of ongoing and systematic racial profiling of members of the community in designated areas' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 113 — Wednesday 5 March 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend and change the title of the **Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012** to expand the coverage of that Act to emergency services and volunteers, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Road funding and maintenance — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and maintenance to fix roads, bearing 334 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — ROAD FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Managing Disruptions Affecting Victoria's Public Transport Network — Ordered to be published

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Order under s 17B granting a licence over Lake Boort Wildlife Reserve
Order under s 17D granting a lease over Albert Park

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report 2023–24

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 2.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 March 2025.

9 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 March 2025.

10 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Nick Staikos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 March 2025.

11 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words ', noting the contrasting position of the two major federal political parties on this policy, this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the outcome of the Federal Election is determined' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.47 pm and resumed it at 2.55 pm]

Question time continued.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST OF LIVING INVESTMENT** — The Speaker read Anthony Cianflone's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes that the Allan Labor Government is helping working families with the cost of living by making much-needed investments in health, education, housing and transport.'

Anthony Cianflone addressed the House — Discussion followed.

16 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 4 March 2025, the Member for Werribee made an inaugural speech.

17 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 114 — Thursday 6 March 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

V/Line locomotive hauled services — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide V/Line the ability to restore locomotive hauled services by increasing funding to procure a new long-haul locomotive and carriages of bi-modal design, constructing these units in Victoria and continuing the development of the infrastructure to facilitate the new locomotive's entry to service, bearing 27 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*

Birregurra Community Health Centre — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to continue its support of the Birregurra Community Health Centre and reinstate critical funding to maintain vital health services provided to the Birregurra community, bearing 539 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — BIRREGURRA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — V/LINE LOCOMOTIVE HAULED SERVICES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Duties Act 2000:

Report 2023–24 of corporate reconstruction and consolidation concessions and exemptions under s 250B
Report 2023–24 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Major Events Act 2009 — Amendment of Major Sporting Event Order for the 2023 to 2025 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into vaping and tobacco controls

Remembrance Parks Central Victoria:

Report 2022–23
Report 2023–24

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme — Report 2023–24.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 18 March 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Danny Pearson made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975.*

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 20 March 2025.

9 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 4 March 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government considers further options to tackle controlled weapons and ensure community safety during planned events' — *and on the amendment to the amendment* — That all the words after 'until' be omitted and replaced with the words 'the Government commits to working with stakeholders to address allegations of ongoing and systematic racial profiling of members of the community in designated areas'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by Gabrielle de Vietri's amendment stand part of David Southwick's amendment — put.

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

AYES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous;

Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by David Southwick's amendment stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **HELP TO BUY (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words ', noting the contrasting position of the two major federal political parties on this policy, this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the outcome of the Federal Election is determined'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.44 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 115, 116 and 117

No 115 — Tuesday 18 March 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 6 March 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Jacinta Allan introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Act 1977** and the **Summary Offences Act 1966** and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Jacinta Allan tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Jacinta Allan)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

3 **FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008** in relation to service of certain orders and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

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

Planning decisions — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to amend the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* s 97B to revoke the Minister's absolute authority to call in permits, bearing 25 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*

Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly rejects planning permit application number PA2302234 and development licence application APP024914 for the Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre, ensuring that an unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator is not imposed on the Wollert region, bearing 2,462 signatures *(Bronwyn Halfpenny)*

Waste-to-energy incinerator on Summerhill Road, Wollert — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reject the planning permit application and development licence for the Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre at Wollert, ensuring that an unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator is not imposed on the region, bearing 197 signatures *(Bronwyn Halfpenny)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — MELBOURNE ENERGY AND RESOURCE CENTRE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Thomastown be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Bronwyn Halfpenny)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — WASTE-TO-ENERGY INCINERATOR ON SUMMERHILL ROAD, WOLLERT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Thomastown be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Bronwyn Halfpenny)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025
Constitution Amendment (Abortion) Bill 2024
Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024
Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment (Equity and Access) Bill 2024
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025
SR No 95 — Livestock Disease Control Further Amendment Regulations 2024
SR No 108 — Subordinate Legislation (Gambling Regulation (Pre-commitment and Loyalty Scheme) Regulations 2014) Extension Regulations 2024
By-law No 2024/01 Waterways Protection — North East Catchment Management Authority
By-law No 02 Waterways Protection 2024 — North Central Catchment Management Authority

By-law No 3 Waterways Protection 2024 — Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
By-law No 2 Waterways Protection 2024 — Mallee Catchment Management Authority
By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024 — West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
By-law No 5 Waterways Protection 2024 — Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024 — Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2024–25 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 7 March 2025

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Murray-Darling Basin Authority — Report 2023–24

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

Casey — C301
Greater Geelong — C397
Knox — C192
Melton — C246
Moonee Valley — C212
Mornington Peninsula — C307
South Gippsland — C134
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC267
Wyndham — C256

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 2
Surveying Act 2004 — SR 4
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 3

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 3 and 4.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had today given the royal assent to the Consumer and Planning Legislation

Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025
Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025.

11 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 18 March 2025; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 20 March 2025:

Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Bill 2024
Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

13 **FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, immediately read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government engages in meaningful and comprehensive consultations to address the concerns of expert human rights, legal and First Nations stakeholders' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the bill under the resolution of the House on 18 March 2025 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 78

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

19 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm;

(2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems;

(3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and

(4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms' *(Danny O'Brien)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 116 — Wednesday 19 March 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had on 18 March 2025 given the royal assent to the Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2025, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

9 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Further amendments proposed —

1. Amendment 1 line 2, omit all words and expressions on this line and insert—

"(ia) further provide for prohibited weapons; and".

2. Amendment 2 lines 3 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(1) This Act (other than sections 54B and 54D) comes into operation on the day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
(2) Subject to subsection (3), sections 54B and 54D come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.
(3) If sections 54B and 54D do not come into operation before 30 September 2025, they come into operation on that day.".

3. Amendment 3 lines 2 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'**54A Definitions**
In section 3(1) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, in the definition of ***controlled weapon***, the example at the foot of paragraph (a) is **repealed**.
54B Definitions
In section 3(1) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, in the definition of ***prohibited weapon***, after "imitation firearm" **insert** ", a machete".
54C Prohibited weapons
After section 5(3) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990 insert**—
"(4) In this section (other than subsection 1A)—
prohibited weapon includes a machete.".
54D Prohibited weapons
Section 5(4) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** is **repealed**.'.

4. Amendment 10, omit "31 December 2026" and insert "30 September 2026" —

(James Newbury) — and, after debate —

Question — That further amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

NOES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

The Speaker advised that the remaining further amendments would not be able to proceed as the House had not agreed to further amendment No 1.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 2 to 10 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth;

Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm; (2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems; (3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and (4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

14 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 4 March 2025, the Member for Prahran made an inaugural speech.

15 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 117 — Thursday 20 March 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Emergency Services Superannuation Act 1986 — Report on the Actuarial Investigation of the Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme as at 30 June 2024

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 31 January 2025 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule under the *Confiscation Act 1997* — SR 5

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 5.

3 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — The Speaker announced that she had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under JSO 6(1), she has made the following corrections in the Bill:

Clause 55, as amended by the Council's amendment No 4 and agreed to by the Assembly, replaces subsection 10D(1) of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990*. The Clerk has omitted the double quote mark at the beginning of the insertion and inserted single quote marks at the beginning and the end of the insertion.

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

5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notices of Motion, Nos 1 to 9 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

6 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 April 2025.

7 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government commits to consulting with stakeholders on the rebate scheme and which organisations should receive funding' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 18 March 2025 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm; (2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems; (3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and (4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny;

Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

12 **NEW SESSIONAL ORDER** — Motion made and question — That the following sessional order be adopted, to come into operation from 1 April 2025:

'**18 Order of government business**

So much of SOs 146, 148(1) and 150 are suspended to allow, on days on which government business has precedence, ministers to list government notices of motion and orders of the day at the head of the list on the notice paper in whatever order they wish. Government notices and orders are then dealt with in the order they are listed on the notice paper. After a government notice or order has been disposed of, the Speaker will either call the minister to move the next notice of motion or direct the Clerk to read the next order of the day, as appropriate.'—

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

13 **COMMITMENT TO WORKING FAMILIES** — Motion made and question — That this House recognises the Allan Labor Government's commitment to working families by expanding free breakfast clubs, saving parents $400 through the School Saving Bonus, and extending the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, ensuring every student has access to essential programs, no matter their circumstances *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

15 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council — and, after debate —

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

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The amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 1 April 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

17 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 12.45 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 118, 119 and 120

No 118 — Tuesday 1 April 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 March 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Gambling Regulation Act 2003*** *and the* ***Casino Control Act 1991*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the* ***Crimes Act 1958****, the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009****, the* ***Justice Legislation Amendment (Criminal Appeals) Act 2019****, the* ***Magistrates' Court Act 1989****, the* ***Sentencing Act 1991****, the* ***Social Services Regulation Act 2021*** *and the* ***Worker Screening Act 2020*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Wage Theft Act 2020*** *to repeal the wage theft offences, rename the Wage Inspectorate Victoria, confer new functions and change the title of the Act, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **IBAC DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 24 March 2025, she administered to Liana Buchanan, the Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into capturing data on people who use family violence in Victoria, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment Act 2025
Family Violence Protection Amendment Act 2025
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Albert Park

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* — released on 24 March 2025

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

Ararat — GC242
Ballarat — C259
Banyule — C178
Bass Coast — C174
Baw Baw — GC242
Boroondara — C415
Buloke — GC242
Darebin— GC242
East Gippsland — C173, GC242
Frankston — GC242
Gannawarra— GC242
Glen Eira — C270, C271
Greater Bendigo — C274, GC242
Hepburn — C89
Macedon Ranges — GC242
Maribyrnong — C190
Melbourne — C477, GC242
Monash — GC242
Moorabool— GC242
Murrindindi — C77
Northern Grampians — GC242
Port Phillip — GC242
Stonnington — GC242

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking Water Quality in Victoria — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Freedom of Information Act 1982 — SR 7
Heritage Act 2017 — SR 13
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 — SR 8
Inquiries Act 2014 — SR 14
Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011 — SR 11
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 9
Ombudsman Act 1973 — SR 10
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 12
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 6

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 6

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 *(Gazette G10, 6 March 2025)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2 *(Gazette S107, 14 March 2025)*.

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

Bail Amendment Act 2025 — Whole Act (other than ss 11 and 12) — 26 March 2025 *(Gazette S138, 25 March 2025)*
National Parks (Amendment) Act 1989 — s 29(3) — 31 March 2025 *(Gazette S109, 18 March 2025)*.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 25 March 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Amendment Bill 2025
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025.

9 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 3 April 2025:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway.

Question agreed to.

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

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Nick Staikos circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until details of the consultation on the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995*, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry' *(Richard Riordan)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.05 pm and resumed it at 2.14 pm]

Question time continued.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**

14 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 119 — Wednesday 2 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Rebuild Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver on its election promises of 2018 and 2022, and rebuild the Maroondah Hospital, bearing 62 signatures *(David Hodgett)*

Princes Freeway intersections between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to undertake a masterplan to prioritise upgrades to the intersections along the Princes Freeway between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip before another life is lost or major accident occurs, bearing 3,285 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — REBUILD MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — PRINCES FREEWAY INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN NAR NAR GOON AND BUNYIP** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — State Trustees' Financial Administration Services — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rules 22/2017, 155/2018, 41/2022, 115/2022 *(Gazette S151, 1 April 2025)*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

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

9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

10 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

11 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

12 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2025.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ANTI-VILIFICATION AND SOCIAL COHESION) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate —

Further amendments proposed —

1. Amendment 8, omit 'omit "Prosecutions or a" and insert "Prosecutions."' and insert 'after "Prosecutions or" insert "by"'.

2. Amendment 9, omit "omit all words and expression on this line" and insert 'omit "officer; and" and insert "officer."'.

3. Amendment 11, after "Director of Public Prosecutions" insert "or police officer". —

(Will Fowles) — and, after debate —

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 1 to 7 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury;

Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 1 stand part of the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Darren Cheeseman; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 8 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by further amendment No 2 stand part of the Legislative Council's amendment No 9 — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Darren Cheeseman; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 9 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 10 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That further amendment No 3 be agreed to — put and defeated.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 11 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 12 to 13 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST OF LIVING CRISIS FROM DEBT, TAX AND HOUSING** — The Speaker read Bridget Vallence's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for allowing Victoria to spiral into a cost of living crisis as a result of:

(1) Failing to manage the economy and allowing net debt to reach $155.2 billion by the end of the financial year;

(2) Imposing or increasing 60 new taxes, which are driving up the costs of renting, energy and grocery prices;

(3) Breaking its promise to build 80,000 new homes a year, causing housing prices to remain unaffordable for many young Victorians; and

(4) Failing to implement any meaningful measures to ease cost of living pressures for Victorians.'

Bridget Vallence addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 120 — Thursday 3 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to organise the urgent upgrade and repair of the Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West to ensure road user safety, bearing 333 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Increased safety for public transport users — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to make provisions for Public Safety Officers at major stations and that signage be made clearly visible and placed in every carriage and coach displaying a phone number to contact when people are feeling vulnerable whilst travelling on public transport in Victoria, bearing 257 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — WHITTLESEA-YEA ROAD BETWEEN FLOWERDALE AND KINGLAKE WEST** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — INCREASED SAFETY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2023–24 financial and performance outcomes, together with transcripts of evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Recycling Resources from Waste — Ordered to be published
Results of 2023–24 Audits: Local Government — Ordered to be published

Judicial Entitlements Panel — Advisory Opinion to the Attorney-General February 2025

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by members of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Returns 4 March 2025 — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2024–25 Budget Estimates

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions Planning Scheme — VC276

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 13

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2024 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*.

6 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Chris Crewther and Meng Heang Tak from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee, both effective from 2 April 2025.

7 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That John Lister and Rachel Westaway be members of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

8 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers an inquiry into cults and organised fringe groups in Victoria, the methods used to recruit and control their members and the impacts of coercive control to the

Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 13 May 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

11 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government explains the true costs of the extension of the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program from 2030 until 2045, guarantees no further instances of rorts, waste and exploitative practices will occur and concludes the ongoing strategic review of the VEU program.' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2025 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman;

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

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until details of the consultation on the *Domestic*

Building Contracts Act 1995, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment No 1 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 121, 122 and 123

No 121 — Tuesday 13 May 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 3 April 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Serious Offenders Act 2018****, the* ***Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*** *and the* ***Corrections Act 1986*** *and for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Road Management Act 2004****, the* ***Port Management Act 1995****, the* ***Marine Safety Act 2010****, the* ***Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988****, the* ***Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014****, the* ***Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983****, the* ***Transport Integration Act 2010*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **ACTING PUBLIC ADVOCATE** — The Speaker advised that, on 15 April 2025, she administered to Rosemary Therese Barker, the Acting Public Advocate, the oath required by s 14 of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2019*.

5 **IBAC DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 12 May 2025, she administered to Colleen Lynette Bell, the Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

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

Maroondah Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fulfill its election promises of 2018 and 2022, and deliver on the $1.05 billion promise given to the community, by rebuilding Maroondah Hospital from the ground up, bearing 140 signatures *(David Hodgett)*

Marlo Cape Conran shared pathway — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to honour the funding commitment and commence work as soon as possible on the Marlo Cape Conran shared bike and walking pathway, bearing 846 signatures *(Tim Bull)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — MARLO CAPE CONRAN SHARED PATHWAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — MAROONDAH HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — Report 2024 tabled by leave *(Ben Carroll)*.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE MODERNISATION OF THE WORKCOVER SCHEME — Final report tabled by leave *(Ben Carroll)*.

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into workplace surveillance together with an appendix, extracts from proceedings, a minority report and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix, extracts from proceedings and minority report ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 6 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Family Violence Protection Amendment Act 2025
Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025 (House Amendments)
Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025
Wrongs Amendment (Vicarious Liability) Bill 2025
SR No 90 — Credit Regulations 2024
SR No 92 — Local Government (Infringement Notices) Regulations 2024
SR No 102 — Road Safety (General) Amendment (Electric Scooters) Regulations 2024
SR No 113 — Plant Biosecurity Amendment Regulations 2024
SR No 124 — Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024
Australian Computer Society Incorporated Professional Standards Scheme
Notice of Declaration of the Kind of Insurance that is Excluded from the Definition of Business Insurance under Section 3(2A)
Practitioner Remuneration Order 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a special report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the implementation of Recommendation 60 of Volume 2 of the Inquiry into the conduct of the 2022 Victorian state election.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve

Deakin University — Report 2024

Federation University Australia — Report 2024

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the Report 2024 of Alpine Resorts Victoria, together with an explanation for the delay.

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 130/2024 *(Gazette S213, 30 April 2025)*

La Trobe University — Report 2024

Local Government Act 2020 — Order in Council — Suspension of an individual Councillor of Whittlesea City Council under s 229A

Monash University — Report 2024

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004:

WorkSafe compliance code for engineered stone
WorkSafe compliance code for metal casting

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

Bayside — C207, GC252
Benalla — C46
Brimbank — C243
Boroondara — GC252
Casey — GC237
Darebin — C227, GC252
Frankston — C160, GC252
Glen Eira — C273, GC252
Greater Dandenong — GC237
Hobsons Bay — GC237
Hume — C279, GC252
Kingston — C226, GC252

Knox — C202
Mansfield — C55
Maroondah — C160, GC252
Melbourne — GC237
Merri-bek — C234
Monash — GC252
Moonee Valley — GC252
Moorabool – C118
South Gippsland — C132
Stonnington — GC252
Towong — C40
Victoria Planning Provisions— VC251, VC280, VC281
Warrnambool – C213
Whittlesea — GC237, GC252
Wyndham — C272
Yarra — GC237

Professional Standards Act 2003:
The Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*
The New South Wales Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*
The Victorian Bar Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*
The Western Australia Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S207, 29 April 2025)*

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2024

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Audit Act 1994 — SR 23
Bail Act 1977 — SR 16
Marine (Drug, Alcohol and Pollution Control) Act 1988 — SR 25
Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024 — SR 17
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 15, 21
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 19, 20, 24
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 22
Wrongs Act 1958 — SR 18

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Gas Industry Act 2001 — Declaration of Gaseous Fuels 2025
Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe Meat Industry licensing and fees determination 2025
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe Seafood Safety licensing and fees determination 2025

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2024

University of Melbourne — Report 2024

Victoria University — Report 2024.

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

Agriculture and Food Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Whole Act — 17 April 2025 *(Gazette S182, 15 April 2025)*
Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Division 5 of Part 2 — 3 April 2025 *(Gazette S149, 1 April 2025)*.
Youth Justice Act 2024 — Parts 22.2 and 22.3 and Division 1 of Part 22.1 — 22 April 2025 *(Gazette S149, 1 April 2025)*.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025 without amendment.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 8 April 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Bill 2024
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2025.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 15 May 2025:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle;

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

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

18 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 122 — Wednesday 14 May 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Domestic Building Insurance — Ordered to be published
Quality of Victoria's Critical Data Assets — Ordered to be published

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2024

Box Hill Institute — Report 2024

Chisholm Institute — Report 2024

Gordon Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2024

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2024

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2024

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE) — Report 2024

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2024

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Wodonga Institute of TAFE — Report 2024.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025 without amendment.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 May 2025.

8 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 May 2025.

9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 20, 27 and 28 May 2025 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 27 May.

(2) The order of business to be:

Tuesday 20 May
Question time and constituency questions
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business

Tuesday 27 May
Formal business
Statements by members
Statements on committee reports
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business continued
Grievance debate (4.00 pm)
Government business continued

Wednesday 28 May
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business continued.

(3) In relation to the grievance debate:

(a) at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 27 May, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;

(b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:

(i) it will be completed without interruption and the result announced;

(ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);

(c) the Chair announces the grievance debate;

(d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the grievance debate, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

(4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 28 May —

(Steve Dimopoulos) — put and agreed to.

10 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Ben Carroll circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Agrees to freeze the average premium rate at 1.8 per cent for 2025–26 to provide certainty to Victorian employers;

(2) Consults with interested stakeholders and the public on proposed changes recommended by a WorkSafe review into Family Supports;

(3) Makes available all modelling prepared for the Legislative Impact Assessment for this Bill in relation to the additional costs and financial impact the Bill will have on employers and the WorkCover Scheme;

(4) Consults with industry to minimise fees for training for return to work co-ordinators; and

(5) Implements measures to prohibit entities responsible for corruption on Big Build and Victorian construction sites from becoming an approved training provider.' —

(Bridget Vallence) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Agrees to freeze the average premium rate at 1.8 per cent for 2025–26 to provide certainty to Victorian employers; (2) Consults with interested stakeholders and the public on proposed changes recommended by a WorkSafe review into Family Supports; (3) Makes available all modelling prepared for the Legislative Impact Assessment for this Bill in relation to the additional costs and financial impact the Bill will have on employers and the WorkCover Scheme; (4) Consults with industry to minimise fees for training for return to work co-ordinators; and

(5) Implements measures to prohibit entities responsible for corruption on Big Build and Victorian construction sites from becoming an approved training provider'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — HOMES FOR VICTORIANS** — The Speaker read Nina Taylor's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Opposition for failing to support reforms that deliver more homes for Victorians close to transport, jobs, schools and parks.'

Nina Taylor addressed the House — Discussion followed.

17 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 123 — Thursday 15 May 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Closure of Melbourne fisheries stations — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government not to close the five fisheries stations in Melbourne or cut 73 fisheries officers' jobs across the state, bearing 21,789 signatures *(Sam Groth)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — CLOSURE OF MELBOURNE FISHERIES STATIONS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rule 26 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009*.

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

6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That:

(1) So much of standing and sessional orders be suspended so as to allow on Tuesday 20 May 2025, following the introduction and motion for the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Bill:

(a) the Minister moving the second reading to retain their right to speak (for 15 minutes) on the question later in the debate;

(b) Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, be permitted to attend the House for the purpose of giving a speech of unlimited duration in relation to the Annual Appropriation Bill.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them that under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, approval has been granted for Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, to attend the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 20 May to give a speech on the Annual Appropriation Bill —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That:

After paragraph (1), insert '(1A) So much of standing and sessional orders be suspended so as to allow that, once the lead speaker for the Opposition has begun to speak on the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Bill, any interruptions of business are delayed until the speech has concluded.' *(Bridget Vallence)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put.

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch;

Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

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

7 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Bridget Vallence circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 13 May 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government: (1) Agrees to freeze the average premium rate at 1.8 per cent for 2025–26 to provide certainty to Victorian employers; (2) Consults with interested stakeholders and the public on proposed changes recommended by a WorkSafe review into Family Supports; (3) Makes available all modelling prepared for the Legislative Impact Assessment for this Bill in relation to the additional costs and financial impact the Bill will have on employers and the WorkCover Scheme; (4) Consults with industry to minimise fees for training for return to work co-ordinators; and (5) Implements measures to prohibit entities responsible for corruption on Big Build and Victorian construction sites from becoming an approved training provider'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendments Nos 1 to 19 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

13 **SPONSORING PETITION** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Shadow Minister for Equality for allowing his shadow colleagues to sponsor a petition attacking LGBTIQ+ people and calling for the cessation of the Rainbow Libraries Toolkit *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate, put and agreed to.

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 6 be postponed until later this day.

15 **HEALTH WORKFORCE** — Motion made and question — That this House acknowledges the massive investment of the Allan Labor Government in the health workforce, including: (1) Growing the workforce by more than 50 per cent; (2) Increasing nurse and midwife pay by 28.4 per cent; (3) Growing the on-road paramedic workforce by over 50 per cent; and (4) Upskilling thousands of health professionals *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Returning the Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 and suggesting amendments.

Ordered — That the suggested amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

17 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question proposed — That this House makes the suggested amendments *(Danny Pearson)* — and, after debate —

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly.

18 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 2.00 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 124

No 124 — Tuesday 20 May 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Financial Management Act 1994****, the* ***Constitution Act 1975*** *and the* ***Local Government Act 1989*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Act 2024****, the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000****, the* ***Land Tax Act 2005****, the* ***Payroll Tax Act 2007****, the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997****, the* ***Unclaimed Money Act 2008*** *and the* ***Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Ballantine Solar Farm at 280 Bengworden Road, Bairnsdale — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides an opportunity for the community to raise its concerns in relation to the Ballantine Solar Farm and the Minister provides an avenue to have these matters addressed before approval of the project, bearing 706 signatures *(Tim Bull)*

Reduce the speed limit on the main street of Heywood — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h in the main street of Heywood, bearing 35 signatures *(Roma Britnell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — BALLANTINE SOLAR FARM AT 280 BENGWORDEN ROAD, BAIRNSDALE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE MAIN STREET OF HEYWOOD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

BUDGET PAPERS 2025–26 —

2025–26 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer's Speech
2025–26 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program
2025–26 Budget Overview

tabled by leave *(Danny Pearson)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

2025–26 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook
2025–26 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery
2025–26 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)
2025–26 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement
2025–26 Department Performance Statement.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 including the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on the suggestion of the Legislative Council without further amendment.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025 without amendment.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, today, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2025
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2025/2026.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

14 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2025/2026 and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

In accordance with the resolution of the House on 15 May 2025, the Serjeant-at-Arms admitted the Treasurer, Jaclyn Symes, into the Chamber.

Jaclyn Symes delivered a speech in relation to the Bill.

The Serjeant-at-Arms escorted Jaclyn Symes from the Chamber.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 21 May 2025.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2025/2026.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

16 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2025/2026 and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Bridget Vallence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 21 May 2025.

17 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 27 May 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

19 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 be considered and completed by 7.00 pm today *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

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

21 **ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into how students can be better supported with advice and pathways for jobs in in-demand industries, including through TAFE and other vocational routes to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

22 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That this bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.05 pm under sessional orders.

23 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.35 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 125 and 126

No 125 — Tuesday 27 May 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 May 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of Victoria*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **CHIEF INTEGRITY INSPECTOR** — The Speaker advised that, on 20 May 2025, she administered to Louise Elizabeth MacLeod, the Chief Integrity Inspector of Integrity Oversight Victoria, the affirmation required by s 26 of the *Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011*.

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

City of Melton policing needs — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently review the City of Melton's policing needs and begin planning and delivering a new police station in Cobblebank, Strathtulloh, Thornhill Park, Rockbank, or Mount Atkinson Estate to ensure the safety and security of those communities, bearing 1120 signatures *(Steve McGhie)*

Regulating and policing of jet skis — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement regulatory reform and increase police patrols around the usage of jet skis and their impact on the safety of coastal communities, bearing 1027 signatures *(Sam Groth)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — REGULATING AND POLICING OF JET SKIS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — CITY OF MELTON POLICING NEEDS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Steve McGhie)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 7 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025
Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Act 2025 (House Amendments)
Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 (House Amendments)
Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

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

Brimbank — C241
Greater Geelong — C466
Greater Shepparton — C252
Kingston — C225
Melbourne — C481
Mornington Peninsula — C256

Statutory Rule 30 under the *Magistrates' Court Act 1989*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 23, 27 and 30

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Report 1 July to 31 December 2023 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 5 *(Gazette S186, 15 April 2025)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 6 *(Gazette S235, 19 May 2025)*.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Roads and Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2024 — Division 1 of Part 2 and Division 5 of Part 3 — 16 June 2025 *(Gazette S239, 20 May 2025)*.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, today, given the royal assent to the Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025, presented to him by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 28 May 2025:

State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025
Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

12 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

[The Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 11.00 am and the Acting Speaker resumed it at 11.28 am]

Members made further statements on committee reports.

13 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 28 May 2025.

14 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 10 June 2025.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025.

16 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

19 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 14 May 2025.

20 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

21 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

22 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

23 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

24 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

25 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 126 — Wednesday 28 May 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT (MACHETE BAN) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Caulfield introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Control of Weapons Act 1990*** *and the* ***Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025*** *and for other purposes*' *(David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 27

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

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

The Orange Door: Follow-up — Ordered to be published
Work-related Violence in Government Schools — Ordered to be published

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Chief Officer report 2023–24 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Aboriginal Lands Act 1970 — SR 29
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 28
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 27

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 29.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.

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

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 17 June 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 11 June 2025.

8 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 27 May 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **APPROPRIATION (2025–2026) BILL 2025 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2025–2026) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.01 pm under the resolution of the House on 14 May 2025.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 127, 128, 129 and 130

No 127 — Tuesday 17 June 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 28 May 2025 — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF ESMOND JULIAN CURNOW** — The Deputy Speaker announced the death of Esmond Julian Curnow, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Kara Kara from 1970 to 1976; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE DR RACE MATHEWS** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Dr Race Mathews and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Oakleigh from 1979 to 1992, Minister for Community Services from 1987 to 1988, Minister for Police and Emergency Services from 1982 to 1987 and Minister for the Arts from 1982 to 1987 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Dr Race Mathews, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.48 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 128 — Tuesday 17 June 2025
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Deputy Speaker informed the House that, under s 18 of the *Parliamentary Administration Act 2005*, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has appointed Paul Groenewegen to be Assistant Clerk Committees, and Joel Hallinan to be Assistant Clerk Procedure and Serjeant-at-Arms, effective 2 June 2025.

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

Flood overlays — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to — (a) review and revise flood overlay conditions in East Victoria including Loch Sport; (b) introduce a tiered approach to flood risk management; and (c) provide support for property owners and businesses affected by the flood overlay conditions, bearing 4335 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*

Driver licence age — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Road Safety Act 1986* to allow those who have completed all relevant tests and qualifications to apply for a driver licence from 17 years of age, bearing 176 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Right to housing — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* to include the right to housing, bearing 624 signatures *(Will Fowles).*

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — RIGHT TO HOUSING** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ringwood be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Will Fowles)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — FLOOD OVERLAYS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — DRIVER LICENCE AGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

10 **DOCUMENTS**

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Performance of the Victorian Integrity Agencies 2022–23, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE — Pauline Richards tabled Interim report 2 from the Standing Orders Committee on including sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 8 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025 (House Amendments)
Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (House Amendments)
Retirement Villages Amendment Act 2025 (House Amendments)
State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025
Statute Law Revision Bill 2025
Wrongs Amendment (Vicarious Liability) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Essential Services Commission — Report on the Port of Melbourne Market Rent Inquiry 2025

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 4/2025 *(Gazette G22, 29 May 2025)*

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

Boroondara — C398
Brimbank — C244
Darebin — C210
Glen Eira — C267
Greater Bendigo — C263
Greater Geelong — C475, C478
Melbourne — C480

Moyne — C83
Port Phillip — C223, C226
Queenscliffe — C40
Whitehorse — C258
Yarra Ranges — C207

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 — SR 46
Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — SR 41
Electricity Safety Act 1998 — SR 40
Forests Act 1958 — SRs 34, 42
Freedom of Information Act 1982 — SR 32
Land Act 1958 — SR 43
Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — SR 33
Meat Industry Act 1993 — SR 31
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 47
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 44
Partnership Act 1958 — SR 39
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 36
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 37, 48
Surveying Act 2004 — SR 35
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 38
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 45

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Dairy Act 2000 — Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses 2025
Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Ministerial Order No 1468 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1125 — Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students in Government Schools

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 7/2025 *(Gazette S259, 28 May 2025)*.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025 without amendment.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 3 June 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025
Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Bill 2024
Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2024.

14 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 19 June 2025:

Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 129 — Wednesday 18 June 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Colin Brooks introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995****, the* ***Building Act 1993****, the* ***Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012*** *and the* ***Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mt Doran Battery Energy Storage System — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly strongly urges the Government to reject the planning application for the Mt Doran Battery Energy Storage System, bearing 155 signatures *(Michaela Settle)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Annual Plan 2025–26
Contractors and Consultants: Management — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 39 and 57.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

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

9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

10 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2025.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — that so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow only members who did not speak on the second reading debate on the Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025 to speak on the motion to take note of the 2025–26 budget papers *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

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

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

12 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** — The Deputy Speaker read James Newbury's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for a decade of debt, deficits, infrastructure blow-outs and mismanagement that has driven Victoria into a deepening cost-of-living crisis, due to:

(1) Delivering reckless and irresponsible budgets that leave families worse off, underfund essential services, and push our state further into debt;

(2) Running cash deficits and driving net debt to $194 billion by 2028–29, with Victorians then paying $28.9 million in interest every single day;

(3) Wasting more than $1.2 million every hour on interest payments, money that should be going to important services like nurses, teachers and police;

(4) Imposing or increasing more than 60 taxes since Labor came to office;

(5) Overseeing a record high unemployment rate for 14 consecutive months; and

(6) Allowing electricity prices in Melbourne to rise by 16.2 per cent in just one quarter, seven times the overall CPI increase.'

James Newbury addressed the House — Discussion followed.

17 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 130 — Thursday 19 June 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Drought in North-East Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly declares a drought in North-East Victoria, including the Benalla, Strathbogie, Mitchell, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, Campaspe, Alpine, Wangaratta and Mansfield council areas, ensuring that support and funding opportunities are made available to farmers in these regions, bearing 6413 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — DROUGHT IN NORTH-EAST VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Jade Benham)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY VISITORS REPORT 2023–24 — Tabled by leave *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — Report 2024, Domain 1 to 6 Data Tables and Victorian 2024 Closing the Gap Tables tabled by leave *(Natalie Hutchins).*

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

HealthShare Victoria Procurement — Ordered to be published
Results of 2024 Audits: TAFEs and Universities — Ordered to be published

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Report to the Minister for Police under s 70O of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*
Report to the Minister for Police under s 174B of the *Firearms Act 1996* — Ordered to be published

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Annual Plan 2025–26 — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 40 *(Gazette S313, 18 June 2025)*

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 — Victorian Government report on Multicultural Affairs 2024–24

Parliamentary Budget Office — Operational Plan 2025–26

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 46, 47 and 49

Queen Elizabeth Centre (QEC) — Report 2023–24.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 18 June 2025, given the royal assent to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 29 July 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 July 2025.

9 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Colin Brooks tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Colin Brooks)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 July 2025.

10 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Nick Staikos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 July 2025.

11 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Returning the State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025 and suggesting amendments.

Ordered — That the suggested amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

16 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that this House makes the suggested amendments *(Colin Brooks)* — and, after debate —

Question — that suggested amendment No 1 be made — put and agreed to.

Question — that suggested amendments Nos 2 and 3 be made — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly.

17 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 June 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 131, 132, 133 and 134

No 131 — Tuesday 29 July 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 June 2025 — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE BRIAN JAMES DIXON** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death 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 Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of St Kilda from 1964 to 1982 and Minister for Employment and Training from 1981 to 1982, Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation from 1973 to 1982, Minister of Housing from 1979 to 1981, Minister of Social Welfare from 1976 to 1979 and Assistant Minister of Education from 1973 to 1976 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Brian James Dixon, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.51 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 132 — Tuesday 29 July 2025
(2.00 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (SAFETY OF CHILDREN) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce '*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*' *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 32

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

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Act 1977** and the **Summary Offences Act 1966** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Albury Wodonga Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit to working with the NSW and Federal Governments to fully fund a single-site Albury Wodonga hospital to meet the 2021 Clinical Services Plan and provide immediate healthcare improvements to the Corowa and Urana hospitals, bearing 645 signatures *(Bill Tilley)*

Anniversary Trail bridge — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Victorian Government to proceed with the design and construction of the community-preferred solution for a bridge over Toorak Road for the Anniversary Trail meeting accessibility and path design standards, including safety improvements to the existing rail crossing to the north, bearing 23 signatures *(John Pesutto)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — ANNIVERSARY TRAIL BRIDGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn be taken into consideration tomorrow *(John Pesutto)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — ALBURY WODONGA HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Benambra be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Bill Tilley)* — put and agreed to.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025
Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025
Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025
State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025
State Taxation Acts Amendment Act 2025 (House Amendments)
SR No 125 — Firearms Amendment Regulations 2024
SR No 129 — Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Ticketing) Amendment Regulations 2024
SR No 130 — Residential Tenancies and Residential Tenancies (Rooming House Standards) Amendment (Minimum Energy Efficiency and Safety Standards) Regulations 2024

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Developing Fishermans Bend — released on 26 June 2025

Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Alexandra Gardens Reserve

Integrity Oversight Victoria:

Inspection Report September 2023 to April 2024 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*
Inspection Report May 2024 to October 2024 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2025–26 — released on 25 June 2025

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

Alpine — C70
Bayside — GC244
Boroondara — C386, C388, GC265
Casey — C284, GC238
Corangamite — C65
Darebin — GC238
Frankston —GC238, GC265
Glen Eira — C251, GC226
Greater Dandenong — GC226, GC238
Greater Geelong — C387, C468
Greater Shepparton — C117
Hobsons Bay — C137, GC238
Hume — GC238, GC265
Kingston — C229, GC226, GC244
Knox — C184
Macedon Ranges — C154
Maroondah — C148, GC265
Melbourne — C403, C405, C478
Melton — C231, C243
Monash — C179, GC226, GC244
Moonee Valley — GC238, GC265
Moorabool — C112
Mornington Peninsula — C304, C309, C310
Stonnington — GC238, GC265
Swan Hill — C79
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC258, VC275, VC286
Warrnambool — C219
Whitehorse — GC244
Whittlesea — C269, GC265
Yarra —C332
Yarra Ranges — C223

Professional Standards Act 2003 — The CPA Australia Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S315, 19 June 2025)*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008 — SR 69
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 62
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 68
Court Security Act 1980 — SR 61
Crime Statistics Act 2014 — SR 65
Emergency Management Act 2013 — SR 50

First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000 — SR 58
Gene Technology Act 2001 — SR 51
Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Act 2004 — SR 49
Marine and Coastal Act 2018 — SR 70
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 64
Port Management Act 1995 — SR 54
Private Security Act 2004 — SR 53
Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 66
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 63
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 67
Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — SR 60
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 56, 57
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 52
Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014 — SR 55
Water Act 1989 — SR 59

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68
Documents under s 16B in relation to the:
Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — Code of Practice for Bushfire Management on Public Land 2025
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Ministerial Direction on the Preparation and Content of Green Wedge Management Plans
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 — Order Making Declaration under Section 12B(1)

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2025

Yoorrook Justice Commission:

Third Interim Report (six volumes) — released on 1 July 2025
Final Report: Truth be told — released on 1 July 2025.

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

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025 — Parts 1 and 2, s 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)*.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025 including the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on the suggestion of the Legislative Council without further amendment.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS — APPROPRIATION BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 June 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Appropriation (2025–2026) Bill 2025
Appropriation (Parliament 2025–2026) Bill 2025.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 June 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
State Taxation Acts Amendment Bill 2025.

14 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025.

15 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — The Deputy Speaker announced that he had received the resignation of Kim Wells from the Privileges Committee, effective from today.

16 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 31 July 2025:

Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025
Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

18 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

(1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and

(2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill' —

(Jess Wilson) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 133 — Wednesday 30 July 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*** *to further provide for the administration of medication to residents in aged care and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Delivering Savings Under the COVID Debt Repayment Plan — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 63 *(Gazette G30, 24 July 2025).*

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025.

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

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 August 2025.

8 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — INVESTMENT IN PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES** — The Deputy Speaker read Gary Maas's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the importance of investing in projects and government services that:

(a) do not just create more jobs, but provide well-paid and secure jobs;

(b) give families the flexibility they deserve while supporting work-life balance; and

(c) strengthen workers' rights so workers and their families can build a better future.'

Gary Maas addressed the House — Discussion followed.

13 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

No 134 — Thursday 31 July 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Victoria's roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and maintenance to fix Victoria's roads, bearing 552 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — VICTORIA'S ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report year ended 31 March 2025

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Country Fire Authority Act 1958 — SR 72
Worker Screening Act 2020 — SR 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).*

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply.

5 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Richard Riordan be a member of the Privileges Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 12 August 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 14 August 2025.

9 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 28

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

NOES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Pauline Richards)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 29 July 2025 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (PERFORMANCE CRIME) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson;

Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **LOCAL JOBS FIRST AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government — (1) Addresses the potential financial impact on Victorian businesses, particularly small operators in rural and regional areas; and (2) Provides a forecast of the budget impact of the measures contained in this Bill'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.43 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 135, 136 and 137

No 135 — Tuesday 12 August 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 31 July 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Domestic Animals Act 1994*** *in relation to the rehoming of dogs and cats and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025
Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Right to Housing) Bill 2025
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025
Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

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

Alexandra Park Reserve and Kings Domain Reserve
Tooradin Foreshore Reserve

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 50 *(Gazette S398, 1 August 2025)*

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

Ballarat — C263
Buloke — GC262
Gannawarra — GC262
Greater Geelong — C465
Hindmarsh — GC262
Horsham — GC262
Macedon Ranges — C160
Mitchell — C158, C161, C175
Monash — C180
Nillumbik — C149
Northern Grampians — GC262
Swan Hill — GC262
Victorian Planning Provisions — VC282
Whittlesea — C289
Yarriambiack — GC262

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 — SR 74
Powers of Attorney Act 2014 — SR 73

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 53, 69, 71, 72, 75.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with an amendment.

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

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 August 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025.

7 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 14 August 2025:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025
Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

9 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 136 — Wednesday 13 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Australian Grands Prix Act 1994*** *in relation to the race period, the definition of* ***grand prix insignia****, acting appointments and public access areas, to provide for the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to host approved events and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **SAFER PROTEST WITH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A BAN ON FACE COVERINGS BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Caulfield introduce '*A Bill for an Act to provide for the registration and authorisation of public protests, to give legal protection to persons who participate in authorised public protests, to provide for prohibition orders and exclusion orders, to prohibit the wearing of face coverings at public protests, to consequentially amend the* ***Summary Offences Act 1966****, and for other purposes*' *(David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway.

NOES 51

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle;

Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Planned Surgery in Victoria — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule 75 under the *County Court Act 1958*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 76.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 27 August 2025.

10 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government:

(a) urgently provides Victoria Police and Corrections Victoria with all resources necessary to implement this Bill without further delay; and

(b) adopts the Liberal and National Parties' Break Bail Face Jail policy to ensure that Victoria's bail laws do not continue to fail to protect community safety' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

15 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Motion made and question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 137 — Thursday 14 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 70.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 26 August 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 August 2025.

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 2 be postponed until later this day.

7 **PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That Daniela De Martino, John Mullahy and Kim Wells be members of the Parliamentary Ethics Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 78

Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

8 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

13 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 August 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Allan Labor Government — (a) urgently provides Victoria Police and Corrections Victoria with all resources necessary to implement this Bill without further delay; and (b) adopts the Liberal and National Parties' Break Bail Face Jail policy to ensure that Victoria's bail laws do not continue to fail to protect community safety'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 51

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 73

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
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MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 138, 139 and 140

No 138 — Tuesday 26 August 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 14 August 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Casino Control Act 1991*** *and the* ***Gambling Regulation Act 2003*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Worker Screening Act 2020*** *in relation to working with children and the time limit for prosecuting certain offences and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

4 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Beaconsfield Reservoir — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly asks the Government and Melbourne Water to maintain Beaconsfield Reservoir's current water level, retain the current height of the dam wall, open the surrounding land to the public and turn the reserve into a public park, bearing 3706 signatures *(Brad Battin)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — BEACONSFIELD RESERVOIR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Berwick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Brad Battin)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 11 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Australian Grands Prix Amendment Bill 2025
Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025
Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment (Reporting of Guardianship and Administration Proceedings) Bill 2025
Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025
Worker Screening Amendment (Safety of Children) Bill 2025
SR No 9 — Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 26 — Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Regulations 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Essential Services Commission — Accident Towing Fees Review 2025 — Final report and recommendations under s 212G of the *Accident Towing Services Act 2007*

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 February to 30 June 2025 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

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

Ballarat — C243 Part 1
Bass Coast — C169, GC189
Boroondara — C405
Greater Geelong — C432
Greater Shepparton — C243
Kingston — C228
Knox — GC189
Latrobe — GC189
Mitchell — C177, GC249
Queenscliffe — C41
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC279, VC290

Whittlesea — GC249
Wyndham — GC189

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 76
Local Government Act 1989 — SR 77

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 73, 74, 77
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Ministerial Order No 1478 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1228 — Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees.

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

Bail Amendment Act 2025 — ss 11 and 12 — 26 August 2025 *(Gazette S436, 19 August 2025)*
Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025 — s 54A — 1 September 2025 *(Gazette S436, 19 August 2025).*

7 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 19 August 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Corrections Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Bill 2025
Financial Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Bill 2025
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Australian Grands Prix Amendment Bill 2025
Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 28 August 2025:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025
Statute Law Revision Bill 2025
Australian Grands Prix Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

12 **WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **WORKER SCREENING AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING THE WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, immediately read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Nina Taylor)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

17 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 8.57 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 139 — Wednesday 27 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 — Advancing the Victorian Treaty Process — Report 2024–25

Auditor-General — Financial Management of Local Councils — Ordered to be published

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria — Report 2024–25.

3 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Bill 2025
Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 10 September 2025.

7 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — CRIME IN VICTORIA** — The Deputy Speaker read David Southwick's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for its failure to address Victoria's crime crisis, leaving communities unsafe and lives at risk, that includes:

(a) the recent spate of violent knife attacks and home invasions across Victoria;

(b) the disturbing rise in aggravated burglaries targeting supermarkets and small businesses, causing significant damage, loss and leaving workers traumatised;

(c) the chronic shortage of frontline police with 2000 members short, 41 police stations closed or operating at reduced hours, and police budgets cut; and

(d) the lack of consequences for repeat violent offenders, with the Government's refusal to adopt the Liberal-Nationals' Break Bail, Face Jail policy.'

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

13 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had today given the royal assent to the Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Bill 2025, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

15 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7:26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 140 — Thursday 28 August 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Orders for:

New Orleans Pelicans v Melbourne United (3 October 2025)
New Orleans Pelicans v South East Melbourne Phoenix (5 October 2025)

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

Baw Baw — C151
Bayside — C209
Boroondara — C420
Campaspe — C127
Maroondah — C153

Stonnington — C353

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 82.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 9 September 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

6 **QUESTION TIME**.

7 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

8 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Nick Staikos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 2 and Order of the Day, No 3 be postponed until later this day.

10 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 26 August 2025 had expired.

11 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 75

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT (MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.38 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 141, 142 and 143

No 141 — Tuesday 9 September 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 28 August 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIA POLICE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that this House:

(a) expresses its deepest sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart who were tragically killed in the line of duty, alongside another officer who was seriously injured and is still recovering, in Porepunkah on 26 August 2025;

(b) pays tribute to their exceptional courage, dedication and sacrifice; and

(c) honours their unwavering commitment to serving and protecting their community —

(Jacinta Allan) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 1.27 pm and resumed it 2.00 pm]

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

3 **QUESTION TIME**.

Member named and suspended — The Member for Berwick *(Brad Battin)* having been named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair —

Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick *(Brad Battin)* be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the day's sitting *(Ben Carroll)* — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny;

Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Brad Battin accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Question time continued.

4 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

5 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Jacinta Allan introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish a First Peoples' representative and deliberative body named Gellung Warl, to amend the* ***Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018*** *and the* ***Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act 2022****, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes*'; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Jacinta Allan tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Jacinta Allan)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 23 September 2025.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mining exploration application licence EL008505 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly bans any mining exploration or the placement of a mine within mining exploration application licence EL008505 near Strathfieldsaye, bearing 314 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — MINING EXPLORATION APPLICATION LICENCE EL008505** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (House Amendments)
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025
Safer Protest with a Registration System and a Ban on Face Coverings Bill 2025
Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the year ended 30 June 2025

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Alexandra Gardens Reserve
Princes Park Reserve
Orders under s 17D granting leases over:
Batman Park
Old Springfield Cheese Factory Reserve

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Direction of the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation under s 3.8A.13A

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 72 *(Gazette G35, 28 August 2025)*

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

Greater Shepparton — C246
Macedon Ranges — C161
Port Phillip — C229
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC268, VC283

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Adoption Act 1984 — SR 84
Aged Care Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision-maker Act 2024 — SR 86
Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — SR 87
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 81
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 83
Spent Convictions Act 2021 — SR 78
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 84, 85
Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — SR 79
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 82
Youth Justice Act 2024 — SR 80

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 31, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* — Direction of the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation under s 3.8A.13A.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2025 — Divisions 2, 4 and 5 of Part 2 — 9 September 2025 *(Gazette S455, 26 August 2025).*

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 2 September 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Further Amendment Bill 2025
Wage Theft Amendment Bill 2025.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 11 September 2025:

Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Budget Papers — motion
Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

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

14 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID STAGE 2 REFORM) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — and, after debate —

Question — that the Legislative Council's amendment No 1 be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — that the Legislative Council's amendment No 2 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 3 to 5 inclusive be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 6 to 10 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment Nos 11 to 21 inclusive be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025 without amendment.

16 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 142 — Wednesday 10 September 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Carlton (Recreation Ground) Land Act 1966****, the* ***Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978****, the* ***Forests Act 1958****, the* ***Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020****, the* ***Heritage Rivers Act 1992****, the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990****, the* ***National Parks Act 1975*** *and the* ***St. Kilda Land Act 1965*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022*** *in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, information sharing and other matters, to amend the* ***Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997*** *to abolish the Forensic Leave Panel and to provide for the functions and powers of the Mental Health Tribunal under that Act, to amend the* ***Freedom of Information Act 1982*** *in relation to the Mental Health Tribunal, to amend the* ***Health Services Act 1988*** *in relation to information sharing and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002****, the* ***Building Act 1993****, the* ***Environment Effects Act 1978****, the* ***Heritage Act 2017*** *and the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2025 — Ordered to be published.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Bridget Vallence)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 26

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

NOES 50

Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Vicki Ward)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN HOUSING** — The Speaker read John Lister's proposal to the House —

'That this House affirms the importance of housing to Victorians, and supports the Allan Labor Government's target of 800,000 homes over 10 years, the reforms underpinning it and the skilled workforce that will deliver it.'

John Lister addressed the House — Discussion followed.

14 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Debate continued on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 143 — Thursday 11 September 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (GROUP VOTING AND VOTE COUNTING) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brunswick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** to abolish group voting tickets in Council elections, to change the way surplus votes are counted in Council elections and for other purposes*' *(Tim Read)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 48

Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan 2025–26 — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2023–24 Financial and Performance Outcomes

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission (PWSIC) — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 65

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — 2024 report on the Operation of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* — Ordered to be published

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2024–25.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 14 October 2025 *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2025.

7 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2025.

8 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Danny Pearson made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 25 September 2025.

9 **ORDERS OF THE DAY DISCHARGED** — Motion made and question — That:

(a) the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be read and discharged:

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2024 — Second reading — Resumption of debate and that the Bill be withdrawn;

(b) the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be read and discharged:

Health workforce — That this House acknowledges the massive investment of the Allan Labor Government in the health workforce, including — (1) Growing the workforce by more than 50 per cent; (2) Increasing nurse and midwife pay by 28.4 per cent; (3) Growing the on-road paramedic workforce by over 50 per cent; and (4) Upskilling thousands of health professionals — Resumption of debate;

Commitment to working families — That this House recognises the Allan Labor Government's commitment to working families by expanding free breakfast clubs, saving parents $400 through the School Saving Bonus, and extending the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, ensuring every student has access to essential programs, no matter their circumstances — Resumption of debate —

(Danny Pearson) — after debate, put and agreed to.

10 **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That, effective from 13 October 2025, this House:

(a) adopts the proposed amendments to standing and sessional orders as detailed in Appendix B as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee's *Interim report 2 on the Inquiry into including sessional orders and ongoing resolutions in the standing orders, June 2025*; and

(b) deletes existing SO 52.

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate, put and agreed to.

11 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

16 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to allow the following arrangements to apply on Tuesday 14 October 2025:

(1) At the break of business immediately after Statements by Members, the Chair will direct the Clerk to ring the bells for one minute to call members to the Chamber;

(2) Once the bells have finished ringing, the Chair will invite Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa and Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Ngarra Murray, elected Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and Gunditjmara man, Rueben Berg, elected Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria to attend on the floor of the House;

(3) The visitors may carry into the House possum skin cloaks, wooden message sticks, wooden digging sticks, and other objects or artefacts approved by the Speaker;

(4) The Chair will invite Co-Chair Murray and Co-Chair Berg to address the House in English and Aboriginal languages to explain what the treaty process means to them, their families and Victorian Aboriginal communities and how it may support reconciliation to benefit all Victorians;

(5) During the addresses, one of the visitors will read out the names of members of the First Peoples' Assembly —

(a) the names of the members of the First Peoples' Assembly must be provided to the Speaker at least one day in advance;

(b) after their name is read out, each member of the First Peoples' Assembly may attend on the floor of the House entering via the door closest to the bar of the House, walking directly through the Chamber and exiting via the door behind the Chair;

(c) members of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria may carry with them possum skin cloaks, wooden message sticks, and wooden digging sticks, and other objects or artefacts approved by the Speaker, and they may clap their objects or artefacts as they walk through the Chamber;

(6) At the conclusion of the addresses, the visitors will leave the floor of the House; and

(7) The House will immediately proceed with Government Business —

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate, put and agreed to.

17 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 7 be postponed until later this day.

18 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2025–26 budget papers; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 9 September 2025 had expired.

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

19 **CASINO AND GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 73

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.06 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 144, 145 and 146

No 144 — Tuesday 14 October 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 11 September 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017*** *to improve the experience of voluntary assisted dying, to consequentially amend other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Reform Act 2024****, the* ***Congestion Levy Act 2005****, the* ***Duties Act 2000****, the* ***First Home Owner Grant and Home Buyer Schemes Act 2000****, the* ***Land Tax Act 2005****, the* ***Limitation of Actions Act 1958****, the* ***Taxation Administration Act 1997****, the* ***Building Act 1993*** *and the* ***Domestic Animals Act 1994****, to repeal the* ***Taxation (Interest on Overpayments) Act 1986*** *and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced 'A Bill *for an Act to amend the* ***Labour Hire Licensing Act 2018*** *in relation to the meaning of labour hire services, fit and proper persons, monitoring, investigation and enforcement powers and information sharing and the* ***Workforce Inspectorate Victoria Act 2020*** *in relation to causing or threatening to cause detriment and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Bus Safety Act 2009****, the* ***Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017*** *and the* ***Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Animal care and protection legislation — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly introduces the Animal Care and Protection Bill in Parliament as soon as possible, bearing 3314 signatures *(Paul Mercurio)*

Future Homes planning permit application in Rosanna — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to reject the Future Homes planning permit application for 125 Mountain View Parade, Rosanna 3084 (ref: P137/205, P1135/2024) and to initiate a comprehensive, transparent review of the Future Homes program, bearing 900 signatures *(Anthony Carbines)*

Planning Permit in Windsor — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning and Stonnington City Council to withdraw Planning Permit 0687/24 for 1 Duke Street, Windsor, bearing 99 signatures *(Rachel Westaway).*

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — ANIMAL CARE AND PROTECTION LEGISLATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hastings be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Paul Mercurio)* — put and agreed to.

8 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Deputy Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I discharge Jackson Taylor from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, and 6 February, 14 May and 30 July 2024.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
14 October 2025

9 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 13 of 2025 Volumes A and B from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Volume A:
Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Statewide Treaty Bill 2025
SR No 42 — Forests (Tour Operator Licence Fee) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 43 — Land (Tour Operator Licence Fee) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 47 — Mental Health and Wellbeing Amendment (Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service) Regulations 2025
SR No 48 — Subordinate Legislation (Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015) Extension Regulations 2025
Ministerial Order 1468 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 1125 — Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students in Government Schools
Volume B:
Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025

Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025

together with appendices and a minority report.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Revised report on the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office year ended 30 June 2025

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Albert Park

Inquiries Act 2014 — Report of the Board of Inquiry into the McCrae landslide — released on 9 October 2025

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984:

Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 31 (*Gazette G37, 11 September 2025*)
Notice under s 32(4)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 47/2021 (*Gazette G41, 9 October 2025*)

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Local Government Act 2020 — Final report of the Commission of Inquiry into Whittlesea City Council — Ordered to be published

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — Psychological Health Compliance Code and related documents under s 151

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission — Matter involving the Member for Western Victoria Region and the Member for Warrandyte District — released on 24 September 2025

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

Ballarat — C240, C252
Bayside — C192
Boroondara — C419
Casey — C286
Darebin — C225
Frankston — C161
Glen Eira — C274, C275
Greater Geelong — C481
Horsham — C89
Hume — C273, C274, C280, GC261

Knox — GC261
Latrobe — C149, GC217
Melbourne — C426, C486
Melton — GC261
Merri-bek —C231
South Gippsland — GC217
Surf Coast — C149
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC288, VC289, VC292
Wyndham — C281, GC261
Yarra — C317
Yarriambiack — C34

Road Safety Camera Commissioner — Report 2024–25

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Accident Towing Services Act 2007 — SR 97
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — SR 88
Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 — SR 92
Confiscation Act 1997 — SR 90
Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 — SR 95
EastLink Project Act 2004 — SR 98
Food Act 1984 — SR 96
Improving Cancer Outcomes Act 2014 — SR 89
Melbourne City Link Act 1995 — SR 99
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 103
Road Management Act 2004 — SR 100
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 101, 102
Serious Offenders Act 2018 — SR 94
Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 — SR 93
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 91

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 and 103
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — Notice to Fix Fees under section 73

Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) — Report on the 2024 local government elections

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Guidelines No 1/2025

Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) — Report of requests under s 10 of the *Dangerous Goods Act 1985*, s 11 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* and s 595 of the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013.*

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

Bail Further Amendment Act 2025 — Whole Act, other than Division 2 of Part 2 — 30 September 2025 *(Gazette S518, 23 September 2025)*
Corrections Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Remaining provisions — 11 September 2025 *(Gazette S488, 9 September 2025).*

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 16 September 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Domestic Building Contracts Amendment Bill 2025
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Medication Administration in Residential Aged Care) Bill 2025
National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025.

11 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Statewide Treaty Bill 2025.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 16 October 2025:

Statewide Treaty Bill 2025
Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025
—

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

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

14 **ADDRESSES BY THE FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY** — Under the resolution of the House on 11 September 2025, the Speaker welcomed Co-Chairs of the First Peoples' Assembly, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta, Dhudhuroa and Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Ngarra Murray and Gunditjmara man, Reuben Berg, and invited them to address the House.

The Co-Chairs read the names of members of the First Peoples' Assembly, who walked through the Chamber. The Co-Chairs then addressed the House.

The Speaker thanked the Co-Chairs and visitors for their attendance.

The Co-Chairs then withdrew from the Chamber.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Australian Grands Prix Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration tomorrow.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 10.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 145 — Wednesday 15 October 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997****, the* ***Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012****, the* ***Estate Agents Act 1980****, the* ***Owners Corporations Act 2006****, the* ***Conveyancers Act 2006*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Hope Street, Bunyip-Modella and Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Roads intersection — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently upgrade the Hope Street, Bunyip-Modella and Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Roads intersection, by installing traffic lights, a roundabout or other essential infrastructure, and conducting a safety audit, bearing 293 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — HOPE STREET, BUNYIP-MODELLA AND NAR NAR GOON-LONGWARRY ROADS INTERSECTION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Relief and Recovery Funding for the 2022 Floods — Ordered to be published
Report 2024–25

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2023–24

Financial Management Act 1994 — Financial Report for the State of Victoria 2024–25, incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 4 — Ordered to be published

Victorian Local Government Grants Commission — Allocation report year ended 31 August 2025.

6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 November to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 12 November.

(2) The order of business to be:

Wednesday 12 November
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*

Thursday 13 November
Formal business
Statements by members
Statements on committee reports
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business continued
Matter of public importance (4.00 pm)
Government business *continued*

(3) In relation to the matter of public importance:

(a) at 4.00 pm on Thursday 13 November, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;

(b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:

(i) it will be completed without interruption and the result announced;

(ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);

(c) the Chair announces the matter of public importance;

(d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the matter of public importance, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

(4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 7.00 pm on Thursday —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sam Groth)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 October 2025.

10 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 October 2025.

11 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 October 2025.

12 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days. Debate adjourned until 28 October 2025.

13 **AUSTRALIAN GRANDS PRIX BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

14 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

20 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

21 **PUBLIC ADVOCATE** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, today, the Speaker administered to Daniel Glenn Stubbs, the Public Advocate, the affirmation required by s 14 of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2019*.

22 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

23 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 8.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 146 — Thursday 16 October 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Game Management Authority — Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 105

Victoria Police — Report 2024–25 under s 37F of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2024–25 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2024–25 *(replacement for copy tabled on 11 September 2025).*

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 28 October 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

5 **RETURN OF LIVING HOSTAGES** — Motion made and question — That this House notes that Victoria welcomes:

(a) the return of the living hostages after 737 days;

(b) the ceasefire; and

(c) the renewed move towards peace in the Middle East —

(Jacinta Allan) — after debate, put and agreed to.

6 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Nick Staikos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Nick Staikos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 October 2025.

7 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

8 **QUESTION TIME**.

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

10 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted as two separate bills to:

(a) take into account stakeholder consultation on the impact of the establishment of the Mount Buangor, Pyrenees and Wombat-Lerderderg National Parks on traditional recreational activities, invasive species management, fire management and the rural economy; and

(b) retain the remaining provisions of the bill' —

(Cindy McLeish) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 14 October 2025 had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **STATEWIDE TREATY BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAIRER PAYMENTS ON JOBSITES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 147, 148 and 149

No 147 — Tuesday 28 October 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 16 October 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority, to provide for the Victorian Early Childhood Worker Register, to make related consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes.*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*** *to introduce a trailing liabilities scheme and require notice of change in control of certain declared mine licensees and to make consequential amendments to that Act and the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Act 2023*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987****, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986****, the* ***Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Intersection of Hamilton and High Streets, Broadford — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure traffic lights and pedestrian safety measures are implemented on the bridge at the intersection of Hamilton and High Streets, Broadford as a matter of priority, bearing 1161 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — INTERSECTION OF HAMILTON AND HIGH STREETS, BROADFORD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Annabelle Cleeland)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2025–26 Budget Estimates, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 14 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2025
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025
Statewide Treaty Bill 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2024–25

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 89 *(Gazette G42, 16 October 2025)*

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

Boroondara — C400
Darebin — C229
Greater Shepparton — C198
Hume — C278
Knox — C201
Mildura — C116
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC294, VC296
Whittlesea — C249, C286

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Report 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Recycling Victoria — Report 2024–25

Regional Development Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 107
County Court Act 1958 — SR 112
Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — SR 104
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 106
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 111
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — SR 108
Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — SR 105
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 110
West Gate Tunnel (Truck Bans and Traffic Management) Act 2019 — SR 109

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Essential Services Commission Act 2001 — Energy Retail Code of Practice (Energy Consumer Reforms) Amendment 2025

Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

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

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Act 2025 — Parts 9, 10 and 12 — 15 October 2025 *(Gazette S557, 14 October 2025)*
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment Act 2023 — Parts 1 and 3 — 20 October 2025 *(Gazette S557, 14 October 2025)*
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2025 — Division 1 of Part 6 — 20 November 2025 *(Gazette S576, 21 October 2025).*

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Statute Law Revision Bill 2025.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 21 October 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Australian Grands Prix Amendment Bill 2025
Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Statute Law Revision Bill 2025.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 30 October 2025:

Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

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

Question agreed to.

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

15 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

18 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Brad Rowswell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until adequate time is given to allow full consideration of the anticipated and unintended consequences of changes to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017*, and until further and broader consultation is undertaken' *(Iwan Walters)* — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Nathan Lambert circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Chris Crewther circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Gabrielle de Vietri circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Jess Wilson circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Daniela De Martino circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Under SO 64, Kathleen Matthews-Ward circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 66

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Bronwyn Halfpenny; Michaela Settle.

NOES 17

Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Daniela De Martino; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Michael O'Brien; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Natalie Suleyman; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Nicole Werner. Tellers: Chris Crewther; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 67

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Bronwyn Halfpenny; Michaela Settle.

NOES 16

Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Daniela De Martino; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Michael O'Brien; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Natalie Suleyman; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Nicole Werner. Tellers: Chris Crewther; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

Bill considered in detail *(see pp 743–56)*.

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

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Bill further considered in detail *(see pp 743–56)*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 2.07 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 148 — Wednesday 29 October 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons at work by regulating non-disclosure agreements relating to sexual harassment at work and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS — Reports 2024–25 of the Department of the Legislative Assembly and Department of Parliamentary Services tabled by leave *(Matt Fregon)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Cybersecurity of IT Servers — Ordered to be published

Commission for Children and Young People — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Disability Services Commissioner — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report 2024–25 — Ordered to be published

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Integrity Adviser — Report 2024–25

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Target 2024–25 Progress Report

Social Services Regulator — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 111

Victorian Disability Worker Commission and Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for further consideration of the Bill in detail.

Bill further considered in detail *(see pp 743–56)*.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Bill further considered in detail *(see pp 743–56)*.

Business interrupted at 4.05 pm under sessional orders.

10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — YOUTH CRIME CRISIS** — The Speaker read Nicole Werner's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes that the youth crime crisis across Victoria highlights the need for stronger laws, better policy, and greater investment to make communities safe again, and calls on the Government to:

(a) strengthen Victoria's justice system to ensure real consequences for repeat and violent offenders;

(b) acknowledge that the Government's failures have contributed to rising youth crime and reoffending; and

(c) invest in prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation programs that tackle the root causes of offending and create a pathway out of crime.'

Nicole Werner addressed the House — Discussion followed.

11 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Bill further considered in detail.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Bill further considered in detail, *(see pp 743–56)*, and agreed to without amendment.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 67

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 14

Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Crewther; David Hodgett; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Michael O'Brien; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Natalie Suleyman; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Nicole Werner. Tellers: Matthew Guy; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Nicole Werner)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 November 2025.

13 **VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Nicole Werner)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 November 2025.

14 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 November 2025.

15 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 November 2025.

16 **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (REHOMING CATS AND DOGS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Lily D'Ambrosio circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government publishes a comprehensive privacy impact assessment relating to the introduction and retention of audio recording, seeks legal advice about the Bill's compatibility with the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*, and ensures that appropriate privacy, data security, and legislative consistency safeguards are put in place' *(Sam Groth)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 9.10 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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The House started at 9.30 am.

` 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION — Report 2024–25 tabled by leave *(Sonya Kilkenny).*

Ordered to be published.

VICTORIA LAW FOUNDATION — Report 2024–25 tabled by leave *(Sonya Kilkenny).*

VICTORIAN VETERANS COUNCIL — Report 2024–25 tabled by leave *(Natalie Suleyman)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Adult, Community and Further Education Board — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Adult Parole Board Victoria — Report 2024–25

Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Albury Wodonga Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Alexandra District Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Alfred Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Alpine Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ambulance Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

AMES Australia — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Austin Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission:

Report 2023–24
Report 2024–25 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2024–25 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Barwon Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Barwon Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Bass Coast Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Beechworth Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Benalla Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Bendigo Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Boort District Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Casterton Memorial Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Cenitex — Report 2024–25

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Central Highlands Rural Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Cohuna District Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Colac Area Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Coliban Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Community Visitors — Report 2024–25 — Ordered to be published

Confiscation Act 1997 — Asset Confiscation Operations Report 2024–25

Consumer Affairs Victoria — Report 2024–25 — Ordered to be published

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Coroners Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Coronial Council of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Corryong Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Dairy Food Safety Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Development Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Dhelkaya Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Docklands Studio Melbourne Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

East Grampians Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

East Wimmera Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Eastern Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

EastLink Project Act 2004 — Order under ss 7(1) and 7(2)

Echuca Regional Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Education, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme (ESSSuper) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Department of:

Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt
Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Energy Safe Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Essential Services Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Families, Fairness and Housing, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Film Victoria (VicScreen) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Financial Management Act 1994:

Reports for the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the Reports 2024–25 of the:
Phytogene Pty Ltd
Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria
Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee
Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2024–25 of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
Report from the Minister for Health that she had received the Reports 2024–25 of the:
Mildura Cemeteries Trust
Victorian Pharmacy Authority
Report from the Minister for Housing and Building that she had received the Report 2024–25 of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria
Report from the Minister for the State Electricity Commission that she had received the Report 2023–24 of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria
Report from the Minister for Women that she had received the Report 2024–25 of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust
Report from the Minister for Veterans that she had received the Report 2024–25 of the Victorian Veterans Council

Firefighters Registration Board — Report 2024–25

Game Management Authority — Report 2024–25

Geelong Cemeteries Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — Report 2024–2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Goulburn-Murray Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Goulburn Valley Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Government Services, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Grampians Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority:

Report 2023–24, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt
Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Great Ocean Road Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Greyhound Racing Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Health, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Health Purchasing Victoria (HealthShare) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Heathcote Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Hesse Rural Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Heywood Rural Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission:

Report from 1 January to 31 December 2023 under s 464ZP of the *Crimes Act 1958*
Report 2024–25 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Infrastructure Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Inglewood and Districts Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Justice and Community Safety, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Kardinia Park Stadium Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Kerang District Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Kooweerup Regional Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Kyabram District Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Labour Hire Licensing Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Latrobe Regional Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2026

Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation — Report 2024–25

Library Board of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mallee Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mallee Track Health and Community Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mansfield District Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Health (Royal Melbourne Hospital) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Market Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Port Lessor Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Recital Centre — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Melbourne Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mercy Hospitals Victoria Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mildura Base Public Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority — Report 2024–25

Monash Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Moyne Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Museums Board of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator — Report 2024–25

National Parks Act 1975 — Report 2024–25 on the working of the Act

National Parks Advisory Council — Report 2024–25

National Rail Safety Regulator, Office of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

NCN Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

North Central Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

North East Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

North East Link State Tolling Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

North East Water — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Northeast Health Wangaratta — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Northern Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ombudsman — Report 2024–25

Omeo District Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Oral Health Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Orbost Regional Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Parks Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Peninsula Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Phillip Island Nature Parks — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Police Registration and Services Board — Report 2024–25

Port of Hastings Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Portable Long Service Benefits Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Portland District Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ports Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Post Sentence Authority — Report 2024–25

Premier and Cabinet, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

PrimeSafe — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Public Interest Monitor:

Report 2024–25
Report 2024–25 under s 64 of the *Human Source Management Act 2023*

Public Record Office Victoria — Report 2024–25

Queen Elizabeth Centre — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Remembrance Parks Central Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Respect Victoria — Report 2024–25

Robinvale District Health Services — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria) Pty Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria-VL) Pty Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rolling Stock (VL-1) Pty Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rolling Stock (VL-2) Pty Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rolling Stock (VL-3) Pty Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Royal Botanic Gardens Board — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Royal Children's Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Royal Women's Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Rural Northwest Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Safe Transport Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

SEC Energy Pty Ltd, SEC Infrastructure Pty Ltd and SEC Victoria Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25

Seymour Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Shrine of Remembrance Trustees — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

SmartSense Agtech Pty Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

South East Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

South Gippsland Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

South Gippsland Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

State Sport Centres Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

State Trustees Ltd — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Suburban Rail Loop Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Surveyor-General — Report 2024–25 on the administration of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1958*

Sustainability Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Swan Hill District Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Tallangatta Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Terang and Mortlake Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Timboon and District Healthcare Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Transport and Planning, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Treasury and Finance, Department of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Treasury Corporation of Victoria – Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Treaty Authority — Report 2024–25

Tweddle Child and Family Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

V/Line Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Review of the operation of the *Victims' Charter Act 2006* and its benefits for victims

Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme — Report 2024–25

Victoria Police:

Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt
Report 2024–25 under s 139A of the *Confiscation Act 1997*
Report 2024–25 under s 133 of the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012*
Report 2024–25 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*
Report 2024–25 under s 20R of the *Witness Protection Act 1991*

Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Arts Centre Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Building Authority — Report 2024–2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) — Report 2024–25

Victorian Convention and Event Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCCA) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2025 Prahran District and the Werribee District by-elections

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — Report 2024–25

Victorian Environmental Water Holder — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Funds Management Corporation (VFMC) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Government Purchasing Board — Report 2024–25

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Institute of Sport Trust — Report 2024–25 (two documents), together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Institute of Teaching — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Legal Services Board and the Victorian Legal Services Commissioner — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Marine and Coastal Council — Report 2024–25

Victorian Multicultural Commission — Report 2024–25

Victorian Plantations Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Public Sector Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Racing Integrity Board — Report 2024–25

Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack)— Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victorian Small Business Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

VITS LanguageLoop — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Wannon Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

West Gippsland Healthcare Group — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

West Wimmera Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Western District Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Western Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Westernport Region Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Workplace Injury Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Yarra Valley Water Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Yarrawonga Health — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Yea and District Memorial Hospital — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Youth Parole Board — Report 2024–25.

3 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Nick McGowan and Richard Welch from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from 29 October 2025.

4 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Roma Britnell be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 12 November 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 November 2025.

8 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Gabrielle Williams circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the

words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government publishes a comprehensive privacy impact assessment relating to the introduction and retention of audio recording, seeks legal advice about the Bill's compatibility with the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*, and ensures that appropriate privacy, data security, and legislative consistency safeguards are put in place'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Jess Wilson circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Rachel Westaway circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 28 October 2025 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell;

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

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment No 1 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government publishes a comprehensive privacy impact assessment

relating to the introduction and retention of audio recording, seeks legal advice about the Bill's compatibility with the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*, and ensures that appropriate privacy, data security, and legislative consistency safeguards are put in place'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.11 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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No 147 — Tuesday 28 October 2025

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Will Fowles' amendment 1 is not agreed to, amendments 2 to 7 inclusive, 20 to 66 inclusive, 68, 72, 73, 76 to 83 inclusive, 85, 88 to 103 inclusive, 107 to 123 inclusive and 127 to 131 inclusive cannot be moved as they are consequential.*

Will Fowles moved amendment No 1 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll, Anthony Cianflone, Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak, Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Daniela De Martino; James Newbury.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri. Tellers: Will Fowles; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if Ellen Sandell's amendment No 1 is not agreed to amendment Nos 2 to 10 inclusive, 12, 13 to 15 inclusive, 17 to 40 inclusive, 42 to 99 inclusive, 102, 103 and 105 to 111 inclusive cannot be moved as they are consequential.

Ellen Sandell moved amendment No 1 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll, Anthony Cianflone, Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak, Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri. Tellers: Will Fowles; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Kathleen Matthews-Ward advised that she did not wish to proceed with amendment No 1.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6, *the Deputy Speaker advised Chris Crewther to move amendment No 1 in an amended form as the words he sought to omit overlapped with other amendments.*

Chris Crewther moved amendment No 1 in an amended form *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 69

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll, Anthony Cianflone, Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak, Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-

Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Jackson Taylor; Bridget Vallence.

NOES 9

Chris Crewther; David Hodgett; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway. Tellers: Matthew Guy; Peter Walsh.

Question agreed to.

Jess Wilson advised that she did not wish to proceed with amendment Nos 1 and 6.

Nathan Lambert advised that he did not wish to proceed with amendment Nos 1 and 6.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if David Southwick's amendment No 1 is not agreed to amendment No 2 cannot be moved as it is consequential.

David Southwick moved amendment No 1 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put.

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

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Daniela De Martino; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; David Southwick; Kat Theophanous; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell.

NOES 47

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Jordan Crugnale; Paul Mercurio.

Question defeated.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered that the debate be adjourned until later this day.

No 148 — Wednesday 29 October 2025

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Jess Wilson circulated amendments in substitution of amendments previously circulated.

Clause 6, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Kathleen Matthews-Ward's amendment No 3 is not agreed to amendment Nos 4 and 10 to 12 inclusive cannot be moved as they are consequential.*

Kathleen Matthews-Ward moved amendment No 3 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Josh Bull; Nina Taylor.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Crewther; Daniela De Martino; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Annabelle Cleeland; Bridget Vallence.

Question agreed to.

Question — That Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — put.

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

AYES 66

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: John Lister; Tim Richardson.

NOES 11

Chris Crewther; David Hodgett; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway. Tellers: Michael O'Brien; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Clause 7, *the Acting Speaker advised that if Nathan Lambert's amendment No 2 is not agreed to amendment Nos 3 to 5 inclusive cannot be moved as they are consequential.*

Nathan Lambert moved amendment No 2 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Martha Haylett; Tim Read.

NOES 28

Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Daniela De Martino; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Jade Benham; Richard Riordan.

Question agreed to.

Daniela De Martino advised that she did not wish to proceed with amendment No 1.

Jess Wilson moved amendment No 2 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Bronwyn Halfpenny; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 31

Jade Benham; Martin Cameron; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Matt Fregon; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Kat Theophanous; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Tim Bull; Daniela De Martino.

Question agreed to.

Question — That Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — put.

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

AYES 65

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 12

Tim Bull; Chris Crewther; David Hodgett; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway. Tellers: Michael O'Brien; Kim Wells.

Question agreed to.

Clause 8, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Kathleen Matthews-Ward's amendment No 5 is not agreed to amendment No 6 cannot be moved as it is consequential.*

Kathleen Matthews-Ward moved amendment No 5 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the expression proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if Will Fowles's amendment No 8 is not agreed to amendment Nos 9, 11, 13 to 15 inclusive, 17 to 19 inclusive and 67 cannot be moved as they are consequential.

Will Fowles moved amendment No 8 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be omitted stands part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 71

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 5

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Ellen Sandell. Tellers: Tim Read; Rachel Westaway.

Question agreed to.

Nathan Lambert circulated amendments in substitution of amendments previously circulated.

Ellen Sandell moved amendment No 11 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 75

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 4

Will Fowles; Tim Read. Tellers: Gabrielle de Vietri; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10, Nathan Lambert moved amendment No 5A *(see Schedule)*.

Daniela De Martino advised that she did not wish to proceed with amendment Nos 3 and 4.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put.

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

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Daniela De Martino; Sam Groth; David Hodgett; Nathan Lambert; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Kat Theophanous; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham.

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if Will Fowles' amendment No 12 is not agreed to Will Fowles' amendment No 16 and Ellen Sandell's amendment Nos 16 and 41 cannot be moved as they are consequential.

Will Fowles moved amendment No 12 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put and defeated.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if Gabrielle de Vietri's amendment No 6 is not agreed to amendment No 10 cannot be moved as it is consequential.

Gabrielle de Vietri moved amendment No 6 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put and defeated.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 27 agreed to.

Clause 28

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Kathleen Matthews-Ward advised that she did not wish to proceed with amendment No 16.

Nathan Lambert moved amendment No 7 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 29 to 54 agreed to.

Clause 55, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Will Fowles' amendment No 67 is not agreed to amendment Nos 69 to 71 inclusive, 74, 75, 84, 86, 87, 124 and 125 cannot be moved as they are consequential.*

Will Fowles moved amendment No 67 in an amended form *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put and defeated.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 56 to 73 agreed to.

Clause 74, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Will Fowles' amendment No 104 is not agreed to amendment Nos 105, 106 and 126 cannot be moved as they are consequential.*

Will Fowles moved amendment No 104 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause — put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 75 agreed to.

Clause 76, *the Deputy Speaker advised that if Ellen Sandell's amendment No 99 is not agreed to amendment No 100 cannot be moved as it is consequential.*

Ellen Sandell moved amendment No 99 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put and defeated.

The Deputy Speaker advised that if Brad Rowswell's amendment No 1 is not agreed to amendment No 2 cannot be moved as it is consequential.

Brad Rowswell moved amendment No 1 *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That the words proposed to be to be inserted be so inserted — put.

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

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson. Tellers: Roma Britnell; Annabelle Cleeland.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson. Tellers: Steve McGhie; Jackson Taylor.

Question defeated.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 77 to 85 agreed to.

New clause 10A, Ellen Sandell moved new clause 10A *(see Schedule)*.

Question — That new Clause 10A be agreed to and added to the Bill — put and defeated.

Bill agreed to without amendment.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MOVED

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Amendment moved by Chris Crewther

1. Clause 6, lines 15 to 31, omit all words and expressions on these lines.

Amendment moved by Gabrielle de Vietri

6. Clause 10, after line 23 insert—

'(3) In section 10(3) of the Principal Act, for "expertise and experience" **substitute "**expertise or experience".'.

Amendments moved by Will Fowles

1. Clause 4, lines 6 and 7, omit "who is the subject of a voluntary assisted dying permit".

8. Clause 8, line 10, omit "and" and insert 'and".'.

12. Clause 10, after line 23 insert—

"(3) Section 10(3) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.".

67. Clause 55, after line 20 insert—

'(1AA) In the heading to section 68 of the Principal Act, for "VCAT" **substitute** "Secretary".

(1AAB) In section 68(1) of the Principal Act, for "VCAT" **substitute** "the Secretary".'.

104. Clause 74, lines 2 to 9, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

'For section 115(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a) must—

(i) be accredited by a prescribed body; or

(ii) hold a tertiary qualification in interpreting; and

Note
A person who requires the assistance of an interpreter in relation to requesting access to or accessing voluntary assisted dying may apply for an exemption from compliance with this paragraph in relation to that interpreter—see section 115A.".'.

Amendments moved by Nathan Lambert

2. Clause 7, line 9, omit “may” and insert “must not”.

5A. Clause 10, line 21, omit “one year” and insert “3 years”.

7. Clause 28, lines 5 to 8, omit “at least 5 days after the day on which the person made the first request, beginning on and including the day on which the first request was made” and insert “at least 96 hours after the person made the first request”.

Amendments moved by Kathleen Matthews-Ward

3. Clause 6, line 33, omit ‘Secretary.”.’ and insert “Secretary.”.

5. Clause 8, line 3, omit “(1)”.

Amendments moved by Brad Rowswell

1. Clause 76, after line 19 insert—

“(2A) The Minister must also cause a review to be conducted at least once every year into the effects of the availability of palliative care on the operation of this Act, which must include a review of—

(a) the level of funding for palliative care services, including whether the funding has been maintained in real terms; and

(b) whether equitable access to palliative care services is being provided to Victorians living in regional and rural communities.”.

Amendments moved by Ellen Sandell

1. Clause 4, line 8, omit “medical”.

11. Clause 8, lines 26 to 28, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

“(2) Section 9(1)(d)(iii) of the Principal Act is **repealed**.”.

99. Clause 76, line 17, after “cause a” insert “legislative”.

NEW CLAUSE

103. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 10—

‘**10A New Division 1A of Part 3 inserted**

After section 10 of the Principal Act **insert**—

"Division 1A—Requests to health service providers for information about or access to voluntary assisted dying

10A Requirements for health service provider—request for information about or access to voluntary assisted dying

(1) This section applies if a person receiving a health service at a health service facility makes a request to the health service provider who operates that facility for information about or access to voluntary assisted dying.

(2) Within 2 days after receiving the request, the health service provider must—

(a) record the request in the person's medical record; and

(b) give the person the information approved by the Secretary.

10B Requirement for health service provider—access to practitioners etc. for purposes of voluntary assisted dying

(1) This section applies if a person receiving a health service at a health service facility (the ***service user***) requests to meet or have discussions with any of the following persons (a ***voluntary assisted dying support person***) for the purposes of the service user requesting access to or accessing voluntary assisted dying—

(a) a registered medical practitioner;

(b) a nurse practitioner;

(c) a pharmacist;

(d) the service user's contact person;

(e) a person who is to witness the signing of a written declaration, the appointment of a contact person or the making of a practitioner administration request;

(f) a person who the service user nominates as a voluntary assisted dying support person.

(2) The health service provider must ensure that the voluntary assisted dying support person is given reasonable access to meet or have discussions with the service user in accordance with the service user's request.

10C Offence for health service provider to withdraw or refuse to provide health service

A health service provider must not withdraw a health service from a person or refuse to provide a health service to a person on the basis that—

(a) the health service provider knows that the person has made a request referred to in section 10A(1) or 10B(1); or

(b) the health service provider believes that the person is likely to make a request referred to in section 10A(1) or 10B(1).".'.

Amendment moved by David Southwick

1. Clause 6, line 32, after "information" insert "about the voluntary assisted dying care navigator service that is".

Amendment moved by Jess Wilson

2. Clause 7, page 9, line 2, omit "**may**" and insert "**must not**".

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 150, 151 and 152

No 150 — Wednesday 12 November 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 October 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Confiscation Act 1997****, the* ***Control of Weapons Act 1990****, the* ***Crimes Act 1958****, the* ***Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004****, the* ***Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981****, the* ***Firearms Act 1996****, the* ***Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984****, the* ***Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004****, the* ***Summary Offences Act 1966****, the* ***Surveillance Devices Act 1999*** *and the* ***Victoria Police Act 2013*** *and to make related amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005****, the* ***Worker Screening Act 2020****, the* ***Social Services Regulation Act 2021****, the* ***Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018****, the* ***Disability Act 2006****, the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997*** *and other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the Education and Care Services National Law set out in the Schedule to the* ***Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010****, and to make Victorian specific modifications to that Law as it applies as a law of Victoria, to improve child safety in education and care services and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was

read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Ben Carroll)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mining exploration application licence EL008505 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly bans any mining exploration or the placement of a mine within mining exploration application licence EL008505 near Strathfieldsaye, bearing 1379 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — MINING EXPLORATION APPLICATION LICENCE EL008505** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION — Examining Aspects of Family Violence Intervention Orders for Children and Young Adults: Stage 1 — Protection for Children Who Turn 18 While on a Family Violence Intervention Order tabled by leave *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 15 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Ending Political Corruption) Bill 2024
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025
Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025
Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025
SR No 31 — Meat Industry Regulations 2025

together with appendices and a minority report.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, tabled the Parliamentary Budget Office Report 2024–25 under s 28 of the *Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2017*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978:

Orders under s 17B granting licences over:
Alexandra Gardens Reserve
Kings Domain South Reserve
Queen Victoria Gardens and Memorial Statue Reserve
Order under s 17D granting a lease over Tasma Terrace Reserve

Duties Act 2000:

Report 2024–25 of corporate reconstruction and consolidation concessions and exemptions under s 250B
Report 2024–25 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Environment that he had not received the reports 2024–25 of the:

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust
Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board
Environment Protection Authority
Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Trust for Nature
Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board
Zoos Victoria
together with explanations for the delay

Infrastructure Victoria — Victoria's infrastructure strategy 2025–2055

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 91 *(Gazette G42, 16 October 2025)*

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee — Report 2024–25 together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Ombudsman — Investigation report: '*That's assault mate*': Investigation into alleged misconduct in a private prison and how it was handled — Ordered to be published

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

Boroondara — C394
Golden Plains — C105
Latrobe — C143
Port Phillip — C224, C227
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC291, VC295

Radiation Advisory Committee — Report 2024–25

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 — SR 114
Charities Act 1978 — SR 115
National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 — SR 113

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 114

Victoria Legal Aid — Report 2024–25.

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

National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Act 2025 — Part 2 (other than section 36(2) and (3)), Divisions 1 and 5 of Part 3 and Parts 4 and 5 — 1 November 2025 *(Gazette S588, 28 October 2025)*
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2025 — Division 2 of Part 2 and Division 2 of Part 3 — 1 November 2025 *(Gazette S588, 28 October 2025).*

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Statewide Treaty Bill 2025
Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 November 2025, given the royal assent to the Domestic Animals Amendment (Rehoming Cats and Dogs and Other Matters) Bill 2025, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025.

11 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 14 November 2025:

Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025
Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025
Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025
Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

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

13 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025, the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 and the Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

14 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025, SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025 AND VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025, SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025 AND VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 in detail.

Under SO 64, Will Fowles circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 in detail.

Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 151 — Thursday 13 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Natalie Hutchins introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**, the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**, the **Evidence***

(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*, the* ***Jury Directions Act 2015*** *and the* ***Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Climate Action Act 2017 — Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2023

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 — SR 117
Domestic Animals Act 1994 — SR 116

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 116.

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, today, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Mental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Statewide Treaty Bill 2025.

5 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until tomorrow at 9.30 am *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for four days *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 17 November 2025.

9 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN STUDENTS** — The Speaker read Nina Taylor's proposal to the House —

'That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's nation leading investments in school infrastructure, safety, learning supports and cost of living relief to set Victorian students up for the future and enhance state productivity.'

The proposer not being present, the matter did not proceed.

14 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Melissa Horne)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.22 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 152 — Friday 14 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 13 November 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RETAIL, FAST FOOD, HOSPITALITY AND TRANSPORT WORKER HARM) BILL 2025** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Crimes Act 1958*** *and the* ***Summary Offences Act 1966*** *to create new offences for certain conduct engaged in against certain workers and to provide that a burglary that involves a ram raid is an aggravated burglary, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Youth Justice Act 2024*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 15 November 2025.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following document had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Magistrates' Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Court Services Victoria — Report 2024–25

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the report 2024–25 of the Heritage Council of Victoria

Harness Racing Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Judicial College of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Judicial Commission of Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

National Health Funding Pool, Administrator of — Report 2024–25

Public Advocate, Office of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Racing Integrity Commissioner — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 115

Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — Report 2024–25

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt — Ordered to be published

Victorian Information Commissioner, Office of (OVIC) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

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

5 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for three days. Debate adjourned until 17 November 2025.

6 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 November 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **VICTORIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2025, EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025 AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **LABOUR HIRE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.36 pm.

VAUGHN KOOPS
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 153, 154 and 155

No 153 — Tuesday 18 November 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Wrongs Act 1958*** *in relation to vicarious liability for child abuse, to amend the* ***Limitation of Actions Act 1958*** *in relation to setting aside certain settlements or judgments and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the* ***Fines Reform Act 2014****, the* ***Guardianship and Administration Act 2019****, the* ***Infringements Act 2006****, the* ***Marine Safety Act 2010****, the* ***Open Courts Act 2013****, the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Coroners Act 2008****, the* ***Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996****, the* ***Crimes Act 1958*** *in relation to certain offences, the* ***County Court Act 1958*** *and the* ***Sentencing Act 1991*** *in relation to the operation of the Drug Court Division of the County Court, the* ***Road Safety Act 1986*** *in relation to procedural matters in the Magistrates' Court, to make related amendments to certain other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Twelve Apostles precinct — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly takes action regarding the environmental damage at the Twelve Apostles precinct by revoking the current Stormwater Management Plan for the Visitor Centre and developing a comprehensive alternative plan to prevent further cliff top degradation, reduce cliff instability, and ensure the long-term accessibility of Gibson Steps, bearing 874 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — TWELVE APOSTLES PRECINCT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Richard Riordan)* — put and agreed to.

6 DOCUMENTS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local government: a follow up of two Auditor-General reports, together with appendices, extracts from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and extracts from the proceedings ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 16 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality, and Transport Worker Harm) Bill 2025
Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2025 under s 303

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2024–25

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

Bass Coast — C172
Boroondara — C418
Murrindindi — C73
South Gippsland — C131

South West Healthcare — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2024–25, together with an explanation for the delay

Yarram and District Health Service — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into workplace surveillance.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 20 November 2025:

Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality and Transport Worker Harm) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

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

Question agreed to.

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

12 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to.

Question — put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RETAIL, FAST FOOD, HOSPITALITY AND TRANSPORT WORKER HARM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.21 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 154 — Wednesday 19 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT (ESTABLISHING JACK'S LAW, USE OF ELECTRONIC METAL DETECTION DEVICES) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Caulfield introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Control of Weapons Act 1990*** *to provide greater powers for police officers to use electronic metal detection devices to search persons for weapons and for other purposes*' *(David Southwick)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 27

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

NOES 47

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENTS**

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Chair, tabled a report from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee on on the Inquiry into the supply of homes in regional Victoria, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Accessibility of Tram Services: Follow-up — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Investigation report: When the water rises: Flood risk at two housing estates — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule 118 under the *Corrections Act 1986*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 118.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

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

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 December 2025.

9 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 December 2025.

10 **STATE TAXATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Danny Pearson)* — after debate — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

11 **PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CENTRAL WEST AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — after debate — put.

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

AYES 55

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

12 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has consulted more widely with all affected stakeholders, including stakeholders who have lived experience as children in care' *(Nicole Werner)* — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Nicole Werner circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

17 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

18 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 155 — Thursday 20 November 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Climate Action Act 2017 — Victoria's Climate Change Strategy 2026–30

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria:

State of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks — Report 2025 (two documents)
Strategic Audit of the implementation of Melbourne Strategic Assessment Conservation Outcomes — Report 2024
Victorian State of the Marine and Coastal Environment — Report 2024 (two documents)

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the report 2024–25 of the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board

Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation Ltd — Report 2024–25

Integrity Oversight Victoria — The permanent installation of listening devices in prisons and their use by Victoria Police: An Integrity Oversight Victoria inspection report examining warrants authorising Victoria Police to use listening devices in prisons between 2008 and 2024 — Ordered to be published

Local Jobs First — Report 2024–25

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions — VC297

Victoria State Emergency Service Authority (SES) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001 — Assessment of the values of state forests in eastern Victoria under s 26E

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017:

Birrarung Council Report 2025 on the implementation of Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan
Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo Yarra Strategic Plan — Report 2024–25.

3 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Bev McArthur MLC from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, effective from 19 November 2025.

4 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 2 December 2025 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

6 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Nick Staikos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

12 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 18 November 2025 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (STABILITY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has consulted more widely with all affected stakeholders, including stakeholders who have lived experience as children in care'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RETAIL, FAST FOOD, HOSPITALITY AND TRANSPORT WORKER HARM) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, STALKING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.36 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 156, 157 and 158

No 156 — Tuesday 2 December 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 November 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide support for the making of decisions about certain medical treatment for persons who have an innate variation in sex characteristics, including provisions about the giving of informed consent to the decisions, panels of persons who may give approvals about the decisions, prohibiting the medical treatment in certain circumstances and other related matters and to amend the* ***Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*** *to provide for review processes for those decisions and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*** *to provide for responsibilities of supporting stable and strong families partners in relation to supporting stable and strong families and to consequentially amend the* ***Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005****, the* ***Crimes Act 1958****, the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009****, the* ***Magistrates' Court Act 1989*** *and the* ***Youth Justice Act 2024*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

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

Safety on Liddiard Street in Hawthorn — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to install a pedestrian crossing on Liddiard Street in Hawthorn, or reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h permanently, bearing 10 signatures *(John Pesutto).*

24-hour Police Station in Caroline Springs — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently review policing needs in the City of Melton and make Caroline Springs a 24-hour police station, bearing 457 signatures *(Luba Grigorovitch)*.

Traffic safety in Trafalgar — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs traffic lights at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Davey Drive, Trafalgar, bearing 75 signatures *(Wayne Farnham).*

Fire services levy — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly abolishes any change to the fire services levy that would disadvantage rural Victoria, bearing 845 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

7 **PETITION — 24-HOUR POLICE STATION IN CAROLINE SPRINGS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Kororoit be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — SAFETY ON LIDDIARD STREET IN HAWTHORN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — TRAFFIC SAFETY IN TRAFALGAR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — FIRE SERVICES LEVY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

11 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 17 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Control of Weapons Amendment (Establishing Jack's Law, Use of Electronic Metal Detection Devices) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Local Jobs First Amendment Act 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Act 2025
Worker Screening Amendment (Strengthening the Working with Children Check) Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into the 2025 Prahran and Werribee by-elections together with an appendix, extracts from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix and extracts from the proceedings ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Dylan Wight, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into Victoria's Upper House electoral system together with an appendix, extracts from the proceedings, minority reports and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendix, extracts from the proceedings and minority reports ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Report on the Annual Financial Report of the State of Victoria: 2024–25 — released on 24 November 2025

Fire Services Implementation Monitor — Report 2024–25 *(replacement for copy tabled on 18 November 2025)*

Judicial Entitlements Panel — Own motion recommendations report 2025

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the Inquiry into the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2022–23 — released on 1 December 2025

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

Glen Eira — C276
Greater Geelong — C480
Greater Shepparton — C251
Mansfield — C57 Part 1
Melbourne — GC243
Mildura — C127
Port Phillip — GC243
Stonnington — C359
Towong — C42
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC298, VC301
Wangaratta — C86

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — SRs 119, 120
Building Act 1993 — SR 125
Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 124
Funerals Act 2006 — SR 121
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 123
Retirement Villages Act 1986 — SR 122

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 113, 117, 121, 122, 124 and 125.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025 without amendment.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 25 November 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Parks and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Central West and Other Matters) Bill 2025
State Taxation Further Amendment Bill 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Bill 2025
Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Bill 2025.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had today given the royal assent to the Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Bill 2025, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

16 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025.

17 **RESTRICTING NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK) BILL 2025** — The Speaker announced that she had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under JSO 6(1), she has made the following corrections in the Bill:

Council amendment No 2 agreed to by the Assembly inserts the words ‘and acknowledgment’ after the word ‘agreement’ into Clause 10 of the bill. She has inserted another ‘e’ into the word ‘acknowledgment’ so that it reads ‘acknowledgement’.

The correction ensures the spelling of the insertion is consistent with the wording in the rest of the bill.

18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2025 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 December 2025; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 4 December 2025:

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

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

Question agreed to.

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **QUESTION TIME**.

21 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

22 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

23 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide an 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' regime in Victoria that will deliver consequences for a range of serious offences and a meaningful impact upon the crime crisis gripping the State' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed to James Newbury's amendment — That all the words after 'this' be omitted and replaced with the words 'House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has conducted meaningful consultation with First Nations, legal and community experts to develop an evidence-based policy' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the bill under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted by Gabrielle de Vietri's amendment stand part of James Newbury's amendment — put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

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

AYES 76

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

24 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

25 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

26 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 157 — Wednesday 3 December 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (COERCIVE CONTROL) BILL 2025** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Eildon introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** to provide for a new offence in relation to coercive control and for other purposes*' *(Cindy McLeish)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Managing the Transition to Renewable Energy — Ordered to be published
Service Delivery Performance 2025 — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Investigation report 'We just want to finish our home': Management of domestic building insurance claims by VMIA — Ordered to be published

Respect Victoria — Maintain the momentum: Three-yearly Report to Parliament on the progress of prevention 2022–24

Statutory Rules 126, 127 and 128 under the *Supreme Court Act 1986*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 123, 126, 127, 128
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007* — 2026 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Rates.

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality and Transport Worker Harm) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

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

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

10 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

11 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 December 2025.

12 **SUSTAINABILITY FUND ACTIVITIES REPORT 2024–25** — Motion made and question — That the Sustainability Fund Activities Report 2024–25 be tabled *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

13 **COMMITTEE REFERENCES** — Motion made and question — That this House refers:

(1) an inquiry into the accessibility of voting centres at Victorian State elections, with reference to:

(a) compliance with disability access standards, including physical access and way finding;

(b) signage, lighting and safety measures at polling places;

(c) the provision of information and assistance to voters with accessibility needs;

(d) examples of best practice from other jurisdictions; and

(e) recommendations to improve accessibility for voters at future Victorian State elections

to the **Electoral Matters Committee** for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026;

(2) an inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance through:

(a) greater accountability, transparency, and elevated community, staff and student voice at the highest governance level; and

(b) implementing the Principles of the Expert Council on University Governance; and the agreed priorities of the Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers responsible for higher education; and

(c) when considering the distinctive objectives of each university, the Committee will inquire into the ways by which universities are giving, and intend to give, effect, in a timely fashion, to the Final Report of the Expert Council on University Governance, with specific reference to how each university will:

(i) strengthen accountability for university performance and outcomes;

(ii) increase the transparency and representation of university council appointment processes, composition and decision-making;

(iii) support councils with greater higher education expertise and a range of staff, student and community perspectives and representation; and

(iv) ensure that university council decision-making is inclusive of and responsive to staff, students and other stakeholders

to the **Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 31 May 2026;

(3) an inquiry into how best to expand access to renewable and affordable electricity for Victorians in apartments and other multi-unit dwellings, including consideration of:

(a) recent developments in energy supply and technology options for these dwellings over the last four years;

(b) barriers and inequities experienced by Victorians in such dwellings, including renters and social housing tenants, when accessing renewable and affordable electricity compared with other households;

(c) options to increase access to renewable and affordable electricity for these dwellings, including shared rooftop solar, balcony or façade solar, community batteries and virtual power plants;

(d) the likely impacts of those options on different groups of Victorians, including by tenure type, income, housing type and location, on the type, affordability and reliability of energy they receive; and

(e) any legislative, regulatory, planning or market reforms that could support the implementation of options, consistent with Victoria's legislated emissions reduction and renewable energy targets

to the **Environment and Planning Standing Committee** for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

14 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Tuesday 9 December 2025 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 11.00 am.

(2) Legislative Council members to be admitted onto the floor of the House from the ringing of the bells and to remain until the question for the endorsement of the apology to First Peoples is put.

(3) The Premier to table a statement of apology to First Peoples.

(4) The Premier to move a motion that the House endorses the apology, and the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples, and the Leader of the Victorian Greens to speak on the motion.

(5) At the conclusion of the motion the House to suspend until 12.00 noon.

(6) The order of business on resumption to be:

Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time (2.00 pm)
Constituency questions
Government business
General Business subject to SO 34
Adjournment debate or motion to continue sitting.

(7) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm.

(8) Condolences under SO 42 not to take precedence until the next sitting day —

(Natalie Hutchins) — after debate, put and agreed to.

15 **ATTENDANCE AT APOLOGY** — Motion made and question — That:

(1) The Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend a sitting of the Assembly in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 11.00 am for the consideration of the motion endorsing the apology statement to First Peoples;

(2) The lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Assembly standing orders be applied for the time that Council members are invited onto the floor of the House;

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Natalie Hutchins) — put and agreed to.

16 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.11 pm and resumed it at 3.27 pm]

Question time continued.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

Business interrupted at 4.07 pm under sessional orders.

20 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — ALLAN LABOR GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE** — The Deputy Speaker read Jess Wilson's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government for their failure to:

(a) ease cost of living for Victorians;

(b) keep communities safe;

(c) strengthen Victoria's healthcare system; and

(d) enable more Victorians to own their own home.'

Jess Wilson addressed the House — Discussion followed.

21 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 158 — Thursday 4 December 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021****, the* ***Environment Protection Act 2017****, the* ***Marine and Coastal Act 2018****, the* ***Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003****, the* ***Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990****, the* ***Public Administration Act 2004****, the* ***Financial Management Act 1994****, the* ***Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022****, the* ***Local Government Act 1989****, the* ***Essential Services Commission Act 2001****, the* ***Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017****, the* ***Accident Towing Services Act 2007****, the* ***Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020*** *and the* ***Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Act 2024****, to repeal the* ***Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001*** *and the* ***Road Safety Camera Commissioner Act 2011*** *and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Fingerboards Project Area — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to permanently exempt the Fingerboards project area from all mining activity, bearing 3322 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — FINGERBOARDS PROJECT AREA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the appointment of a person to conduct the

independent performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Integrity Oversight Victoria.

Ordered to be published.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Legislative Framework for the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, together with appendices, an extract from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and extract from the proceedings ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following documents had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

Children's Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25
County Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25
Supreme Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Ordered to be tabled.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2024–25, together with an explanation for the delay

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Environment Protection Authority:

Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt
Report 2024–25 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Forensic Leave Panel — Report 2024

Financial Management Act 1994:

Report from the Minister for Agriculture that she had received the Report 2024–25 of the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee
Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2024–25 of the Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 116 *(Gazette S 674, 3 December 2025)*

Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — Report 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 119, 120, 130

Trust for Nature (Victoria) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Victoria Police — Report 2024–25 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*

Zoological Parks and Gardens Board (Zoos Victoria) — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors.

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

7 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 1 be postponed until tomorrow.

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VICARIOUS LIABILITY FOR CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 2 December 2025 had expired.

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

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **MINERAL RESOURCES (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL ASSURANCE) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

13 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Opposition Leader for failing to:

(a) stop the Shadow Treasurer's reckless campaign for mandatory five-day office return;

(b) condemn the Shadow Treasurer for spreading misinformation on working from home; and

(c) commit to Labor's plan to legislate working from home as a right for Victorians —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Vicki Ward)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 6.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 159

No 159 — Tuesday 9 December 2025

The House started at 11.00 am.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 3 December 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **APOLOGY TO THE FIRST PEOPLES OF VICTORIA** — Jacinta Allan tabled the statement of Apology to the First Peoples of Victoria.

Ordered to be published.

3 **APOLOGY TO THE FIRST PEOPLES OF VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That this House endorses the Apology to First Peoples tabled today, acknowledges the past laws, policies, and practices that have contributed to systemic injustice for First Peoples and affirms that under Treaty, Victorians will move together toward a new and better future *(Jacinta Allan)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 56

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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

Question agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2025–26 Budget Update (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter ending on 30 September) — released on 5 December 2025

Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission — Report 2024–25

Mental Health Tribunal — Report 2024–25

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

Ballarat — C249
Wangaratta — C83
Warrnambool — C216
Yarra Ranges — C230

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account — Report 2024–25 on the disbursement of revenue

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 131
Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — SR 131
Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — SR 129
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SRs 132, 133, 134
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 130

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 129, 135

Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing — Report 2024–25.

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

Roads and Ports Legislation Amendment (Road Safety and Other Matters) Act 2025 — Division 1 of Part 5 and ss 9, 14, 23, 24, 29 to 37, 40 to 42 and 62 to 64 — 3 December 2025; Part 7, Divisions 3 and 4 of Part 9 and ss 82 and 83 — 1 January 2026 *(Gazette S672, 2 December 2025)*
Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Act 2024 — Remaining provisions — 1 February 2026 *(Gazette S648, 25 November 2025)*
Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Act 2025 — Part 1 and ss 3, 4 and 5 — 3 December 2025 — *(Gazette S672, 2 December 2025)*
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Act 2025 — Whole Act — 1 January 2026 *(Gazette S672, 2 December 2025).*

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2025 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

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

Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality and Transport Worker Harm) Bill 2025
Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

8 **PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AND INTEGRITY OVERSIGHT VICTORIA** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Under section 170(1) of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Act 2011* and section 90D(1) of the *Integrity and Oversight Victoria Act 2011*:

(a) O'Connor Marsden and Associates Pty Ltd (O'Connor Marsden) be appointed to conduct the performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) and Integrity Oversight Victoria (IOV);

(b) in accordance with the Agreement for the provision of services for the performance audits of the IBAC and IOV;

(c) the level of remuneration be $397,485 (including GST) in respect of the performance audit of IBAC, to be paid upon completion of the following:

(i) $79,497 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's audit plan, representing 20 per cent of the total fee;

(ii) $119,245.50 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's progress report, representing 30 per cent of the total fee;

(iii) $198,742.50 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's final draft report, representing 50 per cent of the total fee; and

(d) the level of remuneration be $205,700 (including GST) in respect of the performance audit of IOV, to be paid upon completion of the following:

(i) $41,400 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's audit plan, representing 20 per cent of the total fee;

(ii) $61,710 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marden's progress report, representing 30 per cent of the total fee;

(iii) $102,850 (including GST) upon Parliament's acceptance of O'Connor Marsden's final draft report, representing 50 per cent of the total fee.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their agreement —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 3 February 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

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

11 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Mary-Anne Thomas)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 23 December 2025.

12 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 23 December 2025.

13 **COMMUNITY LEADERS** — Motion made and question — That this House records its sincere thanks to community leaders across Victoria, particularly those who have stood with Victorians targeted by vilification and division arising from recent anti-immigration protests, for their steadfast commitment to a safe, united and multicultural Victoria *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words 'anti-immigration' be omitted *(Matthew Guy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 3 December 2025.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **COMMUNITY LEADERS** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to appoint O'Connor Marsden and Associates Pty Ltd to conduct the performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Integrity Oversight Victoria.

18 **SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT (CHILD SAFETY, COMPLAINTS AND WORKER REGULATION) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 3 December 2025.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 160, 161, 162 and 163

No 160 — Tuesday 3 February 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 9 December 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to immediately allow:

(1) The Premier to move a motion of condolence for the victims of the Bondi terror attack on 14 December 2025, and:

(a) the Premier, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Premier, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Victorian Greens to speak on the motion for up to 15 minutes each; and

(b) any other member to speak for up to five minutes each;

(2) Immediately after the conclusion of the motion in (1), the Premier to move a motion of condolence for Victorian communities impacted by the recent and ongoing 2026 bushfires, and:

(a) the Premier, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Nationals and Leader of the Greens to speak on the motion for up to 15 minutes each; and

(b) any other member to speak for up to five minutes each;

(3) At the conclusion of the motion set out in (2), unless otherwise ordered, the House to adjourn for one hour as a mark of respect to all those affected by both events;

(4) When the House returns after the adjournment, the order of business to be:

(a) Question time and constituency questions
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Adjournment (7.00 pm); or

(b) in the event that the House is debating one of the motions under (1) or (2) or is adjourned as a mark of respect at 7.00 pm, the order of business after the adjournment under (3) to be:

Question time and constituency questions
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Adjournment —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

3 **BONDI ATTACK ON 14 DECEMBER 2025** — Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) Tenders Victoria's heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the 15 innocent people murdered at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025;

(2) Condemns the atrocity which stole their lives, an act of terrorism deliberately targeted at Australia's Jewish community gathering to celebrate the first night of Chanukah;

(3) Unequivocally condemns the evil of antisemitism and vows stronger action to prevent extremism and keep our state safe, strong, proud and united;

(4) Honours the courage, composure and quick action of all the police officers, first responders, healthcare workers and everyday people whose dedication and skill saved lives;

(5) Acknowledges the trauma of the men, women and children injured physically and psychologically, including those who witnessed the horror; and

(6) Affirms the fundamental right of every Jewish Victorian to live, work, worship and learn in peace and safety; to participate fully and freely in the civic life of our state; and to gather in community without fear or hindrance, proud of who they are, and proud of the profound contributions Jewish Victorians have made to the life and success of our state —

(Jacinta Allan) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **2026 VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES** — Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) Extends its condolences and deepest sympathy to the Victorian communities affected by the ongoing 2026 bushfires;

(2) Praises the work of emergency services personnel for their courage and sacrifice in fighting fires and protecting our communities;

(3) Expresses its deep gratitude to the many volunteers and community members who have supported friends, neighbours and anyone else in need; and

(4) Pledges to continue to work with communities and all levels of government to support and rebuild fire-affected communities —

(Jacinta Allan) — members and the Speaker addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

5 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to all those affected by both events, the House now adjourns until 5.30 pm *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 4.12 pm, adjourned until 5.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 161 — Tuesday 3 February 2026 (5.30 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Electricity Safety Act 1998****, the* ***Electricity Industry Act 2000****, the* ***Gas Industry Act 2001****, the* ***National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005****, the* ***Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Act 2025****, the* ***Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Act 2025****, the* ***National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Act 2025*** *and the* ***Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Container deposit scheme in Eildon — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly investigates the reasoning behind the decision by Visy to close the Eildon container deposit scheme

collection site and immediately reinstate the scheme at a new site in Eildon, bearing 83 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Heyington Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly allocates funding and prioritises the installation of ramps or lifts at Heyington Station to provide step-free access, ensuring compliance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) and the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport*, bearing 192 signatures *(Michael O'Brien)*

Traffic safety audit for intersections in Thornbury — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commission a traffic safety audit of the intersections of Darebin Road and Wilmoth Street, and Station Street and Collins Street in Thornbury to obtain evidence-based recommendations to improve public and active transport user safety in these areas, bearing 720 signatures *(Kat Theophanous)*

Fossil fuel consumption — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly achieves a minimum 20 per cent reduction in statewide fossil fuel consumption by promoting eco-friendly actions and replacing the use of fossil fuels for energy in housing and factories with sustainable energy sources, bearing 13 signatures *(Mathew Hilakari)*

cohealth in Kensington, Fitzroy and Collingwood — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly guarantees long-term, sustainable funding for cohealth, protects the role of community health in delivering equitable healthcare and reducing health disparities and recognises that the current Medicare Benefits Schedule model does not cater for the needs of community health practices, bearing 466 signatures *(Gabrielle de Vietri)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN EILDON** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — HEYINGTON STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Malvern be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Michael O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 1 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Volume A
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025
Crimes Amendment (Coercive Control) Bill 2025
Electoral Amendment Bill 2025
Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Act 2025
National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025

Summary Offences Amendment (Begging) Bill 2025

Volume B
Casino and Gambling Legislation Amendment Act 2025
Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2025
Crimes Amendment (Performance Crime) Act 2025
Crimes Amendment (Retail, Fast Food, Hospitality, and Transport Worker Harm) Act 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Act 2025
Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority Act 2025
Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment Act 2025
SR No 73 — Powers of Attorney Regulations 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENT TABLED BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR — The Clerk announced that the following document had been lodged for presentation by Command of the Governor:

County Court of Victoria — Report 2024–25 *(Replacement for copy tabled on 4 December 2025)*

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Alpine Resorts Victoria — Report 2024 — Released on 2 January 2026, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) — Report 2024–25

Country Fire Authority — Report 2024–25 — Released on 20 January 2026, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Eastern Health — Report 2023–24 *(Replacement for copy tabled on 14 November 2024)*

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the report 2024–25 of the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Greater Western Water Corporation — Report 2024–25 — Released on 24 December 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 136/2025 *(Gazette S720, 17 December 2025)*

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

Infrastructure contributions and development contribution levies — Report 2024–25
Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — GC267
Ararat — GC267
Ballarat — C257, C258, GC282
Banyule — GC282
Bayside – C196, GC264
Boroondara — GC282
Brimbank — GC282
Casey – C291, C303
Colac Otway — GC282
Darebin — C220, GC282
East Gippsland — C169, C172
Frankston — C156, C165, GC267
Golden Plains — C104, GC282
Greater Bendigo — C282, C297
Greater Dandenong — C230
Greater Geelong — C278, C457, GC282
Hindmarsh — C21
Hobsons Bay — GC282
Hume — GC282
Kingston — GC264
Macedon Ranges — GC282
Manningham — GC282
Mansfield — C56 Part 1
Maribyrnong — C191, GC282
Maroondah — C162
Melbourne — C447, GC282
Melton — GC282
Merri-bek — C196, GC282
Mitchell — GC282
Monash — GC282
Moonee Valley — GC282
Moorabool — GC282
Mornington Peninsula — C286, C312, C313
Moyne — GC267
Nillumbik — GC282
Southern Grampians — C61, C62
Stonnington — C358, GC282
Strathbogie — C85
Surf Coast — GC282

Victoria Planning Provisions — VC277, VC278, VC303
Warrnambool — GC267
Whitehorse — C257, GC282
Whittlesea — C251, C275, GC282
Wyndham — C267, GC282
Yarra — C329, GC282
Yarra Ranges — C212

Puffing Billy Railway Board — Report 2024–25 — released on 8 January 2026, together with an explanation for the delay

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 — SR 152/2025
Building Act 1993 — SR 140/2025
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 144/2025
Casino Control Act 1991 — SR 137/2025
Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 — SR 154/2025
Confiscation Act 1997 — SR 151/2025
County Court Act 1958 — SR 135/2025
Gas Safety Act 1997 —SR 145/2025
Human Tissue Act 1982 — SR 139/2025
Land Tax Act 2005 — SR 149/2025
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 146/2025
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 141/2025, SR 153/2025
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 — SR136/2025
Public Administration Act 2004 — SR 142/2025
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 155/2025
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 138/2025
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 147/2025, SR 148/2025
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 143/2025
Water Act 1989 — SR 150/2025

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 131/2025, 132/2025, 133/2025, 134/2025, 136/2025, 137/2025, 138/2025, 139/2025, 140/2025 141/2025, 142/2025, 143/2025, 144/2025, 145/2025, 147/2025, 148/2025, 149/2025, 150/2025, 151/2025, 152/2025, 153/2025, 154/2025, 155/2025
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Australian Grands Prix Act 1994 — Public access area declaration for the 2026 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix
Local Government Act 1989 — Ministerial guidelines for Councils relating to payment of rates and charges

Triple Zero Victoria — Report 2024–25 — Released on 20 January 2026, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Victorian Law Reform Commission — Artificial Intelligence in Victoria's Courts and Tribunals — Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into capturing data on people who use family violence in Victoria *(Released on 19 December 2025, replacing copy released on 17 December 2025)*

Proclamations fixing operative dates:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Part 3 — 10 March 2026 *(Gazette S743, 23 December 2025)*
Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Act 2025 — Part 4, Division 2 of Part 6 and Division 2 of Part 7 — 30 January 2026 *(Gazette S42, 28 January 2026)*
Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2025 — Parts 1 and 3 — 17 December 2025 *(Gazette S715, 16 December 2025);* sections 3, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 — 24 December 2025 *(Gazette S743, 23 December 2025)*
Wage Theft Amendment Act 2025 — Parts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 — 12 December 2025 *(Gazette S689, 9 December 2025);* Part 3 — 17 December 2025 *(Gazette S715, 16 December 2025)*.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2025 without amendment.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 16 December 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2025
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Bill 2025.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Electoral Amendment Bill 2025
Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025.

13 **IBAC ACTING COMMISSIONER** — The Deputy Speaker advised that, on 15 December 2025, the Speaker administered to Stephen John Farrow, the Acting Commissioner of the

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.

14 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 5 February 2026:

Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question — That the Government Business Program be agreed to.

Question put.

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

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

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

16 **PLANNING AMENDMENT (BETTER DECISIONS MADE FASTER) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

The Acting Speaker advised that the Speaker had examined the amendments and was of the opinion that amendment Nos 1, 2, 5 and 6 are a direct infringement of the privileges of the

House as they seek to impose a tax. Under the *Constitution Act 1975*, a new tax can only originate in the Assembly.

Motion made and question — That:

(1) Amendment Nos 3 to 4 and 7 to 35 be agreed to.

(2) The Assembly refuses to entertain Amendment Nos 1, 2, 5 and 6 as they infringe the privileges of the Assembly.

(3) The Assembly makes the following further amendments to the bill:

1. Clause 2, lines 2 and 3, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(1) This Part and section 11(2) and (3) come into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(1A) The remaining provisions of this Act come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.".

2. Clause 2, line 4, omit "of this Act" and insert "referred to in subsection (1A)".

3. Clause 11, line 20, before "After" insert "(1)".

4. Clause 11, after line 22, insert—

'(2) After section 6(2)(j) of the Principal Act insert—

"(ja) provide that any use or development of land is conditional on the provision of an affordable housing contribution;".

(3) After section 6(2) of the Principal Act insert—

(2AA) For the purposes of section 6(2)(ja), an affordable housing contribution may be imposed as a condition on a permit if—

(a) the relevant planning scheme identifies a need for affordable housing in the area; and

(b) the application exceeds a threshold prescribed in the regulations that is expressed in terms of number of dwellings or value of development.

(2AAB) An affordable housing contribution is to be in the prescribed form, including a monetary contribution in lieu of the provision of affordable housing.

(2AAC) The regulations may prescribe the maximum affordable housing contributions that can be required under a planning scheme, including the application of differing maximums by reference to different zones and overlays.

(2AAD) If a monetary contribution is made to acquit a requirement specified in a planning scheme for the provision of an affordable housing contribution, the monetary contribution must be collected by the responsible authority for the proposed use or development of land.

(2AAE) Despite anything to the contrary in any other Act (other than the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*), any monetary contribution collected by a responsible authority under subsection (2AAD) must be spent on a project to construct new affordable housing in the municipal district in which it is collected.

(2AAF) A responsible authority must keep proper and separate accounts and records of any monetary contribution collected under subsection (2AAD) and how that monetary contribution was spent on the provision of affordable housing in the municipal district.

(2AAG) The accounts and records required under subsection (2AAF) must be kept in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.".'.

5. Clause 86, page 89, line 4, omit "(2)" —

(Sonya Kilkenny) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Will Fowles)* — put.

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

AYES 20

Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy;

Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — that the motion be agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

17 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 8.49 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 162 — Wednesday 4 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Danny Pearson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *in relation to the TAFE network, to guarantee the provision of certain courses of vocational education and training free of tuition fee, to provide for the TAFE Funding Guarantee and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Emergency Management Act 1986 — Report to Parliament on the Declaration of the State of Disaster.

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

5 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

6 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 18 February 2026.

7 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025 — MOTION TO EXTEND SCOPE** — Motion made and question — That the scope of the Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 be extended to enable consideration of amendments to the *Crimes Act 1958* to provide that the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions is not required for a police officer to commence a prosecution for an offence against section 195N(1) or 195O(1) of that Act unless the accused is under the age of 18 years *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words 'unless the accused is under the age of 18 years' be omitted *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Original question put.

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

AYES 78

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

8 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Sonya Kilkenny circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time..

Under SO 64, Danny Pearson circulated amendments in substitution of amendments previously circulated, to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 163 — Thursday 5 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — Report from the Attorney-General that she had received the report 2024–25 of the Sentencing Advisory Council

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner — Report 2024–25

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of amendment VC265 to the Victoria Planning Provisions

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 1
Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018 — SR 4
Social Services Regulation Act 2021 — SR 2
Worker Screening Act 2020 — SR 3

Victorian Professional Standards Councils — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025 — Not insisting on their amendment Nos 1, 2, 5 and 6 and agreeing to further amendments made by the Legislative Assembly.

4 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Roma Britnell from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and John Pesutto from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee, both effective from 4 February 2026.

5 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Roma Britnell be a member of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee; and

(2) John Pesutto be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee —

(Danny Pearson) — put and agreed to.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 17 February 2026 *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

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

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Bridget Vallence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 February 2026.

9 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Emma Kealy circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to reflect further consultation with the medical sector' *(Emma Kealy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025 without amendment.

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 3 be postponed until later this day *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and after debate —

[The Speaker left the Chair at 4.18 pm and resumed it at 4.39 pm]

Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Question put.

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

AYES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

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

Question agreed to.

15 **CONSPIRACY THEORIES** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition's personally appointed representatives for recklessly promoting conspiracy theories and sowing division at a time when Victorians want to be coming together *(Nick Staikos)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 3 February 2026 had expired.

16 **HEALTH SAFEGUARDS FOR PEOPLE BORN WITH VARIATIONS IN SEX CHARACTERISTICS BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to reflect further consultation with the medical sector'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

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

AYES 54

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

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

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 3 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 77

Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.09 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.44 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 164, 165, 166 and 167

No 164 — Tuesday 17 February 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 February 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **RESIGNATION OF SEAT** — The Speaker announced that, on 13 February 2026, she had received the resignation of the Member for Nepean.

3 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE ALAN HENRY SCANLAN** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Alan Henry Scanlan and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Oakleigh from 1961 to 1979, Minister for Health from 1973 to 1976 and Minister for Special Education from 1976 to 1979 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Alan Henry Scanlan, the House now adjourns until 1.30 pm today *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.23 pm, adjourned until 1.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 165 — Tuesday 17 February 2026
(1.30 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Danny Pearson introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and***

***Recycling) Act 2021**, the **Competition Policy Reform (Victoria) Act 1995**, the **Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987**, the **Environment Protection Act 2017**, the **Gas Industry Act 2001**, the **Grain Handling and Storage Act 1995**, the **Local Government Act 2020**, the **Spent Convictions Act 2021**, the **Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972**, the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013** and the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** in relation to minor, technical and operational matters, to make statute law revision amendments to the **Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2025** and minor amendments to the **Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Act 2025** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Road safety along the Sydney Road Corridor, North Coburg — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly addresses urgent new road safety measures on the Sydney Road corridor, from O'Hea Street in Coburg North to Boundary Road in Fawkner, bearing 514 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — ROAD SAFETY ALONG THE SYDNEY ROAD CORRIDOR, NORTH COBURG** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 2 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Act 2025
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026
Electoral Amendment (Group Voting and Vote Counting) Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Act 2025
SR No 72 — Country Fire Authority Regulations 2025
SR No 82 — Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (Project-Based Activities) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 105 — Surveillance Devices Amendment (Body-worn Cameras and Other Matters) Regulations 2025
SR No 107 — Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Link) Amendment Regulations 2025
Notice to Fix Fees under Section 73 of the *Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*
Energy Retail Code of Practice (Energy Consumer Reforms) Amendment 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17D granting leases over Albert Park (2 orders)

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 146/2025 *(Gazette S74, 12 February 2026)*

Maryborough District Health Service — Report 2024–25 *(replacement for copy tabled on 30 October 2025)*

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — C56
Hobsons Bay — C133
Monash — C173
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC245, VC271

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Grands Prix Act 1994 — SR 7
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SRs 5, 6

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 146/2025, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Act 2025 — ss 75, 83(1), 115 and 125, Division 10 of Part 3.2, Part 3.3 (other than s 131) and Part 4.5, and Schedule 2 — 9 February 2026 — Part 3.1 and s 131, and Schedule 1 — 23 February 2026 *(Gazette S 50, 3 February 2026)*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025 without amendment.

7 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 10 February 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Stalking and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Amendment (Financial Assurance) Bill 2025

On 17 February 2026
Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

9 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 19 February 2026:

Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Debate continued on question — That the Government Business Program be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

13 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

14 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 166 — Wednesday 18 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Policing of jet ski users — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently implement regulatory reform and increase police patrols around the use of jet skis, bearing 46 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*

Rosebud Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to fund the redevelopment of the Rosebud Hospital, bearing 202 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — POLICING OF JET SKI USERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — ROSEBUD HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Ravenhall Correctional Centre: Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Prisoners — Part 2 — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ballarat — C255
Boroondara — C413 Part 1
Greater Geelong — C414
Hobsons Bay — C146
Murrindindi — C78.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025 without amendment.

7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Danny Pearson tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Danny Pearson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Bridget Vallence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 4 March 2026.

10 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION** — The Speaker read Nina Taylor's proposal to the House —

'That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's nation leading investments in school infrastructure, safety, learning supports and cost of living relief to set Victorian students up for the future and enhance state productivity.'

Nina Taylor addressed the House — Discussion followed.

15 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 167 — Thursday 19 February 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Order in Council — Amalgamation of the Wodonga Institute of Technical and Further Education and the Goulburn Ovens Institute of Technical and Further Education under s 3.1.11

Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — Report 2024–25 on the implementation of the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Public Prosecutions, Office of — Report 2024–25, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 10, 12

Victims of Crime Commissioner — Report 2024–25.

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Parts 1, 2 and 5 and ss 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 20 — 1 March 2026 *(Gazette S88, 17 February 2026)*.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 3 March 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

4 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

5 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

6 **QUESTION TIME**.

7 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

8 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Colin Brooks)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 48

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

9 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON HOSPITAL PIPELINE** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for her plan to make $11.1 billion in cuts and calls on them to rule out cutting, downgrading or closing the pipeline of new hospitals to fill their budget black hole *(Melissa Horne)* — and after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the following words be inserted to the end of the motion: 'while noting the impact of $15 billion of corruption on services for Victorians' *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 February 2026 had expired.

10 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING STABLE AND STRONG FAMILIES) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 75

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.06 pm under sessional orders.

13 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.33 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 168, 169 and 170

No 168 — Tuesday 3 March 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 February 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** to make further provision in relation to who can commence a prosecution for an offence against section 195N(1) or 195O(1) of that Act and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

3 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011** to expand the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission's jurisdiction and provide further for public hearings and for other purposes*' *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (TOUGH ON CORRUPTION) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brunswick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*** *in relation to the meaning of corrupt conduct, to provide for follow the dollar powers, to remove unnecessary barriers to holding public hearings and for other purposes*' *(Tim Read)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Pedestrian infrastructure — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to improve pedestrian access for Point Cook residents as part of the proposed Werribee Precinct Development, bearing 112 signatures *(Mathew Hilakari)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **ACTING SPEAKER** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under Standing Order 20, I discharge Alison Marchant from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, and 6 February, 14 May and 30 July 2024, and 14 October 2025.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
3 March 2026

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 3 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Community Safety) Act 2025
National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2025 under s 303

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 145/2025 *(Gazette G8, 19 February 2026)*

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — GC269
Alpine Resorts — GC269
Ararat — GC269
Ballarat — GC269
Banyule — GC269
Bass Coast — GC269
Baw Baw — GC269
Bayside — GC269
Benalla — GC269
Boroondara — GC269

Brimbank — GC269
Buloke — GC269
Campaspe — GC269
Cardinia — GC269
Casey — GC269
Central Goldfields — GC269
Colac Otway — GC269
Corangamite — GC269
East Gippsland — GC269
Frankston — C148, GC269
French Island and Sandstone Island — GC269
Gannawarra — GC269
Glen Eira — GC269
Glenelg — GC269
Golden Plains — GC269
Greater Bendigo — GC269
Greater Dandenong — GC269
Greater Geelong — GC269
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Hume — GC269
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Kingston — GC269
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Mount Alexander — GC269
Moyne — GC269
Murrindindi — GC269
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Strathbogie — GC269
Surf Coast — GC269
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Towong — GC269
Wangaratta — GC269
Warrnambool — GC269
Wellington — GC269
West Wimmera — GC269
Whitehorse — GC269
Whittlesea — GC269
Wodonga — GC269
Wyndham — GC269
Yarra — C333, GC269
Yarra Ranges — GC269
Yarriambiack — GC269

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conservation, Forests and Land Act 1987 — SR 13
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 9
Road Safety Act 1986 — SRs 11, 12
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 10
Unclaimed Money Act 2008 — SR 8

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, 11
Documents under s 16B in relation to *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* — Electricity Distribution Code of Practice Amendment 2026.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 24 February 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Health Safeguards for People Born with Variations in Sex Characteristics Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Amendment (Vicarious Liability for Child Abuse) Bill 2025.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

(1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Crimes Amendment Bill 2026 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 3 March 2026; and

(2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 5 March 2026:

National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025
Electoral Amendment Bill 2025
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2025 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

11 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

15 **CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Acting Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of this bill under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 169 — Wednesday 4 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Ros Spence introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish Safe Food Victoria and to provide for it to perform functions in regulating the Victorian food industry, to abolish Dairy Food Safety Victoria and PrimeSafe, to amend the* ***Dairy Act 2000*** *to regulate foods that have not traditionally been produced or processed for human consumption in Victoria or that are produced or processed using new technologies, to make consequential and related amendments to the* ***Dairy Act 2000****, the* ***Food Act 1984****, the* ***Meat Industry Act 1993****, the* ***Seafood Safety Act 2003*** *and certain other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **CONSTRUCTION ENFORCEMENT VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Sandringham introduce '*A Bill for an Act to ensure Victorian Government construction and development activity complies with the Construction Industry Code by providing for a Head, Construction Enforcement Victoria who will monitor and enforce compliance with that Code and for other purposes*' *(Brad Rowswell)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Major Projects Performance Reporting 2025 — Ordered to be published

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Order for the Formula 1 Australian Grands Prix 2026 to 2030.

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025.

6 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Gabrielle Williams circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — ADDRESSING CORRUPTION** — The Speaker read David Southwick's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government's failure to address corruption and organised crime on Big Build sites, resulting in $15 billion in waste, and affirms the need for a comprehensive plan to enforce the law, find the money and stop the rorts.'

David Southwick addressed the House — Discussion followed.

14 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Tim Read circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.19 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 170 — Thursday 5 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce '*A Bill for an Act to ensure the integrity of Government construction projects, to amend the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *and for other purposes*' *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan;

Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Container deposit scheme in Launching Place — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides Return-It Vic with an exemption to operate outside of their network zone to manage the container deposit scheme depot at Little Yarra Free Range Eggs in Launching Place, bearing 2,518 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN LAUNCHING PLACE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme — Report 2024–25.

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 17 March 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

8 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Ros Spence tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ros Spence)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 19 March 2026.

9 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Opposition Leader for failing to — (a) stop the Shadow Treasurer's reckless campaign for mandatory five-day office return; (b) condemn the Shadow Treasurer for spreading misinformation on working from home; and (c) commit to Labor's plan to legislate working from home as a right for Victorians; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That the word 'former' be inserted before the word 'Shadow' wherever occurring *(Tim Richardson)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed to Tim Richardson's amendment — That after the word "occurring" the words "and after the word 'Victorians' insert 'and that this House notes how stale and political this sledge motion is'" be inserted *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to — and on the amendment— and on the amendment to the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Ros Spence)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

15 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 3 March 2026 had expired.

16 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 34 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **NATIONAL GAS (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (FREE TAFE GUARANTEE) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.01 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

19 **ENERGY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RESILIENCE REFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That the amendments be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

20 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Crimes Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

21 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

22 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 5.52 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 171, 172 and 173

No 171 — Tuesday 17 March 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 March 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **ISSUE OF WRIT** — The Speaker announced that, on 13 March 2026, she had issued a writ for a by-election for the District of Nepean to be held on 2 May 2026.

3 **CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA REPEAL BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to repeal the **Cladding Safety Victoria Act 2020** and abolish Cladding Safety Victoria, to make related amendments to the **Building Act 1993** including in relation to the building permit levy, to consequentially amend the **Public Administration Act 2004** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to re-enact with amendments the law relating to the regulation of the building and plumbing industries, the enforcement of building and plumbing work standards and the discipline of building practitioners, plumbers and endorsed building engineers, to impose a levy in relation to building work requiring a building permit, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Jack's Law — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently introduce Jack's Law as a crucial step in giving police the power to prevent knife violence through the use of handheld metal detectors in designated high-risk public areas, bearing 406 signatures *(Brad Battin)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — JACK'S LAW** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Berwick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Brad Battin)* — put and agreed to.

7 DOCUMENTS

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Crimes Amendment Act 2026
Electoral Amendment Bill 2025
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Act 2026 (House Amendments)
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Follow the Money) Bill 2026
Safe Food Victoria Bill 2026
Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2025–26 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 6 March 2026

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Benalla — C45
Cardinia — C271, C285
Casey — C296
East Gippsland — C171
Glen Eira — C269
Greater Dandenong — C250
Greater Geelong — C483
Greater Shepparton — C250
Kingston — C227
Knox — C194
Latrobe — C153
Melbourne — GC287
Moorabool — C108
Mornington Peninsula — C243
Mount Alexander — C101
Nillumbik — C143 Part 1
Northern Grampians — C64
Pyrenees — C50
Stonnington — C339 Part 1
Wellington — C130
Wyndham — C282
Yarra — GC287

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 15
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 14
Trustee Companies Act 1984— SR 16

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 14, 15.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion) Act 2025 — Remaining provisions — 15 April 2026 *(Gazette S134, 11 March 2026)*
Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Part 4 — 16 March 2026 *(Gazette S134, 11 March 2026)*.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 11 March 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Bill 2025
Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Supporting Stable and Strong Families) Bill 2025
Crimes Amendment Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Safe Food Victoria Bill 2026.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 19 March 2026:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026
Safe Food Victoria Bill 2026 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman;

Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway.

Question agreed to.

11 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

12 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

[The Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 1.21 pm and resumed it at 1.40 pm]

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Colin Brooks)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury;

Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

16 **RESTORING TAFE IN VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That this House commends the Allan Labor Government for restoring TAFE in Victoria with more than $16 billion in investment and legislating Free TAFE, which has saved students more than $777 million in tuition fees *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That the words 'but notes the Silver Review was scathing of the performance of Victoria's TAFE system under the Allan Labor Government and that real recurrent expenditure per annual hour in Victoria is the lowest in the nation' be added to the end of the motion *(Bridget Vallence)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 172 — Wednesday 18 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Modernising myki — Ordered to be published
Timely Payments Performance — Ordered to be published

Integrity Oversight Victoria — Inspection report 2023-24 on controlled operation records and reports under the *Crimes (Controlled Operations) Act 2004, Wildlife Act 1975* and *Fisheries Act 1995* — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Outsourcing small claims handling: How councils manage fairness and responsibility — Ordered to be published

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting)(Boat Prohibition) Notice No 1 *(Gazette S139, 13 March 2026)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting)(Game Ducks) Notice No 1 *(Gazette S139, 13 March 2026)*
Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting)(Wetlands Closure) Notice No 1 *(Gazette S139, 13 March 2026)*

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

4 **EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTING DATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that the reporting date for the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee's Inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance be extended to no later than 31 July 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

5 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 1 April 2026.

8 **CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA REPEAL BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days *(Gabrielle Williams)*, after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Debate adjourned until 31 March 2026.

9 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Motion made and question — That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's housing strategy, including the Big Housing Build, housing targets for

councils, planning and rental reforms and activity centre planning and recognises that improving affordability requires clear planning direction and building more homes where Victorians live, work and access transport *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

13 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

14 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Resumption on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FOLLOW THE MONEY) BILL 2026** — The Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council presenting, for the agreement of the Legislative Assembly, '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011*** *to expand the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission's jurisdiction and provide further for public hearings and for other purposes*'.

Motion made and question — That the Bill be read a first time *(James Newbury)* — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 47

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak;

Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

16 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's housing strategy, including the Big Housing Build, housing targets for councils, planning and rental reforms and activity centre planning and recognises that improving affordability requires clear planning direction and building more homes where Victorians live, work and access transport; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 173 — Thursday 19 March 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rule 17 under the *Geothermal Energy Resources Act 2005*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 13.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 31 March 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

4 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

5 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

6 **QUESTION TIME**.

7 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

8 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny Pearson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending a further appropriation for the purposes of the Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

11 **ENTITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

The Acting Speaker advised that the Speaker had examined the amendments and was of the opinion that amendment Nos 18, 25 and 26 are a direct infringement of the privileges of the House as they seek to force an appropriation from the Consolidated Fund. Under the *Constitution Act 1975*, an appropriating clause can only be initiated by the Assembly.

Motion made and question — that:

(1) Amendment Nos 1 to 17 inclusive, 19 to 24 inclusive and 27 to 44 inclusive be agreed to.

(2) The Assembly refuses to entertain Amendment Nos 18, 25 and 26 as they infringe the privileges of the Assembly.

(3) The Assembly makes the following further amendments to the bill:

1. Clause 123, after line 15 insert—

‘(1A) After section 421(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 insert**—

“(1A) The Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner—

(a) is to be appointed for the period, not exceeding 5 years, specified in the instrument of appointment; and

(b) is eligible for reappointment; and

(c) holds office on any other terms and conditions, including remuneration and any travelling or other allowances, that are determined by the Governor in Council.”.’.

2. Clause 126, lines 16 to 18, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

‘(2) In section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**—

(a) for “a Mental” (where first occurring) **substitute** “the Mental”;

(b) for “the office of a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner” (where secondly occurring) **substitute** “that office”.

(3) After section 424(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 insert**—

“(2A) The Minister may appoint a person to act in the office of the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner for a period of not more than 6 months during a vacancy in that office.”.

(4) In section 424(3) and (5) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after “subsection (1)” **inser**t “or (1A)”.

(5) In section 424(4) and (6) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, after “subsection (2)” **insert** “or (2A)”.’.

3. Clause 127, lines 20 to 25, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

‘(1) In section 425(1) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for “A Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,” **substitute** “A person specified in subsection (3)”.

(2) In section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022**, for “a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner,” **substitute** “a person specified in subsection (3)”.

(3) After section 425(2) of the **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 insert**—

“(3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the following persons are specified—

(a) the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner;

(b) the Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner, including an acting Deputy Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner.”.’ —

(Danny Pearson) — after debate, put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

12 **SAFE FOOD VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 March 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

14 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 174, 175 and 176

No 174 — Tuesday 31 March 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 19 March 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to regulate the transport of dangerous goods by vessel on inland waters, by road or by rail, to promote public safety, to protect property and the environment from harm, to repeal the* ***Dangerous Goods Act 1985*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *to regulate the handling, and activities involving the handling, of dangerous goods including security sensitive ammonium nitrate and explosives at workplaces and other places and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mornington Peninsula erosion management overlay — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly asks the Minister for Planning and the Government to reject the proposed Mornington Peninsula erosion management overlay, direct the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to assess the risk and consequences of landslides and conduct community consultation to produce a revised overlay proposal, bearing 957 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — MORNINGTON PENINSULA EROSION MANAGEMENT OVERLAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

6 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2024–25 financial and performance outcomes, together with extracts from the proceedings and transcripts of evidence.

Report and extracts from the proceedings ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Bill 2026
Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Bill 2026
Equal Opportunity Amendment (Medical Treatment) Bill 2026
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026
SR No 118 — Corrections Amendment Regulations 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Results of 2024–25 Audits: Local Government — released on 30 March 2026

Health, Department of — Report 2024–25 under s 32 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2003*

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2026 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Budget Office — Operational Plan 2026–27

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Banyule — C172
Glen Eira — C278
Melbourne — C494
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC300, VC304

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Bail Act 1977 — SR 18
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 19
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 20

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 16, 18.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Electoral Amendment Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

8 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025 — Not insisting on their amendments and agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's further amendments.

11 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 24 March 2026
National Gas (Victoria) Amendment Bill 2025

On 31 March 2026
Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Bill 2025.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Bill 2026
Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Bill 2026.

13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 2 April 2026:

Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Bill 2026
Restoring TAFE in Victoria — motion
Big Housing Build — motion
Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Bill 2026 —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

14 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

15 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA REPEAL BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

19 **CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA REPEAL BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 175 — Wednesday 1 April 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to establish Outdoor Recreation Victoria, to establish the Land Access Panel, to repeal the* ***Game Management Authority Act 2014*** *and the* ***Victorian Fisheries Authority Act 2016****, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *to strengthen Aboriginal recognition and self-determination across the early childhood education, school education, vocational education and training and adult, community and further education system, to require schools to develop policies to restrict student use of personal electronic devices during school hours and to improve the operation of that Act and to amend the* ***Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*** *to make a statute law revision amendment and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013****, the* ***Road Management Act 2004****, the* ***EastLink Project Act 2004****, the* ***Melbourne City Link Act 1995****, the* ***North East Link Act 2020****, the* ***West Gate Tunnel (Truck Bans and Traffic Management) Act 2019****, the* ***Port Management Act 1995****, the* ***Marine Safety Act 2010****, the* ***Rail Management Act 1996*** *and the* ***Transport Integration Act 2010*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT (RENT CONTROLS) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Richmond introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Residential Tenancies Act 1997*** *to provide that rent increases under residential tenancies agreements must not exceed certain amounts and for other purposes*' *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 48

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

6 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Supporting the Transition from Native Timber Harvesting — Ordered to be published

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2024–25

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Banyule — GC270
Bayside — GC270
Boroondara — GC270
Darebin — GC270
Glen Eira — GC270
Maribyrnong — GC270
Merri-bek — GC270
Monash — GC270
Stonnington — GC270

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 17.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026 without amendment.

8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS 5, 12 AND 13 MAY 2026** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 5, 12 and 13 May 2026 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 12 May.

(2) The order of business to be:

Tuesday 5 May
Question time and constituency questions
Formal business

Statements by members
Government business

Tuesday 12 May
Formal business
Statements by members
Statements on committee reports
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*
Matter of public importance (4.00 pm)
Government business *continued*

Wednesday 13 May
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)
Government business *continued*

(3) In relation to the matter of public importance:

(a) at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 12 May, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;

(b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:

(i) it will be completed without interruption and the result announced;

(ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;

(iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);

(c) the Chair announces the matter of public importance;

(d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the matter of public importance, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.

(4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 13 May —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

9 **ATTENDANCE OF TREASURER** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) So much of standing and sessional orders be suspended so as to allow on Tuesday 5 May 2026, following the introduction and motion for the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Bill:

(a) the Minister moving the second reading to retain their right to speak (for 15 minutes) on the question later in the debate;

(b) Hon Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, be permitted to attend the House for the purpose of giving a speech of unlimited duration in relation to the Annual Appropriation Bill.

(2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them that under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, approval has been granted for Hon Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, to attend the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 5 May 2026 to give a speech on the Annual Appropriation Bill —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

10 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

11 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

12 **DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 April 2026.

13 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 15 April 2026.

14 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has allowed for proper consultation with the industry to occur' *(David Southwick)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

15 **QUESTION TIME**.

16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

17 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — COST OF LIVING RELIEF** — The Speaker read Paul Edbrooke's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes that Victorian families are facing growing pressure in their daily lives as the cost of living and global events put household budgets under strain and only the Allan Labor Government is responding with new and practical solutions that deliver real cost-of-living relief and make life easier, safer and more affordable for Victorians.'

Paul Edbrooke addressed the House — Discussion followed.

19 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 176 — Thursday 2 April 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2025–26 Budget Estimates

Statutory Rule 21 under the *Wrongs Act 1958*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 19.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 5 May 2026 *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

4 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

5 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2026.

6 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2026.

7 **ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 16 April 2026.

8 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has allowed for proper consultation with the industry to occur'; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **STANDING ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That SO 62 be amended to omit the words 'A statement of compatibility tabled under s 28 of the *Charter of Human Rights and*

Responsibilities Act 2006' in paragraph (2) and insert 'A statement of compatibility tabled under any Act of Parliament' with the change to come into effect from 30 April 2026 *(Ros Spence)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Colin Brooks)* — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

14 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **RESTORING TAFE IN VICTORIA** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House commends the Allan Labor Government for restoring TAFE in Victoria with more than $16 billion in investment and legislating Free TAFE, which has saved students more than $777 million in tuition fees — *and on the amendment* — That the words 'but notes the Silver Review was scathing of the performance of Victoria's TAFE system under the Allan Labor Government and that real recurrent expenditure per annual hour in Victoria is the lowest in the nation' be added to the end of the motion; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 31 March 2026 had expired.

Question — That such words be added — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

16 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House commends the Allan Labor Government's housing strategy, including the Big Housing Build, housing targets for councils, planning and rental reforms and activity centre planning and recognises that improving affordability requires clear planning direction and building more homes where Victorians live, work and access transport.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

17 **CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA REPEAL BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **BUILDING AND PLUMBING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government has allowed for proper consultation with the industry to occur'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos;

Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.15 pm under sessional orders.

19 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.43 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
No 177

No 177 — Tuesday 5 May 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 2 April 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF GRAHAM KEITH ERNST** — The Speaker announced the death of Graham Keith Ernst, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Districts of Geelong East from 1979 to 1985 and Bellarine from 1985 to 1992; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **QUESTION TIME**.

4 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

5 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Bus route 526 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to improve services on bus route 526 by extending operating hours to at least 9.00 pm every day, increasing the frequency to at least every 20 minutes, connecting the route to Darebin tram or train services, and introducing Sunday services, bearing 627 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

Merri-bek Primary School's Concept Master Plan — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide funding towards the delivery of Merri-bek Primary School's Concept Master Plan, bearing 1050 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

St Kilda Police Citizens Youth Club — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to act and deliver funding to the St Kilda Police Citizens Youth Club, bearing 110 signatures *(Rachel Westaway)*

Warrnambool rail line passenger services — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly urgently restores safe, fair and reliable rail services with six carriage train sets and enforceable reserved seating, bearing 190 signatures *(Roma Britnell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

6 **PETITION — BUS ROUTE 526** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — MERRI-BEK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S CONCEPT MASTER PLAN** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — WARRNAMBOOL RAIL LINE PASSENGER SERVICES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Roma Britnell)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — ST KILDA POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Prahran be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Rachel Westaway)* — put and agreed to.

10 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under SO 20, I discharge Paul Edbrooke and Paul Hamer from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, 6 February, 14 May and 30 July 2024, 14 October 2025 and 3 March 2026.

Maree Edwards
SPEAKER
5 May 2026.

11 **DOCUMENTS**

BUDGET PAPERS 2026–27 —

2026–27 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer's Speech
2026–27 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program
2026–27 Budget Overview

tabled by leave *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Inquiry into the Adequacy of the annual budget of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the Victorian Ombudsman and Integrity Oversight Victoria, together with an appendix.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Program Performance — released on 30 April 2026

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1994 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 10 *(Gazette S204, 22 April 2026)*

Financial Management Act 1994:

2026–27 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook
2026–27 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery
2026–27 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)
2026–27 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement
2026–27 Department Performance Statement

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ararat — C43
Ballarat — GC255
Baw Baw — GC255, GC263
Benalla — GC255
Brimbank — GC236
Cardinia — GC263, GC272
Colac Otway — C132, GC255
Darebin — C191
East Gippsland — C159
Glen Eira — C280
Golden Plains — GC255
Greater Bendigo — GC255
Greater Geelong — C487
Hepburn — GC255
Horsham — GC255
Hume — GC263
Loddon — GC255
Macedon Ranges — GC236, GC255
Manningham — C125
Mansfield — GC255
Melbourne — C493, GC272
Merri-bek — GC236
Mitchell — GC255
Moonee Valley — GC236
Moorabool — GC255
Mornington Peninsula — C315
Mount Alexander — GC255
Port Phillip — C233

Pyrenees — GC255
South Gippsland — GC255, GC263
Surf Coast — GC255
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC232, VC307, VC308
Wodonga — GC255
Wyndham — GC263

Professional Standards Act 2003:

The Australian Institute of Building Surveyors Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette G16, 16 April 2026)*
The Surveyors Australia Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette G16, 16 April 2026)*

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Orders under ss 6, 8 and 9

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Architects Act 1991 — SR 29
Building Act 1993 — SR 38
Casino Control Act 1991 — SR 23
Fines Reform Act 2014 — SR 34
Infringements Act 2006 — SR 35
Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 — SR 37
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SRs 30, 31, 32
Meat Industry Act 1993 — SR 22
Non-Emergency Patient Transport and First Aid Services Act 2003 — SR 26
Professional Standards Act 2003 — SR 36
Retirement Villages Act 1986 — SRs 24, 25
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 27, 28
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 33

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Meat Industry Act 1993 — PrimeSafe meat industry licensing and fees determination 2026
Seafood Safety Act 2003 — PrimeSafe seafood safety licensing and fees determination 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Act 2025 — Part 2 (other than s 25(4) and s 45(3)) — 15 April 2026 *(Gazette S189, 14 April 2026)*
Entities Legislation Amendment (Consolidation and Other Matters) Act 2026 — Parts 4 and 6 and Division 1 of Part 9 — 15 April 2026; Division 2 of Part 8 — 28 April 2026; Remaining provisions of Division 1 of Part 8 — 3 May 2026 — *(Gazette S189, 14 April 2026)*

Labour Hire Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Act 2025 — Ss 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16(2) and (3), 17, 18 and 19 — 1 June 2026 *(Gazette S200, 21 April 2026)*.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Food Victoria Bill 2026 without amendment.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 14 April 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Free TAFE Guarantee) Bill 2026
Electoral Amendment Bill 2025
Justice Legislation Further Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2026
Safe Food Victoria Bill 2026.

14 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026
Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill 2026
Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2026/27.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

16 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2026/2027 and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

In accordance with the resolution of the House on 1 April 2026, the Serjeant-at-Arms admitted the Treasurer, Jaclyn Symes, into the Chamber.

Jaclyn Symes delivered a speech in relation to the Bill.

The Serjeant-at-Arms escorted Jaclyn Symes from the Chamber.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Jess Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for one week. Debate adjourned until 12 May 2026.

17 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2026/27.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

18 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2026/2027 and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for one week. Debate adjourned until 12 May 2026.

19 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

20 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 12 May 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

21 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 be considered and completed by 7.00 pm today *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

22 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

23 **ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 under the resolution of the House today had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 178 and 179

No 178 — Tuesday 12 May 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The House met according to the resolutions of the House on 1 April and 5 May 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIA POLICE AMENDMENT (POLICE RESERVISTS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Victoria Police Act 2013** in relation to police reservists, to consequentially amend the **Firearms Act 1996** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Nick Staikos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Building Act 1993** in relation to places of public entertainment, emergency orders, building notices, building orders, decennial insurance, flood-prone areas and minor matters, the **Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002** in relation to adjudicators, authorised nominating authorities and reviews of that Act, the **Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Act 2025** in relation to the statutory insurance scheme, minimum financial requirements and minor matters, the **Building Legislation Amendment (Fairer Payments on Jobsites and Other Matters) Act 2025** in relation to minor matters, the **Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026** in relation to Ministerial guidelines, flood-prone areas and minor matters, the **Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Act 2026** in relation to a minor matter, the **Sale of Land Act 1962** in relation to off-the-plan contracts and section 32 statements, the **Water Act 1989** in relation to floodplain management, the **Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Act 2012** in relation to exemptions and offsets and the fixed charge on residential land and the **Land Tax Act 2005** in relation to the principal place of residence exemption and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Rubicon solar project — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly opposes and rejects the Rubicon solar project and prevents large-scale industrial energy developments in bushfire-prone, environmentally sensitive, and rural residential areas, bearing 1509 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Passenger train services to Mildura and the Mallee — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly commits to reinstating a public passenger train service to Melbourne in the form of a weekly shuttle service between Mildura and Maryborough to connect with existing passenger train services to Melbourne, bearing 2643 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*

Improve the efficiency and fairness of the residential tenancies list — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly — (a) introduces expedited possession applications where rent arrears exceed one month; (b) grants rental providers immediate possession rights on expiry of a fixed-term lease if the tenant is in arrears; (c) amends legislation to limit repeated reviews in multi-tenant cases; (d) mandates independent verification of rental references; and (e) reviews VCAT Residential Tenancies List processes to ensure timely and equitable dispute resolution, bearing 2160 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — RUBICON SOLAR PROJECT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES TO MILDURA AND THE MALLEE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND FAIRNESS OF THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LIST** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

8 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under SO 20, I:

(1) appoint Martin Cameron to preside as Acting Speaker whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker; and

(2) discharge John Mullahy from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February and 31 October 2023, 6 February, 14 May and 30 July 2024, 14 October 2025 and 3 March and 5 May 2026.

Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
12 May 2026.

9 **DOCUMENTS**

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY — Report 2025 tabled by leave *(Colin Brooks)*.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 6 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Volume A
Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026
Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026
Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026
Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill 2026
Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026

Volume B
Safe Food Victoria Act 2026
State Taxation Further Amendment Act 2025
SR No 94 — Serious Offenders Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 144 — Child Wellbeing and Safety (Information Sharing) Further Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 147 — Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Conduct on Public Transport) Regulations 2025

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the Annual Review 2024, Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Box Hill Institute — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Chisholm Institute — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17D granting a lease over Edinburgh Gardens

Deakin University — Report 2025

Federation University Australia — Report 2025

Gordon Institute of TAFE (The Gordon) — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Inquiries Act 2014 — Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion — Interim report, together with a statement under s 37(1)(b) — Ordered to be published

Judicial Entitlements Act 2015 — Recommendation statement under s 34

La Trobe University — Report 2025

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Monash University — Report 2025

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Bass Coast — C176
Boroondara — C413 Part 3
Casey — C304
Colac Otway — C125 Part 2
Greater Bendigo — C275
Greater Geelong — C488
Manningham — C142
Melton — C232
Moorabool — C85
South Gippsland — C133
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC248
Wangaratta — C95
Wyndham — C266
Yarra — C247

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University) — Report 2025

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010 — SR 39
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 40

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 34, 35, 36, 37, 40

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (Suni TAFE) — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Swinburne University of Technology — Report 2025

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

University of Melbourne — Report 2025

Victoria University — Report 2025

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt

Wodonga TAFE — Report 2025, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt.

10 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Richard Welch MLC from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and Ingrid Stitt MLC from the House Committee, both effective from today.

11 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Richard Riordan be a member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 13 May 2026:

Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026
Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

13 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

14 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

15 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2026.

16 **QUESTION TIME**.

17 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

18 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2026.

19 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — ALLAN LABOR GOVERNMENT LEGACY** — The Speaker read Bridget Vallence's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Allan Labor Government's legacy of record debt, record taxes and record waste while essential services deteriorate, and affirms the need for a disciplined 10-year economic plan to clean up the books, restore budget honesty and guarantee the services Victorians rely on.'

Bridget Vallence addressed the House — Discussion followed.

20 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 179 — Wednesday 13 May 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Planning application PA2604170 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to meet with affected local residents in Prahran before any final decision is made on planning application PA2604170, bearing 223 signatures *(Rachel Westaway)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Free TAFE — Ordered to be published
Responses to Performance Engagement Recommendations: Annual Status Update 2026 — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 26 *(Gazette G19, 7 May 2026)*

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of amendment VC309 to the Victoria Planning Provisions

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2025 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*.

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Bill 2026
Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Bill 2026.

5 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026 and the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026 to be moved and debated concurrently *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

6 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

7 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Nick Staikos tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Nick Staikos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 27 May 2026.

8 **VICTORIA POLICE AMENDMENT (POLICE RESERVISTS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 27 May 2026.

9 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Vicki Ward)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 2 June 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

14 **APPROPRIATION (2026–2027) BILL 2026 AND APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2026–2027) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 12 May 2026 had expired.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That these Bills be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2026.

15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 180, 181, 182 and 183

No 180 — Tuesday 2 June 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 13 May 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **WRIT** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writ issued on 13 March 2026 and that Anthony Marsh has been elected for the District of Nepean.

3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Anthony Marsh was then introduced and took and subscribed the affirmation required by law.

4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to immediately allow:

(1) The Premier to move a motion regarding the contribution and legacy of Neale Daniher AO;

(2) The Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Nationals, the Leader of the Greens, and the Member for Pakenham to speak on the motion for a maximum of five minutes each;

(3) At the conclusion of the contributions in (2), debate on the motion to be adjourned until tomorrow, in the name of Anthony Carbines —

(Anthony Carbines) — put and agreed to.

5 **NEALE DANIHER AO** — Motion made and question proposed — That that this House expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Neale Daniher AO — footballer, coach, Victorian of the Year, Australian of the Year, and co-founder of FightMND — who faced motor neurone disease with extraordinary courage and grace, transforming personal hardship into hope for millions, and whose legacy will endure in Victoria and across the nation *(Jacinta Allan)* — after debate, adjourned until tomorrow under the resolution of the House agreed to today.

6 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE ROBERT IAN KNOWLES AO** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Robert Ian Knowles AO and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Council for the Province of Ballarat from 1976 to 1999, Minister for Aged Care from 1992 to 1999, Minister

for Health from 1996 to 1999 and Minister for Housing from 1992 to 1996 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

7 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE NORMAN HENRY LACY** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Norman Henry Lacy and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Districts of Ringwood from 1973 to 1976 and Warrandyte from 1976 to 1982, and Minister for the Arts from 1979 to 1982 and Minister of Educational Services from 1981 to 1982 *(Jacinta Allan)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

8 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Robert Ian Knowles AO and the late Honourable Norman Henry Lacy, the House now adjourns until 2.45 pm today *(Jacinta Allan)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 1.42 pm, adjourned until 2.45 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 181 — Tuesday 2 June 2026
(2.45 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.

2 **QUESTION TIME**.

3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

4 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Racing Act 1958*** *and the* ***Domestic Animals Act 1994****, to amend the* ***Australian Grands Prix Act 1994*** *in relation to approved motor sport events under that Act and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 2008*** *to require registered ART providers to comply with an approved accreditation scheme and to make amendments to provisions relating to the registration of registered ART providers and the inspection powers of the Secretary, the* ***Non-Emergency Patient Transport and First Aid Services Act 2003*** *to expand the scope of the regulation making power in relation to the*

incorporation of documents, the ***Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*** *to amend provisions in relation to the registration of cooling tower systems and the* ***Radiation Act 2005*** *in relation to the disposal of radiation sources and to create a regulatory scheme for the provision of financial assurances and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to further amend the* ***Electoral Act 2002*** *in relation to political donations, State funding and reporting requirements, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Electoral Amendment Act 2026*** *and the* ***Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Act 2026*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

7 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Period products in public schools — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures the continued funding of period products in all public school bathrooms across the state, bearing 38 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Legal protections for seeing eye dogs, guide dogs, and assistance dogs — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to amend the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* to create a specific offence and higher penalties for a person in charge of a dog that attacks, rushes at, or interferes with an assistance dog, bearing 2122 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — PERIOD PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR SEEING EYE DOGS, GUIDE DOGS, AND ASSISTANCE DOGS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

10 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Roma Britnell, Deputy Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 7 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Act 2026
Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026
Energy and Other Legislation Amendment (Resilience Reforms and Other Matters) Act 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026

together with appendices and an extract from the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Sustainability Reporting by Water Corporations — released on 20 May 2026

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 22 *(Gazette G19, 7 May 2026)*

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003:

Government response to the Electoral Matters Committee's report on the Inquiry into the 2025 Prahran and Werribee by-elections
Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Legislative Framework for the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission
Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's report on the Inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local Government: a follow up of two Auditor-General reports

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Bass Coast — GC148
Buloke — C44
Cardinia — GC148
Casey — GC148
Glen Eira — C282
Greater Bendigo — C270
Horsham — C88
Melbourne — C488, C489
Moorabool — C103
Mornington Peninsula — C318
Southern Grampians — C63
Whittlesea — C287
Yarra — C338

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Building Act 1993 — SR 42
County Court Act 1958 — SR 56
Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004 — SR 41
Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012 — SR 44
Electoral Act 2002 — SR 45
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 47
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 46
Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 — SR 43

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005*:
2026 Ministerial Order under section 16BA
2026 Ministerial Order under section 22A

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Wetlands Closure) Notice No 2 *(Gazette S235, 5 May 2026)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's report on the Inquiry into the supply of homes in regional Victoria

Proclamations fixing operative dates:

Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Stability) Act 2026 — Whole Act — 12 May 2026 *(Gazette S232, 5 May 2026)*
Electoral Amendment Act 2026 — Parts 1 and 2, other than s 73 — 25 May 2026 *(Gazette S251, 19 May 2026)*.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 19 May 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building and Plumbing Administration and Enforcement Bill 2026
Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Bill 2026.

12 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026.

13 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Dylan Wight from the Electoral Matters Committee effective from today.

14 **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Mathew Hilakari be a member of the Electoral Matters Committee *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 4 June 2026:

Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill 2026

Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026
Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

16 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

17 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 182 — Wednesday 3 June 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Paul Edbrooke introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Out-of-Home Care Services — Ordered to be published

Owners Corporations Act 2006 — Statutory review under s 210

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Conveyancers Act 2006 — SRs 49, 50
Estate Agents Act 1980 — SRs 51, 52
Owners Corporations Act 2006 — SRs 53, 54
Relationships Act 2008 — SR 48
Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007 — SR 55.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026 without amendment.

5 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

6 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

7 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 June 2026.

8 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 17 June 2026.

9 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned until later this day *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

10 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the government business program resolution agreed to by this House on 2 June 2026 be amended to change the completion time of the Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026 to 7.00 pm on 3 June 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026.

12 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

13 **QUESTION TIME**.

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

15 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

17 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026 under the resolution of the House on 2 June 2026 and as amended on 3 June 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 48

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.08 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.36 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 183 — Thursday 4 June 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Results of 2025 Audits: TAFEs and Universities — Ordered to be published

Commission for Children and Young People — Left behind: Systemic inquiry into responses to children and young people who are the subject of multiple reports to Child Protection — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Administration and Probate Act 1958 — SR 57
Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 — SR 60
Family Violence Protection Act 2008 — SR 61
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 58
Taxation Administration Act 1997 — SR 62
Worker Screening Act 2020 — SR 59.

3 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

4 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Paul Edbrooke tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Paul Edbrooke)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 18 June 2026.

5 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Nick Staikos circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michaela Settle)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

6 **VICTORIA POLICE AMENDMENT (POLICE RESERVISTS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **VICTORIA POLICE AMENDMENT (POLICE RESERVISTS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 2 June 2026 and as amended on 3 June 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

10 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 77

Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 5 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.06 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

12 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 5 and 6, be postponed until later this day.

13 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **WORKING FROM HOME** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Opposition Leader for failing to — (a) stop the Shadow Treasurer's reckless campaign for mandatory five-day office return; (b) condemn the Shadow Treasurer for spreading misinformation on working from home; and (c) commit to Labor's plan to legislate working from home as a right for Victorians — *and on the amendment* — That the word 'former' be inserted before the word 'Shadow' wherever occurring — *and on the amendment to the amendment* — That after the word "occurring" the words "and after the word 'Victorians' insert 'and that this House notes how stale and political this sledge motion is'" be inserted; debate resumed.

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

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Question — That the words proposed to be inserted by the Member for Brighton be inserted — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 49

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted by the Member for Mordialloc be inserted — put and agreed to.

Question — That the motion, as amended, be agreed to — put and agreed to.

15 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Motion made and question proposed — That this House takes note of the 2026–2027 budget papers *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Mullahy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

17 **ELECTORAL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — and, after debate —

Question — That amendment Nos 1 to 4 inclusive be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That amendment No 5 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

18 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 16 June 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.38 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 184, 185 and 186

No 184 — Tuesday 16 June 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 June 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Jacinta Allan introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **SENTENCING AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY WORKERS) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Sentencing Act 1991** to widen the scope of when an emergency worker is on duty for the purposes of that Act and the **Crimes Act 1958** and for other purposes' (James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 32

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

4 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Mechanical beach raking — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to review local council beach cleaning policies to ensure practices align with State and Federal frameworks for marine and coastal stewardship and introduce legislation to cease the practice of mechanical beach raking and permanently adopt sustainable hand-cleaning methods, bearing 9 signatures *(Paul Mercurio)*

Lorne Fishermen's Cooperative Building — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to prevent the demolition of the Lorne Fishermen's Cooperative Building until an independent investigation is undertaken to determine the feasibility and cost of retaining the building, bearing 583 signatures *(Richard Riordan)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 8 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026 (House Amendments)
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Electoral Further Amendment Act 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026
Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Follow-up: Reducing Bushfire Risks — released on 10 June 2026
Reducing the Harm Caused by Distracted Drivers — released on 10 June 2026

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Banyule — GC281
Brimbank — GC281
Darebin — GC281
Greater Bendigo — C301
Latrobe — C154
Macedon Ranges — C147
Manningham — C140
Melbourne — C490

Mitchell — GC281
Southern Grampians — C64
Stonnington — C320
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC311
Wyndham — GC281
Yarra Ranges — GC281

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 65
Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — SR 64
Road Management Act 2004 — SRs 66, 67
Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — SR 63

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 57, 58, 59, 61, 65
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Dairy Act 2000* — Dairy Food Safety Victoria Determination of Licence Classes and Fees for Dairy Businesses 2026

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) (Wetlands Closure) Notice No 3 *(Gazette S274, 28 May 2026).*

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Act 2026 — Parts 9 and 10 (except s 223) and ss 7(1), 10, 65, 68(3), 71, 72 and 203 — 3 June 2026; Part 7 (except s 189) — 3 August 2026 — *(Gazette S289, 2 June 2026)*
Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Remaining provisions — 1 July 2026 *(Gazette S307, 10 June 2026)*.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 9 June 2026, given the royal assent to the Electoral Further Amendment Bill 2026, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL — APPROPRIATION BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 10 June 2026, given the royal assent to the Appropriation (2026–2027) Bill 2026, presented to her by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

8 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026
Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

9 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 18 June 2026:

Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026
Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

10 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

11 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026 AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 185 — Wednesday 17 June 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Paul Hamer introduced *'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 for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Paul Hamer introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Local Government Act 2020** to enhance the integrity and governance standards of Councils, to enable the prescription of a Fair Jobs Code and to make provision for the appointment of a Local Government Fair Jobs Code Regulator and to amend the **City of Melbourne Act 2001** to increase the permitted ratio between the lowest and highest differential rates if the Melbourne City Council uses the net annual value system of valuation and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT (FACILITATING TIMELY REPORTING) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011** to facilitate timely reporting by the IBAC and for other purposes*' *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Crimes Act 1958** in relation to recruitment of children to engage in criminal activity and for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007** to support the operation of the Victorian Energy Upgrades program and to make amendments consequential to the renaming of that Act, to amend the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990**, the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**, the **Gas Industry Act 2001** and other Acts and for other purposes'*; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

7 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2009** and the **Victoria Police Act 2013** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

8 **FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*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, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

9 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Fix Victorian roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and maintenance to fix Victorian roads, bearing 407 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*

Police presence and resources — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide more funding and resources to boost police presence and deter crime in Gippsland, bearing 96 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

10 **PETITION — FIX VICTORIAN ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

11 **PETITION — POLICE PRESENCE AND RESOURCES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

12 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Delivering School Upgrade Projects — Ordered to be published
Improving Bus Services — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of amendment VC312 to the Victoria Planning Provisions

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 60, 62, 63.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Cladding Safety Victoria Repeal Act 2026 — Whole Act — 1 July 2026 *(Gazette S326, 16 June 2026)*
Restricting Non-disclosure Agreements (Sexual Harassment at Work) Act 2025 — Whole Act — 1 July 2026 *(Gazette S326, 16 June 2026)*
Safe Food Victoria Act 2026 — Whole Act — 1 July 2026 *(Gazette S326, 16 June 2026)*
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaints and Worker Regulation) Act 2025 — Chapter 5 — 1 July 2026 *(Gazette S326, 16 June 2026).*

13 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

15 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Jackson Taylor from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee, effective from today.

16 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 17 June 2026 to allow the Member for Pakenham to make a valedictory statement for a maximum of 15 minutes at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

17 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 17 June 2026 to allow the Member for Nepean to make an inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes immediately after the Member for Pakenham's valedictory statement *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

18 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

19 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

20 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Jacinta Allan tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Jacinta Allan)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 1 July 2026.

21 **DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026 AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

22 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Colin Brooks circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

23 **QUESTION TIME**.

24 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

25 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Michaela Settle)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

26 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Mary-Anne Thomas from the Standing Orders Committee, effective from today.

27 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending a further appropriation for the purposes of the Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

28 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AND TREASURY LEGISLATION (TAX RELIEF) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

29 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

30 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — CUTS TO SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE** — The Speaker read Tim Richardson's proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Opposition and One Nation on their plans to cut $40 billion out of Victorian schools and hospitals, as well as one in seven public servants.'

Tim Richardson addressed the House — Discussion followed.

Business interrupted at 6.01 pm under the resolution of the House today.

31 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — The Member for Pakenham made a valedictory statement.

32 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House today, the Member for Nepean made an inaugural speech.

33 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

34 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 186 — Thursday 18 June 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY VISITORS REPORT 2024–25 — Tabled by leave *(Ben Carroll)*.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — Report 2025, Domain 1 to 6 Data Tables and Victorian 2025 Closing the Gap Tables tabled by leave *(Ros Spence)*.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Gambling Regulation Act 2003:

Amendment to Public Lottery Licence issued to Tattersall's Sweeps Pty Ltd under s 5.3.19(4)(b)(ii) (two documents)
Monitoring Licence issued to Intralot Gaming Services Pty Ltd under ss 3.4.53(1)(b)(ii) and 3.4.53(1)(c)(ii) (two documents)
Report of Independent Review Panel: Public Lotteries Licensing Project

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011 — Victorian Government report on multicultural affairs 2024–25

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 69, 71, 72, 77.

3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Thursday 30 July 2026 to allow:

(1) The sitting of the House to be suspended at 11.15 am;

(2) The Speaker to take the Chair at 11.30 am, interrupt business, and the House to proceed in accordance with paragraphs (3) to (9);

(3) Legislative Council members to be admitted onto the floor of the House and to remain until the question for the endorsement of the apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools is put;

(4) The Premier to table a statement of apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools;

(5) The Premier to move a motion that the House endorses the apology, and the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Education, and the Member for Sandringham to speak on the motion for a maximum of 10 minutes each;

(6) The Speaker to put the question on the motion at the conclusion of the contributions referred to in paragraph (5);

(7) At the conclusion of the motion, the House to suspend until 2.00 pm;

(8) Question time and constituency questions to take precedence at the end of the suspension in (7); and

(9) Any business under discussion at the 11.15 am suspension to be resumed at the conclusion of question time and constituency questions —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

4 **ATTENDANCE AT APOLOGY** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) The Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend a sitting of the Assembly in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Thursday 30 July 2026 at 11.30 am for the consideration of the motion endorsing the statement of apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools;

(2) The lower public gallery on the non-Government side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Assembly standing orders be applied for the time that Council members are invited onto the floor of the House;

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Anthony Carbines) — put and agreed to.

5 **MEMBER FOR NARRE WARREN NORTH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House condemns the Member for Narre Warren North for having confidence in a Premier who enabled $15 billion of corruption on the Big Build and presides over corruption, record crime, unemployment above the national average and almost $200 billion of net debt *(Rachel Westaway)* — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the question be now put *(Anthony Carbines*) — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

6 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Pauline Richards from the House Committee and the Standing Orders Committee, effective from today.

7 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Anthony Carbines be a member of the Standing Orders Committee;

(2) John Mullahy be a member of the House Committee and the Standing Orders Committee; and

(3) Meng Heang Tak be a member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee —

(Anthony Carbines) — put and agreed to.

8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Statements continued.

12 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 28 July 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

13 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Paul Hamer tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Paul Hamer)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

14 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Paul Hamer tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Paul Hamer)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

15 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

16 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

17 **FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

18 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 July 2026.

19 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULATORY REFORM) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 16 June 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second and third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

21 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 and 2 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 82

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

22 **DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT BILL 2026 AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT (DANGEROUS GOODS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That these Bills be now read a second time.

Question — That these Bills be now read a second and third time — put and agreed to.

Bills sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

23 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.34 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 187, 188 and 189

No 187 — Tuesday 28 July 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF MAXWELL JOHN TURNER** — The Speaker announced the death of Maxwell John Turner, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Bendigo West from 1992 to 1996; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

3 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Multicultural Victoria Act 2011** to establish Multicultural Victoria, to require certain public sector entities to acquire interpreting and translating services from VITS LanguageLoop and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015** to categorise or recategorise certain hospitals for the purposes of nurse to patient and midwife to patient ratios and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Electoral Act 2002** to remove group voting tickets from Legislative Council elections and to improve the operation of that Act and the electoral system of Victoria, to make consequential amendments and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Paul Hamer gave a notice of intention to make a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clause 4 of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026.

7 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Portable classrooms at Wodonga Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that two portable classrooms are not removed from Wodonga Primary School, bearing 540 signatures *(Bill Tilley)*

Fire safety in regional and rural Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly holds an urgent vote of no confidence in the Government for the safety of regional and rural Victoria and allocate resources to get the current and future fires under control, bearing 35 signatures *(Brad Battin)*

Crossway Preschool, Brighton — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly introduces flexibility in regulations and compliance procedures for small, local, not for profit preschools to ensure their sustainability, bearing 4 signatures *(James Newbury)*

Locks on disabled bathrooms — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly implements a Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia Limited lock system to all disabled bathroom facilities across the state, bearing 96 signatures *(James Newbury)*

Brunswick Street Oval Precinct project — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures that the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct project scope is limited to the number of tennis courts that can fit within the existing club footprint, mandates the retention of the 1884 elm avenue and its associated paths, and defers all further grants and permits until a comprehensive Heritage Impact Assessment is conducted, bearing 1,866 signatures *(Tim Read)*

Hazelwood and Boldings Roads — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly leaves the speed limit on the Hazelwood to Boldings Roads between Traralgon and Churchill at 100 km/h, bearing 148 signatures *(Martin Cameron)*

Funding for Football Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit new investment and resources to help Football Victoria deliver its strategic priorities, including the re-establishment of a dedicated World Game Facilities Fund, bearing 7,259 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — CROSSWAY PRESCHOOL, BRIGHTON** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brighton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — LOCKS ON DISABLED BATHROOMS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brighton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — BRUNSWICK STREET OVAL PRECINCT PROJECT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brunswick be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

11 **PETITION — HAZELWOOD AND BOLDINGS ROADS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Morwell be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martin Cameron)* — put and agreed to.

12 **DOCUMENTS**

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 9 of 2026 Volumes A and B from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026
Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026
Electoral Further Amendment Act 2026
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026
Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026
Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026
Planning Amendment (Restricting New Fast Food Developments) Bill 2026
Roads, Road Safety and Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
SR No 118 — Corrections Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 129 — Liquor Control Reform (Prohibited Supply) Regulations 2025
SR No 145 — Gas Safety (Gas Installation) Amendment Regulations 2025
SR No 13 — Conservation, Forests and Lands (Wildlife (Game) Infringement Notices) Regulations 2026
SR No 20 — Wildlife (Game) Amendment Regulations 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

PARLIAMENTARY ETHICS COMMITTEE — Kim Wells, Chair, tabled a report from the Parliamentary Ethics Committee on the Inquiry into the review of the Members Code of Conduct, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 24 June 2026

Delivering School Upgrade Projects — released on 30 June 2026 replacing copy released on 17 June 2026
Follow-up: Service Victoria — Digital Delivery of Government Services — released on 24 June 2026
Investing in Early Intervention Initiatives — released on 30 June 2026
Planning and Managing Drainage Schemes in Melbourne's Growth Areas — released on 24 June 2026

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003 — Framework for Victorian State of the Environment Reporting: Partnerships for Nature

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Orders under s 17B granting licences over:

Alexandra Gardens Reserve
Sandringham Beach Park

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2026 under s 303

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026

Integrity Oversight Victoria:

Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026
Report 1 July to 31 December 2024 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999* — Ordered to be published
Report November 2024 to February 2025 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003* — Ordered to be published
Report March 2025 to August 2025 under s 37D of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003* — Ordered to be published

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to:

Statutory Rule 38 *(Gazette S408, 15 July 2026)*
Statutory Rule 58 *(Gazette G26, 25 June 2026)*
Statutory Rule 71 *(Gazette G27, 2 July 2026)*

Inquiries Act 2014 — Report of the Forum for Truth and Recognition — Truth, recognition and healing: Report on victim-survivors' experiences of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools and certain non-government schools before 2000 — released on 16 July 2026

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by a member of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Return 2 June 2026 — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Annual Plan 2026–27 — released on 29 June 2026

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Report on Distribution from the Assembly Suspension Fines Fund 2025–26

Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission — Matter involving Mr James Newbury, Member for Brighton

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — C73
Ballarat — C234
Bayside — GC246
Boroondara — GC285
Casey — C302
Darebin — C231
Glen Eira — GC285
Golden Plains — C113
Greater Dandenong — C251, GC260, GC285
Kingston — GC246, GC247, GC285
Monash — C176, C177, GC247, GC248
Moorabool — GC260
Mornington Peninsula — C295
Port Phillip — C231, C234
Stonnington — C316, C361, GC285
Warrnambool — GC278
Whitehorse — C255, GC248, GC285
Yarra — GC278

Professional Standards Act 2003 — Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited Professional Standards Scheme *(Gazette S366, 30 June 2026)*

State Owned Enterprises Act 1992:

Constitution of Innovation Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75
Record of a resolution of the sole member of Breakthrough Victoria Pty Ltd under s 75

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Borrowing and Investment Powers Act 1987 — SR 89
Building Act 1993 — SRs 72, 73, 87, 96, 97
Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — SR 103
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SRs 92, 93
Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017 — SR 88
Coroners Act 2008 — SR 68
County Court Act 1958 — SR 102
Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — SR 80
Dangerous Goods Act 1985 — SRs 100, 101
Electricity Safety Act 1998 — SR 71

Estate Agents Act 1980 — SR 90
Forests Act 1958 — SRs 81, 82
Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — SR 79
Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 — SR 69
Land Act 1958 — SR 83
Local Government Act 2020 — SR 75
Local Jobs First Act 2003 — SRs 74, 98
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SR 78
National Parks Act 1975 — SR 84
Private Security Act 2004 — SR 76
Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 — SR 91
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 86
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 99
Retirement Villages Act 1986 — SR 105
Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — SR 106
Service Victoria Act 2018 — SR 94
Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003 — SR 77
Tobacco Act 1987 — SR 95
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 — SR 70
Wildlife Act 1975 — SR 85
Worker Screening Act 2020 — SR 104

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 64, 66, 68, 70, 75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 102, 105, 106, 107
Documents under s 16B in relation to:
Building Act 1993:
Minimum Financial Requirements and Administrative Guidelines 2026
Ministerial Direction to Building Surveyors made under s 188AA of the *Building Act 1993* in relation to the operation of Section 24A of that Act
Premiums Order made under s 137Q
Education and Training Reform Act 2006 — Ministerial Order No 1498, Exemptions from Attendance and Enrolment at School (Amendment) Order
Local Jobs First Act 2003 — Local Jobs First Policy
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — Transfer of Bond Guidelines

Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal — Members of Parliament (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2025 — Division 1 of Part 2 — 30 June 2026 *(Gazette S367, 30 June 2026)*
Social Services Regulation Amendment (Child Safety, Complaint and Worker Regulation) Act 2025 — Divisions 1 (other than ss 75 and 83(1)), 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 (other than ss 115 and 125) of Part 3.2 — 28 July 2026 *(Gazette S389, 7 July 2026)*.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL — APPROPRIATION BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 23 June 2026, given the royal assent to the Appropriation (Parliament 2026–2027) Bill 2026, presented to her by the Deputy Speaker.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 23 June 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Building Legislation and Treasury Legislation (Tax Relief) Amendment Bill 2026
Victoria Police Amendment (Police Reservists) Bill 2026.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026.

17 **ACTING DEPUTY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 27 July 2026, she administered to Keegan Scott Bartlett, the Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner of the Victorian Electoral Commission, the affirmation required by s 16 of the *Electoral Act 2002*.

18 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 30 July 2026:

Equal Opportunity Amendment (Work from Home) Bill 2026
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

19 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

20 **NO CONFIDENCE MOTION** — Motion made and question — That the Premier and the other Ministers of State for the State of Victoria no longer possess the confidence of this House *(Jess Wilson)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **QUESTION TIME**.

22 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

23 **NO CONFIDENCE MOTION** — Debate continued on question — That the Premier and the other Ministers of State for the State of Victoria no longer possess the confidence of this House.

Motion made and question — That the question now be put *(Anthony Carbines)* — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 188 — Wednesday 29 July 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **MAGISTRATES' COURT AMENDMENT (WORKPLACE PROTECTION) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Brighton introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Magistrates' Court Act 1989*** *to provide for the Magistrates' Court to make orders to prevent and reduce unacceptable conduct engaged in by members of the public in certain workplaces and for other purposes*' *(James Newbury)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced '*A Bill for an Act to provide for orders, to be made by the Magistrates' Court or the Children's Court, that impose restrictions on persons who engage in unacceptable conduct that is connected to certain workplaces and to make consequential amendments to the* ***Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*** *and the* ***Magistrates' Court Act 1989*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into the recruitment methods and impacts of cults and organised fringe groups, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Electoral Act 2002 — SR 108
Victoria Police Act 2013 — SR 107

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 76, 100, 101.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

6 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026.

8 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 29 July 2026 to allow the Member for Brunswick to make a valedictory statement for a maximum of 15 minutes at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance (*Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing orders be suspended to allow the following motion to be considered, 'That the scope of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 be extended to enable consideration of amendments and a new clause to amend the *Corrections Act 1986* to validate certain actions taken without delegations in place between 29 April 2024 and 18 May 2026' *(Paul Hamer)* — put and agreed to.

10 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026 — MOTION TO EXTEND SCOPE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the scope of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 be extended to enable consideration of amendments and a new clause to amend the *Corrections Act 1986* to validate certain actions taken without delegations in place between 29 April 2024 and 18 May 2026 *(Paul Hamer)* — put and agreed to.

11 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That the government business program resolution agreed to by this House on 28 July 2026 be amended to change the completion time of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 to 7.00 pm on 29 July 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

13 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

14 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 August 2026.

15 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Melissa Horne tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Melissa Horne)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 12 August 2026.

16 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Anthony Carbines tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

20 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

21 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Paul Hamer made a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clause 4 of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026.

22 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Gabrielle Williams)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

23 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN ROAD MAINTENANCE** — The Deputy Speaker read Danny O'Brien's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the appalling state of Victorian roads and condemns the Labor Government for more than a decade of cuts to road maintenance, neglect and waste.'

Danny O'Brien addressed the House — Discussion followed.

Business interrupted at 6.00 pm under the resolution of the House today.

25 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — The Member for Brunswick made a valedictory statement.

26 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

27 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

28 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 under the resolution of the House on 28 July 2026 and as amended on 29 July 2026 had expired.

29 **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.01 pm under sessional orders.

30 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 189 — Thursday 30 July 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Intersection of Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to urgently assess the intersection of Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga and fund and implement appropriate safety upgrades, bearing 135 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — FUNDING FOR FOOTBALL VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale on 28 July 2026 be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — INTERSECTION OF MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY AND FRANK DRIVE, YARRAWONGA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

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 — Review of the operation of the Act under s 102

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013 — SR 109
Road Safety Act 1986 — SR 110

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 74, 103, 104.

6 **AMENDMENT TO SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026 to suspend standing and sessional orders to consider a motion for a parliamentary apology to victims of historical child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools be amended as follows:

(1) In paragraph (5) omit 'Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Education' and insert 'Premier and the Leader of the Opposition to speak on the motion for a maximum of 15 minutes each';

(2) At the end of paragraph (5) omit 'each' —

(Anthony Carbines) — put and agreed to.

7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

8 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Brad Battin)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 13 August 2026.

9 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Paul Hamer circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 11.30 am under the resolution of the House on 18 June 2026, as amended on 30 July 2026.

10 **APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS** — Ben Carroll tabled the statement of apology to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools.

Ordered to be published.

11 **APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS** — Motion made and question — That this House endorses the apology to victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools *(Ben Carroll)* — The Premier, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Sandringham addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

14 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

15 **FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 11 August 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

17 **FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 28 July 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AMENDMENT (WORK FROM HOME) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

20 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 8 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne;

Natalie Hutchins; Emma Kealy; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 190, 191, 192 and 193

No 190 — Tuesday 11 August 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 July 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN DYSON HARROWFIELD** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable John Dyson Harrowfield and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Mitcham from 1982 to 1992, Minister for Small Business from 1991 to 1992 and Minister for Finance from January to October 1992 *(Ben Carroll)* — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable John Dyson Harrowfield, the House, at 12.16 pm, adjourned until 1.16 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 191 — Tuesday 11 August 2026
(1.16 pm)

1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Education and Training Reform Act 2006*** *to provide for a new regulatory scheme for apprenticeships and traineeships and in relation to the permission to teach scheme and school community safety orders and to amend the* ***Workforce Inspectorate Victoria Act 2020*** *to provide for the appointment, functions and powers of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Commissioner and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

3 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Tim Richardson introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

4 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Crimes Act 1958****, the* ***Criminal Procedure Act 2009****, the* ***Equal Opportunity Act 2010****, the* ***Family Violence Protection Act 2008****, the* ***Fines Reform Act 2014****, the* ***Infringements Act 2006****, the* ***National Domestic Violence Order Scheme Act 2016****, the* ***Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010****, the* ***Road Safety Act 1986****, the* ***Sentencing Act 1991*** *and the* ***Youth Justice Act 2024*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*** *in relation to guarantees and supported accommodation, the* ***Accident Compensation Act 1985*** *in relation to supported accommodation, the* ***Transport Accident Act 1986*** *in relation to supported accommodation, the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*** *in relation to the powers of representatives and coercive conduct and to make consequential amendments to the* ***Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AI DATA CENTRES MORATORIUM) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Melbourne introduce *'A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987*** *to provide for a moratorium on AI data centre approvals and for other purposes' (Ellen Sandell)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

7 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Monash Freeway pedestrian bridge adjacent to Salesian College — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to support upgrades to the Monash Freeway pedestrian bridge adjacent to Salesian College to enhance pedestrian safety and support community wellbeing, bearing 1284 signatures *(Matt Fregon)*

wallan wallan Regional Park — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit to the establishment and adequate funding of the wallan wallan Regional Park and to complete research studies to address knowledge gaps and ensure well-informed holistic parkland planning, bearing 2879 signatures *(Ros Spence)*

Tram route 58 accessibility — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to prioritise the delivery of accessible tram super stops along Route 58 at intervals of no more than 500 metres and commit to the delivery of a fully accessible, entirely low-floor tram fleet on Route 58 within a clear, funded and publicly reported timeframe, bearing 263 signatures *(Ellen Sandell)*

Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive intersection, Yarrawonga — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to urgently assess the intersection of the Murray Valley Highway and Frank Drive, Yarrawonga, and fund and implement appropriate safety upgrades, including traffic controls and other infrastructure improvements, bearing 669 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*

Altona North train station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly commits to the planning and reopening of a train station in Altona North, utilising the existing rail line that passes through the suburb, in order to address the current gap in train service coverage, bearing 5779 signatures *(Melissa Horne)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

8 **PETITION — MONASH FREEWAY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ADJACENT TO SALESIAN COLLEGE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ashwood be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Matt Fregon)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — TRAM ROUTE 58 ACCESSIBILITY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Melbourne be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Ellen Sandell)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY AND FRANK DRIVE INTERSECTION, YARRAWONGA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 10 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Cannabis Legalisation Plebiscite Bill 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitating Timely Reporting) Bill 2026
Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Frankston North Public Park and Recreation Reserve

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Operation Richmond — Released on 5 August 2026

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ballarat — C266
Banyule — GC259
Bass Coast — C182
Cardinia — C283
Casey — GC259
Darebin — GC259
Glen Eira — C277
Latrobe — C150
Melbourne — C492, C502
Mitchell — C162
Yarra — C271, C273, C291, C336

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 73, 96, 108, 109, 110

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* — Ministerial Order No 1514 — Order Amending Ministerial Order No 1228 — Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration Fees

Wrongs Act 1958 — Notice of scale of fees and costs for referrals of medical questions to Medical Panels under Part VBA *(Gazette G30, 23 July 2026)*.

14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026 without amendment.

15 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 4 August 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Dangerous Goods Transport Bill 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Bill 2026
Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Bill 2026.

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026.

17 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 13 August 2026:

Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

18 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

19 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Tim Richardson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

20 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government releases the strategic review of the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme undertaken by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action' *(Matthew Guy)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.28 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 192 — Wednesday 12 August 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT (AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FOOD SECURITY) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Lowan introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Planning and Environment Act 1987*** *and the* ***Environment Effects Act 1978*** *in relation to agricultural land and for other purposes' (Emma Kealy)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 30

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **DOCUMENT**

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE — Juliana Addison, Chair, tabled a report from the Environment and Planning Standing Committee on the Inquiry into renewable and affordable energy for apartments, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026 without amendment.

5 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That Ben Carroll be discharged from the Dispute Resolution Committee and that Gabrielle Williams be a member in their place *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

6 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

8 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Gabrielle Williams tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Gabrielle Williams)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

9 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Tim Richardson tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Tim Richardson)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

10 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Sonya Kilkenny tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Sonya Kilkenny)*.

Sonya Kilkenny made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

11 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 26 August 2026.

12 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government releases the strategic review of the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme undertaken by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action'; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Paul Hamer)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

14 **QUESTION TIME**.

15 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

16 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

19 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 193 — Thursday 13 August 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Deputy Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Independent performance audits of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Integrity Oversight Victoria, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Tim Read, Chair, tabled a report from the Integrity and Oversight Committee on the Performance of the Victorian integrity agencies 2023–24 and 2024–25, together with an appendix and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendix ordered to be published.

3 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

4 **OUTDOOR RECREATION VICTORIA BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — and, after debate —

Question — That amendments Nos 1, 3 to 6 inclusive, 9 to 22 inclusive, 24 to 31 inclusive, 34 to 37 inclusive, 40 to 46 inclusive, 51 to 58 inclusive, 62 to 85 inclusive, 87 to 99 inclusive, 114 to 451 inclusive and 453 be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Question — That amendments Nos 2, 7, 8, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39, 47 to 50 inclusive, 59 to 61 inclusive, 86, 100 to 113 inclusive and 452 be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 74

Juliana Addison; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Iwan Walters; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

5 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

6 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

7 **QUESTION TIME**.

8 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

9 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

10 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 25 August 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

11 **WORKPLACE PROTECTION ORDERS BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 11 August 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 76

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

12 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 76

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Anthony Marsh; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

13 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

14 **ENERGY AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEET STRATEGIC REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until

the Government releases the strategic review of the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme undertaken by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action'.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Matt Fregon, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **SAFE PATIENT CARE (NURSE TO PATIENT AND MIDWIFE TO PATIENT RATIOS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.12 pm under sessional orders.

16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MATT FREGON MP
Deputy Speaker

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 194, 195 and 196

No 194 — Tuesday 25 August 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 13 August 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Paynesville Coast Guard — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly identifies a location for the future base of the Paynesville Coast Guard on the waterfront in Paynesville, bearing three signatures *(Tim Bull)*

Maroondah Hospital redevelopment — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately restore funding for the full redevelopment of Maroondah Hospital and honour its commitment made to the people of Melbourne's eastern suburbs by delivering the complete hospital rebuild as a matter of urgency, bearing 372 signatures *(Will Fowles)*

Youth justice reforms — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Youth Justice Act 2024* in relation to serious and violent offenders to strengthen the response, reduce reoffending, and focus on victim wellbeing, bearing 2558 signatures *(Kim O'Keeffe)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — YOUTH JUSTICE REFORMS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Shepparton be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Kim O'Keeffe)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2026–27 Budget Estimates, together with Transcripts of Evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's End of Term Report for the 60th Parliament, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 11 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Associations Incorporation Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Liquor Control Reform and Other Acts Amendment (Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms) Bill 2026
Planning and Environment Amendment (Agricultural Land and Food Security) Bill 2026
Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled a report from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the Annual Review 2025 — Statutory Rules and Legislative Instruments, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 — Order under s 17B granting a licence over Lynch's Bridge Historic Precinct Reserve

Health Complaints Commissioner — Report 2025–26

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 20 *(Gazette S402, 10 July 2026)*

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the 2024–25 Financial and Performance Outcomes

Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation Act 1968 — Compliance Officer — Statement of Findings under s 9H — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Brimbank — C219
East Gippsland — C165

Glen Eira — C240
Hume — C283
Melbourne — C496, C497, C500, GC296
Mount Alexander — C106
Moyne — C82
Port Phillip — C218, GC296
Surf Coast — C147, C150
Warrnambool — C222

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Land Act 1958 — SR 113
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 114
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 — SRs 111, 112

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 99, 113, 114.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Firearms Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

7 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

9 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 18 August 2026
Electoral Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2026
Firearms Amendment Bill 2026

On 25 August 2026
Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Victoria Bill 2026.

10 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 26 August 2026 to allow the Speaker, following the Prayer and Acknowledgement of Country, to invite members to stand for a minute's silence, if they are able, to honour the service and sacrifice of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart, who were tragically killed in the line of duty at Porepunkah on 26 August 2025 *(Anthony Carbines)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 27 August 2026:

Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026
Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026
Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Associations Incorporation Reform Amendment Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

13 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

14 **RACING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENTITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, David Southwick circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Michaela Settle circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **QUESTION TIME**.

18 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

19 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Melissa Horne)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

20 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.24 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 195 — Wednesday 26 August 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **VICTORIA POLICE** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on 25 August 2026, members stood in silence as a mark of respect to honour the service and sacrifice of Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim de Waart-Hottart on 26 August 2025.

3 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Delivering the Suburban Rail Loop — Ordered to be published

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 February 2026 to 30 June 2026 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of amendment C146 to the Surf Coast Planning Scheme.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

6 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the members for Ringwood, Macedon and Bayswater to make valedictory statements for a maximum of 15 minutes each at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

8 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

9 **CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Luba Grigorovitch)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 72

Juliana Addison; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther;

Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 2

Gabrielle de Vietri; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

15 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN LIBERALS** — The Speaker read Pauline Richards' proposal to the House —

'That this House condemns the Victorian Liberals for their plan to cut $40 billion from our schools, hospitals and essential services, and for cosying up to One Nation to help deliver those cuts.'

Pauline Richards addressed the House — Discussion followed.

Business interrupted at 6.00 pm under the resolution of the House today.

17 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Retiring members made valedictory statements.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.30 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 196 — Thursday 27 August 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Architects Registration Board of Victoria — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly opposes legislation or action to abolish the Architects Registration Board of Victoria and ensures that any reform to the regulation of architects — (a) maintains independent oversight; (b) does not impact exports of services; and (c) does not impact the education sector and future workforce, bearing 1879 signatures *(David Southwick)*

New West Gippsland hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently commit to the planning, funding and construction of a new West Gippsland hospital, bearing 932 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Thorpdale land slip — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to take immediate action by providing funding for a permanent infrastructure solution to the area known as the 'Thorpdale slip' to ensure public safety, bearing 646 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Mirboo North–Trafalgar Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to deliver an infrastructure solution for Mirboo North–Trafalgar Road to ensure the safety of road users and the local community, bearing 59 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BOARD OF VICTORIA** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Southwick)* — put and agreed to.

4 **PETITION — NEW WEST GIPPSLAND HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — THORPDALE LAND SLIP** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — MIRBOO NORTH–TRAFALGAR ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Gender Equality Act 2020:

Review of the operation of the Act under s 52
State Gender Equality Action Plan — Progress Report August 2023 to August 2025

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 to the Minister under s 174B of the *Firearms Act 1996* — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule 115 under the *Building Act 1993*

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 111, 112, 115.

8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

9 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

10 **QUESTION TIME**.

11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

12 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

13 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 8 September 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

14 **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 25 August 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

15 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

17 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment Nos 1 to 3 inclusive be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny;

Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **FAIR WORK (COMMONWEALTH POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.17 pm under sessional orders.

20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5:47 pm.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 197, 198 and 199

No 197 — Tuesday 8 September 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 27 August 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*** *to broaden the concept of corrupt conduct and enhance the IBAC's ability to follow the money, to make consequential amendments to the* ***Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012*** *and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

3 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Ben Carroll introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Inquiries Act 2014*** *to establish a Special Prosecutor to assist the Construction Royal Commission, to strengthen a Royal Commission's power to require information and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Ben Carroll tabled statements of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Ben Carroll)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

4 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Structurally destructive flora in residential areas — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends Victoria's environmental, building, and biosecurity laws to introduce a comprehensive containment, enforcement, and incentive framework for structurally destructive residential flora, bearing one signature *(Matt Fregon)*

Rail services to City Loop — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to restore direct access for East Pakenham and Cranbourne line commuters to key city stations, including Richmond, Southern Cross and the City Loop, bearing 2609 signatures *(Brad Battin)*

Upgrade of Yarck-Gobur Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to partner with Murrindindi Shire Council to fund safety upgrades to Yarck-Gobur Road, bearing 75 signatures *(Cindy McLeish)*

Council rate relief for bushfire victims — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide three years of council rate relief for properties destroyed or severely damaged in the January 2026 bushfires, bearing 603 signatures *(Annabelle Cleeland)*

Royal Commission into the Big Build — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly immediately commences a royal commission into the $15 billion of Victorian taxpayers' funds that have been lost to corruption on Big Build sites and seeks to recover the money to enable the delivery of the projects Victoria desperately needs, bearing 188 signatures *(Danny O'Brien)*

Camberwell Police Station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reverse its cuts to Camberwell Police Station's operating hours and give hardworking local police officers and staff the support they deserve, bearing 90 signatures *(John Pesutto)*

Truck bans in Melbourne's North-East — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly implements permanent, enforceable truck bans to ensure arterial roads in Melbourne's North-East are safer, quieter, and not used as freight bypass routes, bearing 769 signatures *(Anthony Carbines)*

Jeparit Weir — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides urgent infrastructure funding to the Hindmarsh Shire Council to fully restore, replace and secure the future of the Jeparit Weir structure, bearing 402 signatures *(Emma Kealy)*

South Morang data centre development — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to place an emergency moratorium on the South Morang data centre projects until further public consultation, including on whether mandatory planning considerations were followed, bearing 73 signatures *(Lily D'Ambrosio)*

Battery facilities — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Premier, the Minister for Energy and Resources and the Minister for Planning to immediately intervene to stop battery energy systems at Bunyip North and Wimpole to ensure prime agricultural farmland and green wedge zones are protected, bearing 274 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Mirboo North-Trafalgar Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide funding to deliver a permanent infrastructure solution to the area known as the 'Thorpdale slip' on the Mirboo North-Trafalgar Road to ensure safety for road users and the local community, bearing 647 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

West Gippsland Hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on its members and the Government to recognise the urgent need for a new West Gippsland Hospital and commit to a clear timeline for its delivery, bearing 270 signatures *(Wayne Farnham)*

Big Buffalo Dam — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with the Federal Government to commission a comprehensive, independent feasibility study into the construction of the Big Buffalo Dam near Myrtleford through the National Water Grid Authority, or a similar Commonwealth-funded body, bearing 87 signatures *(Tim McCurdy)*

Bus route 534 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to improve the frequency of services on bus route 534 to every 15 minutes, bearing 1300 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

Covered outdoor learning area for Pascoe Vale North Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide funding support for the construction of a covered outdoor learning area and new outdoor surface at Pascoe Vale North Primary School, bearing 1039 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

Funding for upgrades at Coburg Primary School — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide investment to deliver Coburg Primary School's Concept Master Plan and support the community's vision for new and refurbished indoor and outdoor learning facilities, and modernisation and upgrade works, bearing 549 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

Safer Murray Road — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly takes a corridor-based approach, and fund and deliver new physical infrastructure to make Murray Road between Coburg and Preston safer for all, bearing 1414 signatures *(Anthony Cianflone)*

Visy papermill in Reservoir — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that EPA Victoria imposes odour control requirements on Visy's papermill in Reservoir and moves the mill to a different industrial site away from residents, bearing 178 signatures *(Nathan Lambert)*

Routine rental inspections — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* to — (a) prohibit continuous video sweeps of occupied properties during routine inspections; (b) restrict digital documentation to high-resolution static photography of identified structural defects or maintenance items; and (c) ban the filming or photography of undamaged furniture or living areas for the purpose of assessing a tenant's housekeeping or neatness, bearing 171 signatures *(Gabrielle de Vietri)*

Neighbourhood Houses funding — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly meets the requests of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria's 2026 budget submission to restore funding for Neighbourhood Houses through a 25 per cent increase, fund the 25 Neighbourhood Houses that do not receive any ongoing funding, and develop a fund for the establishment of 20 additional Neighbourhood Houses in growth areas, bearing 6578 signatures *(Martha Haylett).*

Ordered to be tabled.

5 **PETITION — ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BIG BUILD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Danny O'Brien)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — ROUTINE RENTAL INSPECTIONS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Richmond be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Gabrielle de Vietri)* — put and agreed to.

7 **PETITION — BUS ROUTE 534** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

8 **PETITION — COVERED OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA FOR PASCOE VALE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

9 **PETITION — FUNDING FOR UPGRADES AT COBURG PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

10 **PETITION — SAFER MURRAY ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Pascoe Vale be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Anthony Cianflone)* — put and agreed to.

11 **PETITION — BIG BUFFALO DAM** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim McCurdy)* — put and agreed to.

12 **PETITION — JEPARIT WEIR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Emma Kealy)* — put and agreed to.

13 **PETITION — SOUTH MORANG DATA CENTRE DEVELOPMENT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mill Park be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Lily D'Ambrosio)* — put and agreed to.

14 **PETITION — COUNCIL RATE RELIEF FOR BUSHFIRE VICTIMS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Euroa be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Annabelle Cleeland)* — put and agreed to.

15 **PETITION — BATTERY FACILITIES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

16 **PETITION — MIRBOO NORTH-TRAFALGAR ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

17 **PETITION — WEST GIPPSLAND HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Wayne Farnham)* — put and agreed to.

18 **PETITION — TRUCK BANS IN MELBOURNE'S NORTH-EAST** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe be taken into consideration tomorrow *(John Mullahy)* — put and agreed to.

19 **PETITION — CAMBERWELL POLICE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn be taken into consideration tomorrow *(John Pesutto)* — put and agreed to.

20 **PETITION — NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES FUNDING** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ripon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Martha Haylett)* — put and agreed to.

21 **PETITION — UPGRADE OF YARCK-GOBUR ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Cindy McLeish)* — put and agreed to.

22 **PETITION — VISY PAPERMILL IN RESERVOIR** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Preston be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Nathan Lambert)* — put and agreed to.

23 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Corrections Amendment Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity and Production Notices) Act 2026 [House Amendments]

Domestic Gas Choice (Repeal of Gas Appliance Ban) Bill 2026
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Functions) Bill 2026
Local Government Amendment (Stability of Councils) Bill 2026
Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026
Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026 [House Amendments]

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE — Mathew Hilakari, Chair, tabled a report from the Electoral Matters Committee on the Inquiry into voting centre accessibility, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Audit Act 1994 — Financial Audit of the Auditor-General and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office 2026 (three documents)

Auditor-General — Report 2025–26

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Report from 1 January to 31 December 2024 to the Attorney-General under s 464ZP of the *Crimes Act 1958* — Ordered to be published

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Order for the NFL Game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Rams at Melbourne Cricket Ground on 11 September 2026

Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — Report year ended 31 March 2026, together with the Minister's reported date of receipt and an explanation for the delay

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Alpine — C65
Cardinia — C289
Gannawarra — GC218
Glen Eira — C279
Greater Dandenong — C252
Greater Geelong — C484
Hobsons Bay — GC276
Maribyrnong — GC276
Melton — C244, C256
Mitchell — C155

Swan Hill — GC218
West Wimmera — C37
Whitehorse — C268

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 — SR 117
Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 — SR 116
Spent Convictions Act 2021 — SR 118
Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 — SR 119

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 116, 119

Victorian Local Government Grants Commission — Allocation report year ended 31 August 2026.

24 **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026.

25 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

26 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that they had rescinded JSO 25 effective from 1 December 2026, with which they request the agreement of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration later this day.

27 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that they had rescinded the resolution of continuing effect regarding the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser, effective from 1 December 2026, with which they request the agreement of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration later this day.

28 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

On 1 September 2026
Corrections Amendment Bill 2026

Crimes Amendment (Recruitment of Children for Criminal Activity and Production Notices) Bill 2026
Racing Legislation Amendment (Entity Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026

On 8 September 2026
Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2026
Energy and Resources Legislation Amendment (VEET Strategic Review and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

29 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Speaker to interrupt business at 6.00 pm and the Members for Croydon and Rowville to make valedictory statements for a maximum of 15 minutes each *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

30 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 10 September 2026:

Budget Papers — motion
Effect of spending cuts on hospital pipeline — motion
Conspiracy theories — motion
Neale Daniher AO — motion
Community leaders — motion
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment Bill 2026
Inquiries Amendment (Special Prosecutor) Bill 2026 —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

31 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

32 **MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

33 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

34 **QUESTION TIME**.

35 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

36 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 6.00 pm under the resolution of the House today.

37 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Retiring members made valedictory statements.

38 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

39 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 198 — Wednesday 9 September 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Mornington-Tyabb Road and Racecourse Road, Mornington — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to urgently deliver safety improvements at the intersection of Mornington-Tyabb Road and Racecourse Road, Mornington, including immediate interim safety measures and a permanent safety upgrade, bearing 716 signatures *(Chris Crewther)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — MORNINGTON-TYABB ROAD AND RACECOURSE ROAD, MORNINGTON** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Mornington be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Chris Crewther)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE — Alison Marchant, Chair, tabled a report from the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee on the Inquiry into student pathways to in-demand industries, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Maintaining State Roads (Volumes 1 and 2) — Ordered to be published

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 117

Victorian WorkCover Authority (WorkSafe) — Report of requests under s 10 of the *Dangerous Goods Act 1985*, s 11 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* and s 595 of the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026 without amendment.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Inquiries Amendment (Special Prosecutor) Bill 2026.

7 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Members for Gippsland East and Malvern to make valedictory statements for a maximum of 15 minutes each at the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

9 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

10 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Vicki Ward)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

14 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — VICTORIAN ROADS** — The Speaker read Danny O'Brien's proposal to the House —

'That this House notes the poor condition of Victorian roads and the impact on Victorian motorists of damage to their vehicles, reduced freight efficiency and diminished productivity, and calls for a return to a genuine preventative maintenance program to arrest the decline of one of the state's biggest assets.'

Danny O'Brien addressed the House — Discussion followed.

Business interrupted at 6.01 pm under the resolution of the House today.

16 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Retiring members made valedictory statements.

17 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 199 — Thursday 10 September 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Border Groundwaters Agreement Review Committee — Report 2024–25

Local Jobs First — Report 2025–26

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 120
Racing Act 1958 — SR 121.

3 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Speaker to interrupt business at 4.00 pm and the Member for Shepparton to make a valedictory statement for a maximum of 15 minutes *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

4 **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (PUBLIC ACCESS) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Ringwood introduce '*A Bill for an Act to require the installation and maintenance of automated external defibrillators in certain buildings, places and vehicles and for other purposes*' *(Will Fowles)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 48

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

5 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

6 **JOINT STANDING ORDERS** — Order read for the consideration of the message from the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) agrees with the request of the Legislative Council and rescinds JSO 25, effective from 1 December 2026; and

(2) sends a message to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

7 **ONGOING RESOLUTION** — Order read for the consideration of the message from the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that this House:

(1) agrees with the request of the Legislative Council and rescinds the Resolution of the House made on 1 May 2019 relating to the Parliamentary Integrity Adviser, effective from 1 December 2026; and

(2) sends a message to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(Anthony Carbines) — after debate, put and agreed to.

8 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

9 **QUESTION TIME**.

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

11 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(John Mullahy)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

12 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 22 September 2026 *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

13 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

14 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That the amendments be agreed to *(Sonya Kilkenny)* — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under the resolution of the House today.

15 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — The Member for Shepparton made a valedictory statement.

16 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Resumption on question — That the amendments made by the Legislative Council be agreed to.

Question — That the amendments made by the Council be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio;

John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **INQUIRIES AMENDMENT (SPECIAL PROSECUTOR) BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of items under the resolution of the House on 8 September 2026 had expired.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put and agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

19 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON HOSPITAL PIPELINE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for her plan to make $11.1 billion in cuts and calls on them to rule out cutting, downgrading or closing the pipeline of new hospitals to fill their budget black hole — *and on the amendment* — That the following words be inserted to the end of the motion: 'while noting the impact of $15 billion of corruption on services for Victorians'.

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish;

James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

20 **CONSPIRACY THEORIES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition's personally appointed representatives for recklessly promoting conspiracy theories and sowing division at a time when Victorians want to be coming together.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos;

Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

21 **BUDGET PAPERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House takes note of the 2026–2027 budget papers.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

22 **NEALE DANIHER AO** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Neale Daniher AO — footballer, coach, Victorian of the Year, Australian of the Year, and co-founder of FightMND — who faced motor neurone disease with extraordinary courage and grace, transforming personal hardship into hope for millions, and whose legacy will endure in Victoria and across the nation.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

23 **COMMUNITY LEADERS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House records its sincere thanks to community leaders across Victoria, particularly those who have stood with Victorians targeted by vilification and division arising from recent anti-immigration protests, for their steadfast commitment to a safe, united and multicultural Victoria — *and on the amendment* — That the words 'anti-immigration' be omitted.

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 5.38 pm.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Nos 200, 201 and 202

No 200 — Tuesday 22 September 2026

The House started at 12.00 noon.

1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 10 September 2026 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **DEATH OF DR TIM READ** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of Dr Tim Read and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Brunswick from 2018 to 2026 *(Ben Carroll)* — members and the Speaker addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.

3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr Tim Read, the House now adjourns until tomorrow *(Ben Carroll)* — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 1.25 pm, adjourned until tomorrow.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 201 — Wednesday 23 September 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT (POLICE SEARCH POWERS) BILL 2026** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Berwick introduce '*A Bill for an Act to amend the* ***Control of Weapons Act 1990*** *to provide greater powers for police officers to search persons for weapons and for other purposes*' *(Brad Battin)* — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 29

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Anthony Marsh; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

Juliana Addison; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

3 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Bairnsdale hospital — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly notes the need for the Bairnsdale hospital rebuild to commence as a matter of urgency, with an emergency department given the highest priority in stage one of the works, bearing 1733 signatures *(Tim Bull)*

Lakes Entrance fire station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly notes the need for a new Lakes Entrance fire station to be funded for construction, bearing 191 signatures *(Tim Bull)*

Metung fire station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly notes the need for a new Metung fire station to be funded for construction, bearing 346 signatures *(Tim Bull)*

wallan wallan Regional Park — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to commit to the establishment and adequate funding of the wallan wallan Regional Park and to complete research studies to address knowledge gaps and ensure well-informed holistic parkland planning, bearing 215 signatures *(Ros Spence)*

Fast-food developments — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly debates and supports the reforms contained in the Planning Amendment (Restricting New Fast-Food Developments) Bill 2026 if transmitted by the Legislative Council, bearing 398 signatures *(Kat Theophanous)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

4 **PETITION — BAIRNSDALE HOSPITAL** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

5 **PETITION — LAKES ENTRANCE FIRE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

6 **PETITION — METUNG FIRE STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East be taken into consideration tomorrow *(Tim Bull)* — put and agreed to.

7 **DOCUMENTS**

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 13 of 2026 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Firearms Amendment Bill 2026
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment Bill 2026
Inquiries Amendment (Special Prosecutor) Bill 2026
Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026 [House Amendments]
Multicultural Victoria Amendment Bill 2026
Sale of Land Amendment (Property Developer Integrity) Bill 2026
Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2026
SR No 17 — Geothermal Energy Resources Regulations 2026
SR No 25 — Retirement Villages Regulations 2026

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Preventing Youth Crime — Ordered to be published
Public Lottery Licence Extension — released on 16 September 2026

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission:

Report 2025–26 under s 31 of the *Crimes (Assumed Identities) Act 2004*
Report 2025–26 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2025–26 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Department of — Report 2025–26 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Game Management Authority — Report 2025–26 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Chief Officer report 2025–26 to the Minister under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 120 *(Gazette G38, 17 September 2026)*

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2027

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

East Gippsland — C175
Greater Geelong — C433
Greater Shepparton — C258
Hobsons Bay — C147
Kingston — C232
Melbourne — C479, GC240
Mitchell — C179
Port of Melbourne — C7, GC240
Port Phillip — C235, GC240
Surf Coast — C151
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC313
Wodonga — C142

Public Interest Monitor — Report 2025–26 under s 64 of the *Human Source Management Act 2023*

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 124
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 122, 123

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124

Victoria Police:

Report 2025–26 under s 42BI of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*
Report 2025–26 under s 37F of the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*

Victorian Fisheries Authority — Report 2025–26 under s 30L of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999.*

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2026 — ss 178ZF and 178ZJ — 16 September 2026 *(Gazette S510, 15 September 2026)*
Health Legislation Amendment (Regulatory Reform) Act 2026 — s 9 — 30 September 2026 *(Gazette S510, 15 September 2026).*

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 15 September 2026, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Schools and Other Matters) Bill 2026
Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026
Multicultural Victoria Amendment (Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria) Bill 2026.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 22 September 2026, given the royal assent to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Family Violence, Coercive Control, Good Character, Risk Assessment and Other Matters) Bill 2026, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Fair Work (Commonwealth Powers) Amendment Bill 2026 without amendment.

11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE, COERCIVE CONTROL, GOOD CHARACTER, RISK ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — The Speaker announced that she had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under JSO 6(1), she has made the following correction in the Bill:

Council amendment No 6 agreed to by the Assembly inserts a clause adding new section 171AAA. New subsection 171AAA(a) refers to the **'Magistrates' Court 1989'**. She has inserted the word **'Act'** between **'Court'** and **'1989'**.

The correction ensures there is no ambiguity in the reference to the Act.

13 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Members for Sydenham and Murray Plains to make valedictory statements for a maximum of 15 minutes each at the conclusion of the Grievance debate *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

14 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

15 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRONGER COMMUNITIES) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

17 **FREE DENTAL CARE** — Motion made and question proposed — That this House:

(a) commends the Carroll Labor Government for committing to free dental care for all Victorians;

(b) recognises this investment will ease cost-of-living pressures and improve access to essential healthcare; and

(c) condemns Liberals' and One Nation's $40 billion in cuts, which threaten essential services relied upon by Victorian families —

(Ben Carroll) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

18 **QUESTION TIME**.

19 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

20 **FREE DENTAL CARE** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

21 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

Business interrupted at 6.01 pm under the resolution of the House today.

22 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENTS** — Retiring members made valedictory statements.

23 **FREE DENTAL CARE** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.35 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 202 — Thursday 24 September 2026

The House started at 9.30 am.

1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Montrose quarry — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to guarantee any Environment Effects Statement scoping for the Montrose quarry includes a Human Health Impact Assessment which — (a) examines the actual and cumulative impacts associated with dust, fine particulate, silica exposure, pollutants, noise, blasting, vibration, traffic, emissions, amenity loss and mental health; and (b) is given substantial weight in determining if the project can proceed, bearing 799 signatures *(David Hodgett)*

Protections for retail, fast food, hospitality and transport workers — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly legislates to impose tougher penalties for aggression and assault directed at retail, fast food, hospitality and transport workers and introduce workplace protection orders for use against serial offenders, bearing 716 signatures *(Iwan Walters)*

Warrnambool College pool — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly extends the proposed close date for the Warrnambool College pool from 20 December 2026 to 20 December 2028 and uses this time to assess the regional aquatic capacity and work with stakeholders to develop a safe, practical and coordinated transition plan before the Warrnambool College pool closes, bearing 1830 signatures *(Roma Britnell)*.

Ordered to be tabled.

3 **PETITION — MONTROSE QUARRY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Croydon be taken into consideration tomorrow *(David Hodgett)* — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on a Person referred to in the Legislative Assembly — Simon Vallone, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Board of — Report 2024–25

Duties Act 2000:

Report 2025–26 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E
Report 2025–26 of corporate reconstruction and consolidated concessions and exemptions under s 250B

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Report of Independent Review Panel: Monitoring Licensing Project

Land Tax Act 2005 — Report 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025 of Land Tax Absentee Owner Surcharge Exemptions under s 3BB

Ombudsman — Investigation report: 'I just get dark, dark thoughts': How DJCS considers human rights when applying to transfer children to adult prison — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SRs 130, 132
Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — SR 132
Electricity Safety Act 1998 — SR 126
Planning and Environment Act 1987 — SR 127
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SRs 125, 128, 129
Youth Justice Act 2024 — SR 131

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131
Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001*:
Electricity Distribution Code of Practice (Life Support Reforms) Amendment 2026
Energy Retail Code of Practice (Life Support Reforms) Amendment 2026
Gas Distribution Code of Practice (Life Support Reforms) Amendment 2026

Victoria Police — Report 2025–26 under s 20R of the *Witness Protection Act 1991*

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2025–26 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board — Report 2025–26.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026.

7 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to allow the Speaker to interrupt business at 4.15 pm and the Member for Mill Park to make a valedictory statement for a maximum of 15 minutes *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

8 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

9 **WORKPLACE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

The Deputy Speaker advised that the Speaker had examined the amendments and was of the opinion that amendment Nos 19, 23 and 24 are a direct infringement of the privileges of the House as they seek to force an appropriation from the Consolidated Fund. Under the *Constitution Act 1975*, an appropriating clause can only be initiated by the Assembly.

Motion made and question — That:

(1) The Legislative Assembly endorses the Speaker's statement regarding the constitutional questions raised by the message from the Legislative Council in relation to the Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Bill 2026;

(2) The Assembly, having regard to the fact that the public interest demands the early enactment of the legislation, refrains from the determinations of its constitutional rights in relation to the Council message; and

(3) The amendments be agreed to:

1. Clause 1, after line 3 insert—

"(aa) to amend the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026** and the **Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026** in relation to reckless endangerment offences; and".

2. Clause 1, page 2, after line 8 insert—

"(iii) to make further provision for the award of provisional and subsequent damages to injured workers with certain dust-related conditions; and".

3. Clause 1, page 2, before line 9 insert—

"(iv) in relation to commencing certain proceedings related to serious dust-related conditions without complying with certain requirements; and".

4. Clause 1, page 2, line 11, after "accommodation" insert "and in relation to commencing certain proceedings related to serious dust-related conditions without complying with certain requirements".

5. Clause 1, page 2, after line 11 insert—

"(ba) to amend the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** to provide for claims for damages related to employment between 12 November 1997 and 20 October 1999; and".

6. Clause 1, page 2, before line 12 insert—

"(bb) to amend the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** to make further provision for the award of provisional and subsequent damages to injured workers with certain dust-related conditions; and".

7. Clause 1, page 2, after line 18 insert—

"(iii) to provide for health and safety orders and related matters; and".

8. Clause 1, page 2, before line 19 insert—

"(iv) to provide for the use of impact statements in certain proceedings; and".

9. Clause 1, page 2, line 20, after "accommodation" insert "and certain benefits for children".

10. Clause 1, page 2, line 21, after "consequential" insert "and related".

11. Clause 1, page 2, after line 23 insert—

"(ea) to amend the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958** to remove the limitation period for certain causes of action for dust-related conditions; and".

12. Clause 2, line 27, after "other than" insert "Part 1A,".

13. Clause 2, line 27, after "Part 2" insert ", Division 2 of Part 4".

14. Clause 2, lines 27 and 28, omit "and Part 5" and insert ", Part 5 and Part 5A".

15. Clause 2, line 28, before ") comes" insert "and Part 5B".

16. Clause 2, after line 29 insert—

"(1A) Division 2 of Part 4 comes into operation on 1 November 2026.".

NEW CLAUSES

17. Insert the following New Part after Part 1—

'**Part 1A—Amendments related to reckless endangerment**

Division 1—Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

2A Section 32 substituted

For section 32 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 substitute**—

"**32 Conduct that endangers persons at workplaces etc.**

(1) A person must not, without lawful excuse, recklessly engage in conduct that places, or may place, another person who is at a workplace in danger of serious injury, serious illness or death.

Penalty: 10 000 penalty units or 10 years imprisonment or both for a natural person;
50 000 penalty units for a body corporate.

(2) A person must not, without lawful excuse, recklessly engage in conduct that—

(a) constitutes a contravention of a provision of—

(i) Division 2, 3 or 4; or

(ii) this Division (other than subsection (1)); and

(b) places, or may place, another person in danger of serious injury, serious illness or death.

Penalty: 10 000 penalty units or 10 years imprisonment or both for a natural person;
50 000 penalty units for a body corporate.

(3) An offence against subsection (1) or (2) is an indictable offence.

Note

However, the offence may be heard and determined summarily (see section 28 of the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**).".

Division 2—Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026

2B Conduct in respect of handling of dangerous goods that endangers persons

(1) In section 55 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026**, in proposed section 35D(1) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, after "serious injury" **insert** ", serious illness".

(2) In section 55 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026**, for the penalty at the foot of proposed section 35D(1) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 substitute**—

"Penalty: 10 000 penalty units or 10 years imprisonment or both for a natural person;
50 000 penalty units for a body corporate.".

Division 3—Amendment of Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026

2C Conduct in respect of transport of dangerous goods that endangers persons

(1) In section 20(1) of the **Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026**, after "serious injury" **insert** ", serious illness".

(2) For the penalty at the foot of section 20(1) of the **Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026** substitute—

"Penalty: 10 000 penalty units or 10 years imprisonment or both for a natural person;
50 000 penalty units for a body corporate.".'.

18. Insert the following New Part heading to follow clause 13—

"Part 2A—Further amendment of Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013".

NEW CLAUSES

19. Insert the following New Division before Part 3—

'Division 1—Amendments relating to actions for damages

13A Definitions

In section 356A of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**—

(a) insert the following definition—

"***serious dust-related condition*** means a condition that is—

(a) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(b) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust;";

(b) the definition of ***serious silica-related condition*** is repealed;

(c) in the definition of ***subsequent action***, for "silica-related" **substitute** "dust-related".

13B Section 356B amended

(1) In the heading to section 356B of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "**silica-related**" **substitute** "**dust-related**".

(2) In section 356B of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "silica-related" (wherever occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

13C Only one subsequent award of damages permitted

In section 356C of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

13D Regard must be had to initial award of damages

In section 356D of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

13E Regard must be had to legal costs incurred in initial action

(1) In section 356E(1) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

(2) In section 356E(3)(a)(ii) and (iv) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "silica" **substitute** "occupational dust".

13F New section 356G inserted

After section 356F of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 insert**—

"**356G Interaction with Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**

(1) Despite anything to the contrary in the **Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**, that Act does not apply to an asbestos-related cause of action that has not been commenced before the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an asbestos-related cause of action is a cause of action for damages in respect of an asbestos-related condition (within the meaning **Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**) that is also a serious dust-related condition.".

13G New section 631 inserted

At the end of Part 13 of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 insert**—

"**631 Transitional provisions—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—Actions for damages**

(1) Subdivision 3 of Division 2 of Part 7 as amended by Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** applies to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition to which that Subdivision applies commenced on or after the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**.

(2) Subdivision 3 of Division 2 of Part 7 as amended by Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** applies to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition commenced before the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** but only if—

(a) the hearing of the action has not commenced before the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**; or

(b) damages have not been awarded or a settlement has not been reached in that action before the commencement of that Part.

(3) Subdivision 3 of Division 2 of Part 7 as amended by Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** does not apply to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition commenced before the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** if—

(a) the hearing of the action has commenced before the commencement of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**; or

(b) damages have been awarded or a settlement has been reached in that action before the commencement of that Part.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

20. Insert the following New Division before Part 3—

'**Division 2—Commencing proceedings without complying with certain requirements**

13H Heading to Division 3 of Part 7 amended

In the heading to Division 3 of Part 7 of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "**asbestos-related conditions**" **substitute** "**serious dust-related conditions**".

13I Section 357 amended

(1) In the heading to section 357 of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "**asbestos-related conditions**" **substitute** "**serious dust-related conditions**".

(2) In section 357(1)(a) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "death; or" **substitute** "death.".

(3) Section 357(1)(b) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013** is **repealed**.

(4) After section 357(1) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 insert**—

"(1A) This section also applies if a worker may have an entitlement to recover damages in accordance with Division 2 in respect of an injury that is a serious dust-related condition arising out of, or in the course of, or due to the nature of, employment.".

(5) In section 357(4) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**—

(a) in paragraph (a), for "subsection (1)(a)" **substitute** "subsection (1)";

(b) in paragraph (b)—

(i) for "subsection (1)(b)" **substitute** "subsection (1A)";

(ii) for "an asbestos-related condition" **substitute** "a serious dust-related condition".

(6) In section 357(7) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013**, for "the asbestos-related condition" **substitute** "the serious dust-related condition".

(7) For section 357(8) of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 substitute**—

"(8) In this section—

serious dust-related condition means a condition that is—

(a) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(b) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust.".

13J New section 632 inserted

At the end of Part 13 of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 insert**—

"**632 Transitional provision—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—commencing proceedings without complying with certain requirements**

Section 357 as amended by the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** applies in relation to the commencement of proceedings in accordance with Division 2 of Part 7 on or after the day on which Division 2 of Part 2A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** comes into operation regardless of whether the injury in respect of which those proceedings are to be commenced occurred before that day.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

21. Insert the following New Division before Part 3—

'**Division 3—Review of certain amendments**

13K New section 620C inserted

After section 620B of the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 insert—

"620C Review of amendments made by Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026

(1) The Minister must cause—

(a) a review to be conducted of the operation and effect, during the review period, of the amendments made to this Act or any other Act by Parts 2A, 3A, 4A and 4B of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**; and

(b) a report of that review to be prepared.

(2) The review is to be undertaken, and the report prepared, by a person chosen by the Minister for that purpose.

(3) In choosing the person to conduct the review and prepare the report, the Minister must consult with each Minister who administers any part of either of the following Acts—

(a) the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; and

(b) the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958**.

(4) The person chosen to conduct the review must do so in consultation with—

(a) the Minister; and

(b) each Minister who administers any part of an Act referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b).

(5) The review must examine whether an amendment referred to in subsection (1)(a) has resulted in a provision of an enactment either applying, or not applying, in relation to a person when that ought not to have occurred.

(6) The review must be completed, and the report given to the Minister, within six months after the end of the review period.

(7) The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of the Parliament no later than 14 sitting days after receiving it.

(8) In this section—

review period means the period—

(a) beginning on the day after the day on which the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent; and

(b) ending on the first anniversary of that day."'.

22. Insert the following New Part heading to follow clause 15—

"**Part 3A—Further amendment of Accident Compensation Act 1985**".

NEW CLAUSES

23. Insert the following New Division before Part 4—

'**Division 1—Claims for damages related to employment between 12 November 1997 and 20 October 1999**

15A Heading to Division 8A of Part IV substituted

For the heading to Division 8A of Part IV of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 substitute**—

"**Division 8A—Actions in respect of certain injuries arising from certain periods of employment**".

15B Actions for damages

After section 134AB(2) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"(2A) A worker or the dependants of a worker may recover damages in a proceeding in respect of an injury arising out of or in the course of, or due to the nature of, employment on or after 12 November 1997 but before 20 October 1999 if—

(a) the injury is a condition that is—

(i) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(ii) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust; and

(b) the injury is a serious injury; and

(c) the employment was a significant contributing factor to the injury of the worker.".

15C Actions for damages only in accordance with this Act

After section 134A(2) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"(3) Subsection (1) does not prevent the recovery of damages in a proceeding under this Act or the **Wrongs Act 1958**, subject to and in accordance with Division 8A of this Part, in respect of injury to a worker arising out of or in the course of, or due to the nature of, employment on or after 12 November 1997 but before 20 October 1999 if—

(a) the injury is a condition that is—

(i) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(ii) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust; and

(b) the employment was a significant contributing factor to the injury of the worker.

Note

See section 134AB(2A).

(4) Subsection (3) applies despite any time limit applying to proceedings under Part III of the **Wrongs Act 1958**.".

15D Heading to Division 9B of Part IV amended

In the heading to Division 9B of Part IV of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "**asbestos-related**" **substitute** "**certain**".

15E Section 135BB amended

(1) For the heading to section 135BB of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 substitute**—

"**Actions by workers with certain conditions**".

(2) After section 135BB(1) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"(1A) This section also applies to a worker who may have an entitlement to recover damages in accordance with section 134AB(2A) in respect of injury arising out of, or in the course of, or due to the nature of, any employment on or after 12 November 1997 but before 20 October 1999.".

15F New section 402 inserted

At the end of Division 20 of Part IX of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"**402 Transitional provision—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—employment on or after 12 November 1997 but before 20 October 1999**

Section 134A(3) and (4) as inserted by Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** does not apply in relation to a cause of action for damages in relation to a dust-related condition arising out of, or in the course of, or due to the nature of any employment on or after 12 November 1997 but before 20 October 1999 if that cause of action has been finalised and fully determined before the commencement of Part 3A of that Act.".

15G New Division 21 of Part IX inserted

After Division 20 of Part IX of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"**Division 21—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—Transitional matters**

405 Regulations dealing with transitional matters—Part 3A of Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations containing provisions of a transitional nature, including matters of an application or savings nature, arising as a result of the enactment of Division 1 of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**, including any repeals and amendments made by or as a result of the enactment of that Part of that Act.

(2) Regulations made under this section may—

(a) have a retrospective effect to a day on or after a date not earlier than the day on which the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent; and

(b) be of limited or general application; and

(c) differ according to time, place or circumstances; and

(d) leave any matter or thing to be decided by a specified person or class of person.

(3) Regulations under this section have effect despite anything to the contrary in—

(a) this Act or any other Act (other than Division 1 of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** or the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**); or

(b) any subordinate instrument.

(4) This section is **repealed** on the second anniversary of the day on which it comes into operation.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

24. Insert the following New Division before Part 4—

'**Division 2—Amendments relating to actions for damages**

15H Definitions

In section 135BC of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**—

(a) **insert** the following definition—

"***serious dust-related condition*** means a condition that is—

(a) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(b) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust;";

(b) the definition of ***serious silica-related condition*** is **repealed**;

(c) in the definition of ***subsequent action***, for "silica-related" **substitute** "dust-related".

15I Section 135BD amended

(1) In the heading to section 135BD of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "**silica-related**" **substitute** "**dust-related**".

(2) In section 135BD of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "silica- related" (wherever occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

15J Only one subsequent award of damages permitted

In section 135BE of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

15K Regard must be had to initial award of damages

In section 135BF of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

15L Regard must be had to legal costs incurred in initial action

(1) In section 135BG(1) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "silica-related" (where twice occurring) **substitute** "dust-related".

(2) In section 135BG(3)(a)(ii) and (iv) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "silica" **substitute** "occupational dust".

15M New section 135BI inserted

After section 135BH of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"**135BI Interaction with Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**

(1) Despite anything to the contrary in the **Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**, that Act does not apply to an asbestos-related cause of action that has not been commenced before the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an asbestos-related cause of action is a cause of action for damages in respect of an asbestos-related condition (within the meaning **Asbestos Diseases Compensation Act 2008**) that is also a serious dust-related condition.".

15N New section 403 inserted

At the end of Division 20 of Part IX of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"**403 Transitional provisions—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—Actions for damages**

(1) Division 9C of Part IV as amended by Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** applies to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition to which that Division applies commenced on or after the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**.

(2) Division 9C of Part IV as amended by Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** applies to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition commenced before the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** but only if—

(a) the hearing of the action has not commenced before the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**; or

(b) damages have not been awarded or a settlement has not been reached in that action before the commencement of that Part.

(3) Division 9C of Part IV as amended by Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** does not apply to a cause of action for damages in relation to a serious dust-related condition commenced before the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** if—

(a) the hearing of the action has commenced before the commencement of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**; or

(b) damages have been awarded or a settlement has been reached in that action before the commencement of that Part."'.

NEW CLAUSES

25. Insert the following New Division before Part 4—

'**Division 3—Commencing proceedings without complying with certain requirements**

15O Heading to Division 9B of Part IV substituted

For the heading to Division 9B of Part IV of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 substitute**—

"**Division 9B—Actions by workers with certain conditions**".

15P Section 135BB amended

(1) For the heading to section 135BB of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 substitute**—

"**Actions by workers with certain conditions**".

(2) In section 135BB(1) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "an asbestos-related condition" **substitute** "a serious dust-related condition".

(3) In section 135BB(3)(b) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "asbestos-related condition" **substitute** "serious dust-related condition".

(4) In section 135BB(4) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**, for "an asbestos-related condition" **substitute** "a serious dust-related condition".

(5) For section 135BB(8) of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 substitute**—

"(8) In this section—

serious dust-related condition means a condition that is—

(a) a dust-related condition within the meaning of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**; or

(b) an eligible progressive disease attributable or related to exposure to occupational dust.".

15Q New section 404 inserted

At the end of Division 20 of Part IX of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985 insert**—

"**404 Transitional provision—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026—commencing proceedings without complying with certain requirements**

The amendments made to section 135BB by Division 3 of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** apply in relation to the commencement of proceedings under section 134AB or 135A on or after the day on which

Division 3 of Part 3A of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** comes into operation regardless of whether the injury in respect of which those proceedings are to be commenced occurred before that day.".'.

26. Insert the following New Division heading before clause 16—

"**Division 1—Supported accommodation**".

NEW CLAUSES

27. Insert the following New Division to follow clause 18—

'**Division 2—Benefits for children**

18A Surviving children

(1) For section 59(1) of the **Transport Accident Act 1986 substitute**—

"(1) The Commission is liable to pay weekly payments, a death benefit and an education allowance in accordance with this section in respect of a dependent child of a person if—

(a) the person dies as a result of a transport accident; and

(b) any of the following apply—

(i) the child has another parent who is not a dependent partner of the person;

(ii) the child has another parent who does not wholly, mainly or in part provide economic support for the child;

(iii) the child does not have another parent.".

(2) After section 59(3) of the **Transport Accident Act 1986 insert**—

"(3A) Despite subsection (3), on or after 1 November 2026, the sum of a weekly payment for which the Commission is liable under subsection (1) or (2) is double the amount that would otherwise be payable under subsection (3)(a).".

18B New section 59A inserted

After section 59 of the **Transport Accident Act 1986 insert**—

"**59A Surviving children—education allowance**

(1) The Commission is liable to pay an education allowance in accordance with this section in respect of a dependent child of a person who dies in a transport accident if the child is not entitled to an education allowance under section 59.

(2) The education allowance payable under subsection (1) in respect of a dependent child is—

(a) the same as the amount that is payable in respect of a child under section 59(6)(a); and

(b) payable to the responsible person for the child for the benefit of the child until the child attains the age of 18 years.

(3) In this section—

responsible person has the same meaning as in section 59.".

18C New section 132AA inserted

After section 132 of the **Transport Accident Act 1986 insert**—

"**132AA Regulations dealing with transitional matters—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations containing provisions of a transitional nature, including matters of an application or savings nature, arising as a result of the enactment of Division 2 of Part 4 of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**, including any repeals and amendments made by or as a result of the enactment of that Division.

(2) Regulations made under this section may—

(a) have a retrospective effect to a day on or after a date not earlier than the day on which Division 2 of Part 4 of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** receives the Royal Assent; and

(b) be of limited or general application; and

(c) differ according to time, place or circumstances; and

(d) leave any matter or thing to be decided by a specified person or class of person.

(3) Regulations under this section have effect despite anything to the contrary in—

(a) this Act or any other Act (other than Division 2 of Part 4 of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** or the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**); or

(b) any subordinate instrument.

(4) This section is **repealed** on the second anniversary of the day on which it comes into operation.".

18D New section 236 inserted

After section 235 to the **Transport Accident Act 1986 insert**—

"**236 Surviving children**

(1) Sections 59(3A) and 59A apply in respect of a dependent child of a person who dies in a transport accident, regardless of when the transport accident occurred.

(2) Despite subsection (1), if the transport accident occurred before the commencement day, the Commission is not liable to pay any amount under section 59(3A) or 59A in respect of any period occurring before the commencement day.

(3) In this section—

commencement day means the day on which Division 2 of Part 4 of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** comes into operation.".'.

NEW CLAUSES

28. Insert the following New Part after Part 4—

'**Part 4A—Amendment of Limitation of Actions Act 1958**

18E New section 23AB inserted

After section 23A of the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958 insert**—

"**23AB No limitation period for certain dust-related conditions**

(1) No limitation period applies in relation to a cause of action for damages for injury to a worker, whether the cause of action is brought by the worker or the dependants of a deceased worker if—

(a) the action for damages is an action to which—

(i) Part IV of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** applies; or

(ii) Part 7 of the **Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013** applies; or

(iii) Part III or VB of the **Wrongs Act 1958** applies; and

(b) the injury to the worker is a dust-related condition within the meaning of section 3(1) of the **Administration and Probate Act 1958**.

(2) This section applies despite anything to the contrary in section 5 or section 40(a) and (b).".

18F Saving

In section 40 of the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958** for "Despite" **substitute** "Subject to section 23AB, despite".'.

NEW CLAUSES

29. Insert the following New Part after Part 5—

'**Part 5A—Further amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004—health and safety orders**

Division 1—Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

37A New definition inserted

In section 5(1) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 insert** the following definition—

"***health and safety order*** means an order under section 137(1);".

37B Section 136 repealed

Section 136 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** is **repealed**.

37C Health and safety order

(1) In the heading to section 137 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, for "**Release on the giving of a health and safety undertaking**" **substitute** "**Health and safety order**".

(2) In section 137(1) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** for "up to 2 years and make an order for the release of the offender giving

an undertaking with specified conditions" **substitute** "up to 5 years and order that the offender is subject to the conditions included in the order".

(3) In section 137(2) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**—

(a) for "An undertaking must specify the following conditions—" **substitute** "A health and safety order must include the following conditions—".

(b) in paragraph (a) **omit** "during the period of the adjournment";

(c) in paragraph (b), for "adjournment" **substitute** "health and safety order".

(4) In section 137(3) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004—**

(a) for "the court may impose on an offender who is an employer special conditions that the offender" **substitute** "the court may specify in a health and safety order one or more special conditions that the offender";

(b) in paragraph (c), for "Authority." **substitute** "Authority; and";

(c) after paragraph (c) **insert**—

"(d) undertake a specified project for the general improvement of occupational health, safety and welfare within the period specified in the health and safety order.".

(5) At the foot of section 137(3) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 insert**—

"**Note**

In relation to the undertaking of an offender see also Part 3.".

(6) Section 137(4) and (5) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** are **repealed**.

(7) In section 137(6) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, for "undertaking" **substitute** "health and safety order".

(8) In section 137(7) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, for "an order under this section" **substitute** "a health and safety order".

37D Section 138 substituted and new section 138A inserted

For section 138 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 substitute**—

"**138 Variation or contravention of health and safety order**

(1) The following persons at any time while a health and safety order is in force may apply to a court for variation or cancellation of the health and safety order—

(a) the offender;

(b) the Authority;

(c) the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(2) On application under subsection (1), the court—

(a) may vary or cancel a health and safety order if satisfied—

(i) that the circumstances of the offender have materially altered since the health and safety order was made and as a result the offender will not be able to comply with any condition of the health and safety order; or

(ii) that the circumstances of the offender were wrongly stated or were not accurately presented to the court or the author of a pre-sentence report before the health and safety order was made; or

(iii) that the offender is no longer willing to comply with the conditions of the health and safety order; and

(b) may deal with the offender for the offence or offences with respect to which the health and safety order was made in any manner in which the court could deal with the offender if the court had just found the offender guilty of that offence or those offences, having regard to the extent to which the offender has complied with the health and safety order.

(3) Notice of an application under subsection (1) must be given—

(a) to the offender; and

(b) to the Authority, if the sentencing court was the Magistrates' Court;

(c) to the Director of Public Prosecutions, if the sentencing court was the Supreme Court or the County Court.

(4) The court may order that a warrant to arrest be issued against the offender if the offender does not attend before the court on the hearing of the application.

138A Contravention of a health and safety order

An offender subject to a health and safety order must not contravene the health and safety order unless the offender has a reasonable excuse.

Penalty: 500 penalty units for a natural person;
2 500 penalty units for a body corporate.".

Division 2—Consequential amendments to Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026

37E Section 198 amended

In section 198 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026**, for "Before section 136" **substitute** "Before section 137".

37F Section 199 amended

In section 199 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026**, for "before section 136" **substitute** "before section 137".

37G Section 200 repealed

Section 200 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026** is **repealed**.

37H Heading to section 201 amended

For the heading to section 201 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026 substitute—**

"**Health and safety order**".'.

NEW CLAUSES

30. Insert the following New Part before Part 6—

'**Part 5B—Further amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004—impact statements**

Division 1—Amendment of Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

37I Definitions

In section 5(1) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 insert** the following definitions—

"***impact statement*** means a statement referred to in section 134A;

medical report means a report referred to in section 134D;".

37J New Division 1A of Part 11 inserted

After Division 1 of Part 11 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 insert**—

"**Division 1A—Impact statements**

134A What is an impact statement?

(1) An impact statement is a statement that—

(a) is in respect of an offence against this Act or the regulations; and

(b) contains any information described in subsection (2); and

(c) is in the form of—

(i) a statutory declaration; or

(ii) an affidavit; or

(iii) sworn or affirmed oral evidence.

(2) The information that may be contained in the statement is the following—

(a) information relating to a risk—

(i) that is to the health, safety or welfare of any person; and

(ii) to which the offence relates;

(b) information relating to the eventuation of a risk described in paragraph (a);

(c) information relating to how any person was impacted, directly or indirectly, by—

(i) a risk described in paragraph (a); or

(ii) the eventuation of a risk described in paragraph (a); or

(iii) the offence.

(3) A reference in subsection (2)(c) to how any person was impacted refers to—

(a) how the health, safety or welfare of any person was impacted (including by the person suffering injury, loss or damage); and

(b) any other way in which any person was impacted.

(4) An impact statement that is in the form of a statutory declaration or an affidavit may include photographs, drawings or poems or other material that relates to any of the matters set out in subsection (2).

Note

Under section 134D, a medical report may be given with an impact statement.

134B When court may allow person to give impact statement

(1) A court that finds a person guilty of an offence against this Act or the regulations may allow a person to give an impact statement to the court in respect of the offence for the purpose of assisting the court to determine—

(a) what sentence to impose for the offence; or

(b) whether to make an order under Division 2 in respect of the offence (and if so, the content of that order)—

if the court is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) limits or otherwise affects the ability of a person to make a victim impact statement under the **Sentencing Act 1991**.

(3) An impact statement given in accordance with subsection (1) may be given on behalf of another person if—

(a) that other person is under the age of 18 years; or

(b) the court is satisfied that the other person is incapable of making the statement because of mental illness or for any other reason.

134C Admissibility

(1) A court that receives an impact statement may rule as inadmissible—

(a) the whole or any part of the statement; or

(b) the whole or any part of a medical report attached to the statement.

(2) It is the intention of Parliament that in interpreting and applying this section, courts have regard to the following—

(a) an impact statement allows a person to give information described in section 134A(2);

(b) an impact statement is not inadmissible merely because it contains subjective or emotive material.

(3) A court may receive the whole of an impact statement, or an attached medical report, despite—

(a) an objection being taken to the statement or report (or to part of the statement or report); or

(b) the statement or report containing inadmissible material.

(4) If the court receives an impact statement, or an attached medical report, that contains inadmissible material, the court, in sentencing the offender—

(a) is not to rely on the material that the court considers to be inadmissible; and

(b) need not specify which of the material is not being relied on.

134D Medical report

(1) A person who gives an impact statement to a court may also give to the court, along with that statement, a report on medical matters concerning that person (or, if the statement is given on behalf of another natural person, that other person).

(2) The report—

(a) must be—

(i) in writing; and

(ii) made and signed by a medical expert; and

(b) may include a document that the medical expert intends should be read with the statement.

(3) A document may be included under subsection (2)(b) regardless of whether—

(a) it was in existence at the time the report was made; or

(b) the medical expert obtained it, or caused it to be brought into existence, at a later time.

(4) In this section—

medical expert has the same meaning as in Division 1C of Part 3 of the **Sentencing Act 1991**;

medical matters has the same meaning as in Division 1C of Part 3 of the **Sentencing Act 1991**.

134E Distribution of written materials

(1) A person who is to give an impact statement to a court in the form of a statutory declaration or an affidavit must give a copy of the statement to the prosecutor a reasonable time before sentencing is to take place.

(2) A person who is to give a medical report to a court along with an impact statement must give a copy of the report to the prosecutor a reasonable time before sentencing is to take place.

(3) As soon as practicable after a prosecutor receives a document under subsection (1) or (2), the prosecutor must—

(a) file a copy of the document with the court; and

(b) give a copy of the document to—

(i) the offender; or

(ii) the legal practitioner representing the offender.

134F Examination of person who gives impact statement

(1) If a person gives an impact statement to a court, the court may call the person to give evidence.

(2) If a person gives a medical report to a court, the court may call the medical expert who made the report to give evidence.

(3) The court may call a person to give evidence under subsection (1) or (2) at the request of—

(a) the offender; or

(b) the prosecutor.

(4) A person called to give evidence under subsection (1) or (2) may be cross-examined and re-examined.

134G Witnesses

(1) A person who gives an impact statement to a court may call a witness to give evidence in support of any matter contained in the statement or a medical report given along with the statement.

(2) A witness called to give evidence under subsection (1) may be cross-examined and re-examined.

(3) Any party to the proceeding may lead evidence on any matter contained in the impact statement or medical report.

134H Reading aloud of impact statement

(1) A person who is to give an impact statement in the form of a statutory declaration or affidavit may request that the court provide for a specified part of the statement to be—

(a) read aloud or displayed in open court in the course of the sentencing hearing by—

(i) the person making the request; or

(ii) a person chosen by the person making the request who consents and who is approved by the court for that purpose; or

(b) read aloud in open court in the course of the sentencing hearing by the prosecutor.

(2) If a request is made under subsection (1), the court must grant the request with respect to each part of the impact statement that—

(a) is specified in the request; and

(b) is admissible; and

(c) is appropriate and relevant to the determination of what sentence to impose (or whether to make an order under Division 2, and if so, what the contents of that order are to be).

(3) The court may direct the person who made the request, or the person who is to read aloud or display the specified parts of the impact statement, as to the parts of the statement in respect of which the request is granted in accordance with subsection (2).

(4) Nothing in this section prevents the presiding judge or magistrate from reading aloud any admissible part of an impact statement in the course of a proceeding.

134I Alternative arrangements for reading aloud of impact statement

(1) If a court grants a request under section 134H for the reading aloud of any part of an impact statement, the court may direct that alternative arrangements be made for that reading aloud.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the court may direct that arrangements be made—

(a) permitting the impact statement to be read aloud from a place other than the court room by means of an audio visual link that enables communication between that place and the court room;

(b) using screens to remove the person reading the impact statement from the direct line of vision of the offender;

(c) permitting a person who is—

(i) chosen by the person reading the impact statement; and

(ii) approved by the court for this purpose—

to be beside the person reading the statement while it is read aloud for the purpose of providing emotional support to the person reading the statement;

(d) permitting only persons specified by the court to be present while the impact statement is read aloud;

(e) requiring legal practitioners not to robe.

(3) A direction under subsection (1) may be given, varied or revoked—

(a) on the application of—

(i) the person who is to read the impact statement aloud; or

(ii) the prosecutor; or

(b) on the court's own motion.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the ***reading aloud*** of an impact statement includes the display of material included in it.

Note

See section 134H(1)(a).

134J Alternative arrangements for witnesses

(1) If a person is called to give evidence under section 134F or 134G, the court may direct that alternative arrangements be made for the examination, cross-examination and re-examination of that person.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the court may direct that arrangements be made—

(a) permitting the person to be examined, cross-examined and re-examined from a place other than the court room by means of an audio visual link that enables communication between that place and the court room;

(b) using screens to remove the person from the direct line of vision of the offender;

(c) permitting a person who is—

(i) chosen by the person being examined, cross-examined or re-examined; and

(ii) approved by the court for this purpose—

to be beside the person referred to in subparagraph (i) for the purpose of providing emotional support to that person;

(d) permitting only persons specified by the court to be present while the person is being examined, cross-examined or re-examined;

(e) requiring legal practitioners not to robe;

(f) requiring legal practitioners to be seated while examining or cross-examining the person.

(3) A direction under subsection (1) may be given, varied or revoked—

(a) on the application of—

(i) the person called to give evidence; or

(ii) the prosecutor; or

(b) on the court's own motion.".

37K Heading to Division 2 of Part 11 amended

In the heading to Division 2 of Part 11 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, for "**Sentencing for offences**" **substitute** "**Additional sentencing orders**".

37L New Division 3A of Part 15 inserted

After Division 3 of Part 15 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 insert**—

"**Division 3A—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**

188A Impact statements

Division 1A of Part 11 does not apply for the purposes of sentencing an offender for an offence of which they were found guilty before the day on which Division 1 of Part 5B of the **Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026** comes into operation.".

Division 2—Related amendments to Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026

37M New sections 194A to 194K inserted

After section 194 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026 insert**—

'**194A Heading to Division 1A of Part 11 repealed**

The heading to Division 1A of Part 11 of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

194B New Part 13.1A heading inserted

Insert the following heading before section 134A of the Principal Act—

"**Part 13.1A—Impact statements**".

194C What is an impact statement?

(1) For section 134A(1)(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a) is in respect of—

(i) an offence against this Act or the regulations; or

(ii) a contravention of a civil penalty provision; and".

(2) For section 134A(2)(a)(i) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(i) that is to—

(A) the health, safety or welfare of any person; or

(B) property involved with the handling of dangerous goods; and".

(3) In section 134A(2)(a)(ii) and (c)(iii) of the Principal Act, after "the offence" **insert** "or contravention".

194D When court may allow person to give impact statement

(1) In section 134B(1)(b) of the Principal Act, for "Division 2" **substitute** "Part 13.2".

(2) After section 134B(2) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(2A) A court that is considering whether to make a civil penalty order in respect of a contravention of a civil penalty provision may allow a person to give an impact statement to the court in respect of the contravention for the purpose of assisting the court to determine whether to make the civil penalty order (and if so, the content of that order) if the court is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.".

(3) In section 134B(3) of the Principal Act, after "subsection (1)" **insert** "or (2A)".

194E Admissibility

In section 134C(4) of the Principal Act, after "in sentencing the offender" **insert** "or determining whether to make a civil penalty order (and if so, the content of that order)".

194F Section 134E amended

(1) In the heading to section 134E of the Principal Act after "**materials**" **insert** "**—sentencing**".

(2) In section 134E(1) of the Principal Act, for "court" **substitute** "court, in accordance with section 134B(1),".

(3) In section 134E(2) of the Principal Act, after "impact statement" **insert** "given in accordance with section 134B(1)".

194G New section 134EA inserted

After section 134E of the Principal Act **insert**—

"**134EA Distribution of written materials—civil penalties**

(1) A person who is to give an impact statement to a court, in accordance with section 134B(2A), in the form of a statutory declaration or an affidavit must give a copy of the statement to the Authority a reasonable time before sentencing is to take place.

(2) A person who is to give a medical report to a court along with an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A) must give a copy of the report to the Authority a reasonable time before sentencing is to take place.

(3) As soon as practicable after the Authority receives a document under subsection (1) or (2), the Authority must—

(a) file a copy of the document with the court; and

(b) give a copy of the document to—

(i) the person in respect of whom the Authority seeks that the court is to make a civil penalty order; or

(ii) the legal practitioner representing that person.".

194H Examination of person who gives impact statement

For section 134F(3) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(3) The court may call a person to give evidence under subsection (1) or (2) at the request of—

(a) if the impact statement is given in accordance with section 134B(1), or the medical report is given along with a statement given that way—

(i) the offender; or

(ii) the prosecutor; or

(b) if the impact statement is given in accordance with section 134B(2A), or the medical report is given along with a statement given that way—

(i) the person in respect of whom the Authority seeks that the court is to make a civil penalty order; or

(ii) the Authority.".

194I Reading aloud of impact statement

(1) In section 134H(1)(a) of the Principal Act, for "sentencing hearing" **substitute** "relevant hearing".

(2) For section 134H(1)(b) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(b) read aloud in open court in the course of the relevant hearing by whichever of the following applies—

(i) the prosecutor; or

(ii) a legal practitioner representing the Authority.".

(3) For section 134H(2)(c) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(c) is appropriate and relevant to whichever of the following applies—

(i) the determination of what sentence to impose (or whether to make an order under Part 13.2, and if so, what the contents of that order are to be); or

(ii) the determination of whether to make a civil penalty order (and if so, what the contents of that order are to be).".

(4) After section 134H(4) of the Principal Act **insert**—

"(5) In this section—

relevant hearing means—

(a) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(1), the sentencing hearing; or

(b) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A), a hearing in the proceeding in which it is given.".

194J Alternative arrangements for reading aloud of impact statement

(1) In section 134I(2)(b) of the Principal Act, for "vision of the offender;" **substitute** "vision of—

(i) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(1), the offender; or

(ii) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A), the person in respect of whom the Authority seeks that the court is to make a civil penalty order;".

(2) For section 134I(3)(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a) on the application of the person who is to read the impact statement aloud; or

(ab) on the application of—

(i) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(1), the prosecutor; or

(ii) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A), the Authority; or".

194K Alternative arrangements for witnesses

(1) In section 134J(2)(b) of the Principal Act, for "vision of the offender;" **substitute** "vision of—

(i) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(1), the offender; or

(ii) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A), the person in respect of whom the Authority seeks that the court is to make a civil penalty order;".

(2) For section 134J(3)(a) of the Principal Act **substitute**—

"(a) on the application of the person called to give evidence; or

(ab) on the application of—

(i) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(1), the prosecutor; or

(ii) in the case of an impact statement given in accordance with section 134B(2A), the Authority; or".'.

37N New sections 242A and 242B inserted

After section 242 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026 insert**—

'**242A Heading to Division 3A of Part 15 repealed**

The heading to Division 3A of Part 15 of the Principal Act is **repealed**.

242B New Part 17.3A heading inserted

Insert the following heading before section 188A of the Principal Act—

"**Part 17.3A—Workplace Legislation Amendment (Accident Compensation and Other Matters) Act 2026**".'.

37O New Part 17.4 inserted

In section 243 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment (Dangerous Goods) Act 2026**, for "Division 3" **substitute** "Division 3A".'.

AMENDMENT OF LONG TITLE

31. Long title, after "to amend the" insert "**Dangerous Goods Transport Act 2026** in relation to reckless endangerment offences, the".

32. Long title, omit "in relation to guarantees and supported accommodation".

33. Long title, omit "**Accident Compensation Act 1985** in relation to supported accommodation" and insert "**Accident Compensation Act 1985**".

34. Long title, after "the **Transport Accident Act 1986** in relation to supported accommodation" insert "and certain benefits for children".

35. Long title, omit "in relation to the powers of representatives and coercive conduct".

36. Long title, after "consequential" insert "and related".

37. Long title, before "and to make" insert ", the **Limitation of Actions Act 1958** to remove a limitation period for certain actions" —

(Steve Dimopoulos) — and after debate, put and agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

10 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON FRONTLINE SERVICES** — Motion made and question proposed — That this House notes that the Liberals have committed to cutting $40 billion from the budget, requiring at least 30,000 public sector jobs to be cut, devastating the frontline services Victorians rely on, meaning:

(a) longer hospital wait times;

(b) fewer nurses and hospital beds;

(c) less police; and

(d) cuts to local infrastructure —

(Sonya Kilkenny) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

11 **QUESTION TIME**.

12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**.

13 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON FRONTLINE SERVICES** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Business interrupted at 4.15 pm under the resolution of the House today.

14 **VALEDICTORY STATEMENT** — The Member for Mill Park made a valedictory statement.

15 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON FRONTLINE SERVICES** — Resumption on question — That the motion be agreed to.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

The Speaker made statements of farewell and thanks.

Business interrupted at 5.00 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

16 **EFFECT OF SPENDING CUTS ON FRONTLINE SERVICES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes that the Liberals have committed to cutting $40 billion from the budget, requiring at least 30,000 public sector jobs to be cut, devastating the frontline services Victorians rely on, meaning — (a) longer hospital wait times; (b) fewer nurses and hospital beds; (c) less police; and (d) cuts to local infrastructure.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

17 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until a day and hour to be fixed by the Speaker, who will notify members accordingly *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment Bill 2026 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

19 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 2 be postponed until later this day.

20 **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question proposed — That this House:

(a) condemns the Leader of the Opposition for her silence as federal Coalition figures, echoing Senator Hanson, attacked the evidence-based Respectful Relationships program as ‘anti-boy ideology’;

(b) affirms that teaching children respect prevents family violence; and

(c) calls on the Leader of the Opposition to state publicly where she stands —

(Melissa Horne) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Belinda Wilson)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

21 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Inquiries Amendment (Special Prosecutor) Bill 2026 without amendment.

22 **INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2026** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

23 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed *(Anthony Carbines)* — put and agreed to.

24 **ADJOURNMENT** — After debate, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair at 7.15 pm.

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