



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 31

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

2 ADJOURNMENT: MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.— Ms *Armitage* proposed to move, That the Council does now adjourn; for the purpose of discussing a Matter of Public Importance; namely, “The apparent shortfall in funding for our State public hospitals and the ongoing difficulties with the Emergency Departments”

And three Members rising in their places to indicate their approval,

The Motion was proposed.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Motion, by leave of the Council, was withdrawn.

3 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.
The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

4 PAPERS.— The Acting Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers: —

- (1) Report of the Auditor-General No. 1 of 2018-19: Use of Tasmanian Government Cards by Central Agency Executives and Executive Assistants.
- (2) Report of the Auditor-General No. 2 of 2018-19: Administration of two grant programs by the Department of State Growth.
- (3) Teachers Registration Board Tasmania: Annual Report 2017.
- (4) Custodial Inspector Tasmania: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (5) TasTAFE: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (6) Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (7) Environment Protection Authority: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (8) Department of Education: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (9) National Environment Protection Council: Annual Report 2016-2017.
- (10) Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (11) Tasmanian Industrial Commission: Report on Review of Actions 2017-2018.
- (12) Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (13) Department of Premier and Cabinet: Annual Report 2017-2018.

- (14) Tasmanian Health Service: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (15) Veterinary Board of Tasmania: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (16) Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (17) Inland Fisheries Service: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (18) State Fire Commission: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (19) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (20) Department of Health and Human Services: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (21) Tasmanian Community Fund: Annual Report 2018.
- (22) Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 55, containing Luxury Hire Car Industry Regulations 2018.
- (23) Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 56, containing Taxi Industry Regulations 2018.
- (24) Traffic Act 1925: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 57, containing Traffic (Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment (Taxis and Luxury Hire Cars) Regulations 2018.
- (25) Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 58, containing Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries (Review of Decisions) Amendment Regulations 2018.
- (26) Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008: Statutory Rules 2018, No. 59, containing Restricted Hire Vehicle Industry Amendment Regulations 2018.

5 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.— In accordance with Sections 19 and 20 of the *Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996* (Act No. 22), the Acting Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table of the Council the Register of Members' Interests for the Members representing 14 Legislative Council electoral divisions for 2017/18. This Register of Annual Returns does not include a Return for the Member for Prosser, Ms Howlett who has already provided a Primary Return which has been Tabled.

The 14 Annual Returns having been lodged with the President and this day Tabled will be published on the website.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Prosser, (Ms *Howlett*) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this day's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

7 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There was one Question asked.

8 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of six Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —

- (1) Mr *Finch* – Dr Gary Fettke Exonerated;
- (2) Ms Armitage – St Lukes Health – Foundation 33inc charity;
- (3) Ms *Siejka* – The Howrah Men's Shed;
- (4) Mrs *Hiscutt* – Australian Junior Motorcross Championships;
- (5) Ms *Forrest*– Chris Symonds (Wynyard Yacht Club) recognition of achievement; and
- (6) Mr *Willie* – HOPES Inc.

At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

9 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRINGEMENT NOTICES AMENDMENT REGULATIONS.— A Motion was made (Mr *Dean*) and the Question was proposed, That Statutory Rules 2017, No. 108, Public Health (Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulations dated 19 December 2017 made under the *Public Health Act 1997* and laid upon the Table of the Council on 14 June 2018, be disallowed as provided by Section 47 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Motion was, by leave, withdrawn. (Mr *Dean*)

10 SARCOPTIC MANGE.— A Motion was made (Mr *Finch*) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Calls upon the Government to acknowledge and recognise that:
 - (a) sarcoptic mange is having an adverse effect on wombat populations around the State; and
 - (b) that the disease is not just an issue confined to Narawntapu National Park and the West Tamar region.
- (2) Urges the Government to become more involved in the fight to save the wombat population and strongly encourages the implementation of a statewide strategy for controlling the mange epidemic through a coordinated treatment plan thus reducing reliance on the efforts of community groups; and
- (3) In recognition of the seriousness of species extinction in Australia calls upon the Government to give urgent consideration to the creation of a separate Wildlife Environment Department or something similar so that extinction issues are not submerged below competing interests of primary industries.

A Debate arose thereupon.

A Motion was made (Mr *Dean*) and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be adjourned.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It passed in the Negative.

The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the motion be agreed to.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

11 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 12.00 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 31 October 2018.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 6.18 o'clock p.m.

C L VICKERS, *Acting Clerk of the Council*.