



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2025

- 1 COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the first inhabitants and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE ANSWERS INTO HANSARD.**—*Ordered*, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to Table answer to Question Nos. 11 and 12 and have the answers incorporated into the Hansard record.
- 5 JCP YOUTH FUNDING.**— Ms *Webb* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — In relation to former Minister Jaensch’s response of 11 June 2025 to questions from the Commission of Inquiry Recommendations Scrutiny Committee, as published on the Committee’s webpage, and also in context of services provided to ‘Children and Families by JCP youth under the BEAST Program’ being individual programs, components, parts, or extensions of the BEAST program, can the government:
 - (1) List these services inclusive of dates of commencement, of completion if not ongoing, and amount and source of funding;
 - (2) Advise if any of these services are known to be continuing under the current Funding Agreement;
 - (3) List the number and dates of DECYP staff visits to JCP Youth Safe Houses by each of the South, North and North-West regions;
 - (4) Provide details of the types, or categorisation, of visit and reasons, beyond purely case management purposes, including, for example, how many relate to children under care and protection orders, how many relate to community justice orders, and any other visits which do not pertain to case management or child safety assessment/investigation?;
 - (5) Detail how many quarterly reports from JCP Youth have been received since the Funding Agreement began?
 - (6) Clarify the agreed schedule for reports to be sent, for example whether specific months of the year are stipulated or whether some other schedule of release is undertaken?;
 - (7) Clarify who is responsible for reviewing the reports?;
 - (8) Detail the nature of information provided in the reports?;
 - (9) Table a copy of all available reports?;
 - (10) In the context of the services provided by JCP Youth, clarify if the Department is aware of any JCP Youth positions or roles where the *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013* would not apply?;

- (11) Detail how many times the Secretary, under Section 4.1 (p11) of the JCP Youth Funding Agreement, has provided approval for:
 - (a) Purchase of real estate?
 - (b) Purchase any assets greater than \$50,000 in value?
 - (c) Purchase any asset which is not be used solely for delivery of the Services pursuant to the Funding Agreement?;
- (12) Detail where approval has been sought, regardless of approval or not, please detail the individual approval requests, for example the asset being sought, and rationale provided for either approval or rejection?;
- (13) Clarify what constitutes a 'place' for the purposes of the Funding Agreement which states under Schedule 2, section 2.2, page 39, that '*JCP Youth will use the funding to provide 54 full time places within the existing Youth Beats Program*', for example, does a 'full time place' require a minimum time enrolled in a service, or completion of a relevant program such as the BlackOut Campaign program?;
- (14) Regardless of whether purchased assets fall under the definition of, or are approved under the Funding Agreement, does funding for a full time place include the purchase of assets that may have broader application or use (e.g. patrol vehicles)?, and if so, how does the calculation for funding provision of 54 full time places alter for assets being used for other purposes or for the asset value?;
- (15) Confirm that under the Funding Agreement, a range of children and young people from a range of backgrounds including from prevention to legal orders may access the services, and further, given that:
 - (a) Please provide the rationale for classifying the service under AO8.1.99 (Other community services not elsewhere classified) and not alternative classifications (e.g. A02.2 Child protection, A02.4 Out of home care, A06.1 Correctional and rehabilitative supervision); and
 - (b) Clarify whether there are any implications of recording one service classifications but excluding others? For example, where a service is provided to a child or young person by virtue of a care and protection order (such as supporting a child in care under a care/case plan), but is recorded as other community services?

The Leader answered:

- (1) JCP Youth delivers these services under a three-year funding agreement with the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) which commenced in February 2025.

The amount of funding is \$3.7 million over the three years of the agreement. The funding was committed at the 2024 election and provided in the 2024-25 State Budget.

The agreement between JCP Youth and DECYP funds 54 JCP Youth BEAST program places for young males aged 11-17 years referred by the DECYP, over the life of the agreement.

I am advised the JCP Youth BEAST Program is a flexible and individualised service tailored to each young person.

The program offers:

- access to membership
- outdoor recreation programs and development camps
- community-based support
- outreach 24/7
- emergency and respite accommodation
- programming that supports prosocial behaviour.

- (2) I am advised prior to the current funding agreement, there had been services provided to the department by JCP Youth under the BEAST program.

From February 2025, all department referrals to the JCP Youth BEAST program occur according to the funding agreement.

The services listed as part of the answer to question 1 are part of this ongoing agreement.

- (3) I am advised there are no properties operated by JCP Youth in North-West Tasmania.

I am further advised in the North and Southern Tasmania, visits by the Department are conducted at a minimum of once per quarter, as required by the funding agreement.

The Department last visited JCP Youth's Northern premises on the 17 and 18 November 2025 and the Southern premises on 12 November 2025.

- (4) I cannot comment on individual cases for confidentiality reasons.

I am advised all visits by the department outside of the quarterly schedule outlined in the funding agreement, are related to case management of individual young people.

These visits may involve young people under care and protection orders, youth justice orders, or may be visited in relation to other departmental oversight responsibilities.

The Department may visit JCP Youth premises with 24 hours' notice, as permitted under the funding agreement.

- (5) I am advised one Quarterly Service Delivery Report has been received by the Department for the 2025–26 period. The next report is due.

The first quarterly report was delivered following the commencement of participant referrals made by the Department, which began in mid-April 2025.

- (6) I am advised standardised reporting requirements were established in August 2025.

The delivery of the first quarterly report in August 2025 has allowed JCP Youth to report accurately on participant engagement, due to participant referrals to JCP Youth by the department occurring in April 2025.

It is my expectation that the Department and JCP Youth ensure strict adherence to the quarterly reporting schedule in future in accordance with the funding agreement and I will be seeking regular updates.

- (7) I am advised JCP Youth and the Department meet monthly through a dedicated operational governance group to discuss operational matters and risks relating to department referred participants. The operational governance group also includes the JCP Youth CEO.

The Department Director Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships role holds responsibility for reviewing the reports and monitoring compliance according to the funding agreement.

The quarterly performance reports provided by JCP Youth under the funding agreement are additionally reviewed by the JCP operational governance group, which includes the following roles within the Department for Education, Children and Young People:

- Executive Director Services for Children and Youth Director Youth Services
- Director, Commissioning and Partnerships
- Director, Service Transformation and Change
- Director, Business Improvement and Planning Statewide Youth Practice Manager

I am advised the JCP Youth quarterly reports are also provided to the Department's Deputy Secretary, Child Safety and Youth Justice Operations, and the Secretary, Department for Education, Children and Young People.

- (8) The Service Delivery Reports template is standardised and provided by the department to JCP Youth for completion according to the funding agreement requirements.

I am advised the Service Delivery Report template includes a requirement for JCP Youth to provide the following:

- Number of full participants

- Service delivery activities
 - Engagement and attendance
 - Offending metrics
 - Risk factor assessment
 - Personal outcomes
 - Risks and issues
 - Recommendations and future planning
- (9) I am advised the JCP Youth quarterly reporting is prepared by JCP Youth and provided to the Department as part of the funding agreement requirements.
- I am advised the release of the JCP Youth reports requires consent from JCP Youth and I have asked the Department to provide further advice on this matter.
- (10) Under the funding agreement, I am advised all JCP Youth staff and volunteers are required to hold valid registration under the *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013* before working with children and young people.
- (11) I am advised there have been no approvals provided by the Department to purchase real estate, assets over the value of \$50,000, or assets not used solely for service delivery according to the JCP Youth funding agreement.
- (12) I am advised there have been no approvals sought by JCP Youth from the Department for the purchase real estate, assets over the value of \$50,000, or assets not used solely for service delivery according to the JCP Youth funding agreement.
- (13) I am advised a ‘full-time place’ refers to a 12-month engagement by a Department referred participant in the BEAST Program.
- These BEAST Program participants may opt in - or out - of any or all elements and activities of the BEAST program.
- I am advised there are no requirements for referred young people to complete specific components or activities of the JCP Youth BEAST program.
- JCP Youth varies the BEAST program activity inclusions to meet the needs of each individual participant. Individual programs are designed in collaboration young people to meet their pre-identified outcomes.
- (14) The funding supports the cost of placements for children.
- An audited acquittal has been received by the Department for Education, Children and Young People from JCP Youth for the 2024-25 financial year.
- I am advised the expenses acquitted for that year relate to salary and wages and on-costs.
- There were no assets purchased with the funding in 2024-25.
- In relation to the purchase and use of assets, I’m advised the component of cost relating to use of an asset could be attributed to the funding for the period it is used in the program.
- (15) I am advised the AIHW classifications reflect the broad and flexible nature of the JCP Youth BEAST Program.
- While services may overlap with other categories, the classification does not limit the operational scope of support provided to Department-referred JCP Youth BEAST program participants.
- I am advised the funding provided to JCP Youth supports diversionary and mentoring services for at-risk young people referred by the department to JCP Youth, which may include those under care and protection or youth justice orders.
- Under the funding agreement, referrals of young people to JCP Youth occurs according to the following criteria:
- Young people involved in court/repeat offending behaviours who may be disengaged from formal education and/or relevant support services.

- Young people exiting custodial sentencing with an identified recidivism risk.
- Young people in contact with the youth justice system with a remanded status.
- Young people demonstrating impulsive and risk-taking, offending-related behaviours, and/or
- Any identified young person who is likely to benefit from a diversionary program, at the Department's discretion.

6 JCP YOUTH BLACKOUT PROGRAM.— Ms *Webb* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — In relation to the government's arrangement with the organisation JCP Youth and specifically regarding the organisation's BlackOut Challenge program, can the government:

- (1) Confirm whether the Department or Government were aware of the BlackOut Challenge, which is a component of JCP's Beast Program, prior to it being advertised and run earlier this year? and
 - (a) If the government was aware of the BlackOut Challenge, please detail when it was informed of the program, and any assessment details the government undertook to ensure appropriateness;
 - (b) If the government was not aware prior to the program being advertised and run, when was it made aware, and please detail any assessment of consideration made of its appropriateness;
- (2) Detail whether information has been either sought by the government on the BlackOut Challenge, or been provided by JCP Youth, and when was that information provided?
- (3) Detail how the BlackOut Challenge Program fits within the JCP Youth Beast Program, and more particularly within the Funding Agreement with JCP Youth?
- (4) Clarify to what extent the funding agreement takes into account extended operations of the Beast program, and whether all programs under the Beast programs come under the conditions of the funding agreement, regardless of whether the Government funding agreement directly funds it?
- (5) Clarify whether should the BlackOut Challenge Program not be funded and covered by the funding agreement with JCP Youth, are participants in the Blackout program drawn from children who are also part of the funded Beast Program?
- (6) Detail how participants were selected for the recently run BlackOut Challenge Program?
- (7) Confirm whether the BlackOut Challenge Program included participants under state care and protection, and/or any type of youth justice order, and if so, how was permission sought and provided for their participation?;
- (8) Confirm whether any concerns have been raised with the government in regard to the Blackout Challenge and if so, when, and what were the nature of those concerns, and how has the Government responded to those concerns?
- (9) In context of schedule 2, section 2.2.4 (Consumer Outcomes) of the Funding Agreement with JCP Youth which states, *the Service Provider will ensure that service delivery models employed are consistent with providing positive outcomes for consumers and utilise evidence-based and therapeutic practice*, detail:
 - (a) Whether, and if so on what basis, does the government consider the wearing of balaclavas, as per photos depicting JCP workers wearing in recent social media posts following the Blackout Challenge in October this year, to be an example of utilise evidence-based and therapeutic practice?; and
 - (b) How monitoring of the funding agreement takes into account the success rate of completion versus participation, in light of these recent JCP Youth social media posts indicating only one participant out of 43 was successful in completing the Blackout Challenge?

The Leader answered:

- (1) (a) The JCP Youth BEAST Program is a flexible and individualised service tailored to each young person.
I am advised the Blackout challenge is an optional, voluntary activity offered to the department-referred JCP Youth BEAST program participants.

I am advised JCP Youth informed the Department for Education, Children and Young People (the department) approximately three weeks prior to the Blackout challenge commencement.

I am advised no concerns were identified by the department regarding the safety of the department-referred participants.

I have requested that the department undertake an assessment of the appropriateness of the Blackout challenge for department referred BEAST participants.

(b) Part b to this question is not applicable.

- (2) I am advised DECYP has sought and received information about the Blackout challenge, including how it fits within the broader BEAST program, how program participants are engaged to participate, when and how consents and permissions are obtained, travel arrangements and how JCP Youth offers and prepares participants to participate in the Blackout challenge.

JCP Youth provided information to the Statewide Youth Practice Manager in September 2025, as part of its broader JCP Youth Operational practice discussions.

These discussions occurred with operational staff in the time leading up to the Blackout challenge as part of planning for individual participants.

The Blackout challenge fits more broadly within the BEAST program as a facilitated activity for BEAST participants. The Blackout challenge is one of many programs facilitated throughout the year that BEAST participants can engage in.

JCP Youth facilitators and team leaders obtain consent from both the young people and their guardians or carers during their regular engagement in the BEAST program.

Transport to and from the Blackout challenge was provided by JCP Youth and participants travelled in JCP Youth registered vehicles to a destination where the Blackout challenge was held.

As the Blackout challenge is an 'opt-in' 'opt-out' program, JCP Youth always has staff on hand to transport a young person home if a participant decides they do not wish to continue participating in the Blackout challenge. This is a consistent practice for any JCP Youth program.

As with any program offered by JCP Youth, participants are provided an overview of what the program will entail, where they will be going, what they can do if they do not wish to participate further. Young people also can ask questions regarding any worries or concerns they may have.

JCP Youth follow-up with participants regularly including when their time in the BEAST program has ended to check in with the young person to ensure their wellbeing. The first check-in occurs 2-4 hours after being transported back by JCP Youth.

- (3) The Blackout challenge is not specifically named within the JCP Youth funding agreement; however, outdoor recreation programs and development camps are listed as program options for department-referred BEAST participants.

Department-referred participants in JCP Youth's BEAST program may voluntarily choose to participate in the Blackout challenge.

I am advised the young people who are not referred by the department to the JCP Youth BEAST program may also participate in the Blackout challenge and are therefore, outside of the funding agreement.

The participants not referred to JCP Youth by the department are not monitored by the department and therefore not included in JCP Youth reporting requirements under the funding agreement.

- (4) I am advised by the department that the JCP Youth BEAST Program is a flexible and individualised program tailored to each young person based on outcomes identified with the participant.

I am further advised that any component or activity of the JCP Youth BEAST program for a department-referred participant is covered under the JCP Youth funding agreement.

- (5) I am advised the Blackout challenge is not specifically named within the funding agreement between the department and JCP Youth.

However, outdoor recreation programs and development camps are listed as a program options for department referred BEAST participants and therefore covered as part of the funding agreement.

- (6) I am advised participation in JCP Youth BEAST program activities offered to department referred participants is voluntary and this includes the Blackout challenge.

I am advised any department referred BEAST program participant may be offered a placement on the Blackout challenge by JCP Youth and may opt-out at any time.

Suitability for the Blackout challenge is determined by the individual and JCP Youth according to individually identified outcomes.

Department referred JCP Youth BEAST program participants discuss their involvement in the Blackout challenge with the young person's lead JCP Youth worker. This discussion includes what the Blackout challenge is, what to expect and the participant's ability to opt out at any time.

Based on these discussions and in collaboration with the young person, JCP Youth staff establish suitability of the participant to engage in the Blackout challenge as part of their overall BEAST program activities schedule.

- (7) I cannot make comment on individual participant circumstances due to confidentiality reasons.

I am advised under the funding agreement department referrals of young people to JCP Youth occurs according to the following criteria:

- Young people involved in court/repeat offending behaviours who may be disengaged from formal education and/or relevant support services.
- Young people exiting custodial sentencing with an identified recidivism risk.
- Young people in contact with the youth justice system with a remanded status.
- Young people demonstrating impulsive and risk-taking, offending-related behaviours, and/or
- Any identified young person who is likely to benefit from a diversionary program, at the Department's discretion.

Under the funding agreement, JCP Youth must obtain written consent from both the referred participant and the participant's parent or guardian before the participant commences in the BEAST program and any of its components or activities.

- (8) My office was contacted by a constituent on 17 October 2025 raising concerns about a JCP Youth social media post in relation to its Blackout challenge.

My office subsequently requested information from the department about the Blackout challenge and I requested the department to undertake a deeper assessment of the appropriateness of the Blackout challenge for DECYP referred BEAST participants.

I have requested the department provide me with an update as soon as this information is available.

I am advised the department acts according to all legislative requirements when responding to any child safeguarding concern.

- (9) (a) I am advised the face coverings worn by young people participating in the program was done to support privacy and inclusion of the participants who provided consent to have their photo shared to social media but chose not include their faces, which was actioned in agreement with the wishes of young people and their families.

Where face coverings are worn by staff, this is done briefly and by people well known to all participants.

All required consents were obtained for publishing photos of the participants on social media and approval obtained prior to posting.

I am advised the attire consisted of standard cold-weather apparel such as jackets, cargo pants, gloves, and face coverings used for warmth and safety; noting the clothing worn also included items such as neck gaiters or thermal hoods, which can be referred to as balaclavas. I am advised JCP Youth has acknowledged that the use of face coverings may be perceived differently by those viewing images without context.

I am advised JCP Youth operates within the legal framework *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023* and that the practices and approach applied by JCP Youth is consistent with child-safe and trauma-informed principles.

JCP Youth ensures consent obtained from young people is meaningful, ongoing, and reflective of the participant's maturity and comprehension of what participation involves, which ensures the participant's needs are placed at the centre of JCP Youth practices.

- (b) The funding agreement between JCP Youth and the department includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure how many young people have been supported through the BEAST program, how well the services were delivered by JCP Youth, and how the enrolled participants benefited from their time in the BEAST program.

I am advised JCP Youth considers that participant success is not defined by completion of the 12-month BEAST program or any of the individual activities such as the Blackout challenge. For many young people referred by the department to the JCP Youth BEAST program, participating any part of the program can be a significant achievement for the participant.

JCP Youth varies the BEAST program activity inclusions to meet the needs of each individual participant, which may include participation in the Blackout challenge.

I am further advised there is no requirement on any young person to participate in specific JCP Youth BEAST program activities if offered by JCP Youth, including the Blackout challenge. Individual programs are designed with young people to meet their pre-identified outcomes.

I am advised under the funding agreement, JCP Youth monitors and reports on multiple success measures including individual outcomes developed between JCP Youth and each young person.

7 PAPER.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Comparison of Electricity and Gas Prices Available to Small Customers in Australia.

8 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms Ratray have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Rosevears, (Ms Palmer) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this day's sitting. (Ms Ratray)

10 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: RODDA MUSEUM.— Ms Ratray made a Statement on behalf of the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding the Government's response to the Coroner's Record of Investigation and findings in relation to human remains retained following coronial autopsies between 1966 and 1991 at the Rodda Museum in Hobart.

At the conclusion of the Statement Ms Ratray, by leave, laid upon the Table of the Council a copy of the Ministerial Statement.

Ordered, That the Ministerial Statement be considered and noted forthwith. (Ms Ratray)

A Motion was made (Ms Ratray), and the Question proposed, That the Ministerial Statement be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That Ms Webb, have leave to Table the Coroner's Record of Investigation into Deaths in relation to human remains retained following coronial autopsies between 1966 and 1991 at the R.A. Rodda Museum.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

11 BILL NO. 43.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill 2025 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Armitage* in the Chair.

Clause 1, Amendment proposed. (Ms *Forrest*)

Page 3, after “cited as the”.

Leave out “Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief)”.

Insert instead “Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) (Payroll Relief)”.

12 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.

13 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were two Questions asked.

Ordered, That Mr *Duigan*, have leave to Table the following redacted documents in relation to Marinus Link Pty Ltd:

- Super majority written resolution of shareholders, date of resolution and execution page with date of agreement,
- Deed of amendment and restatement in relation to Stage 1 FID with date of execution and execution page,
- Marinus Link Shareholders Agreement (2024), amended and reinstated by above Deed, cover page and execution page,
- Project Marinus Memorandum of Understanding title page and execution page, and
- Support for Project Marinus and the delivery of Tarraleah Hydro Power Scheme Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement title page, schedule and execution page.

14 BILL NO. 43.— The Council again resolved itself into a Committee on the Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill 2025.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Armitage* in the Chair.

Proposed Amendment to Clause 1 further considered.

Question put, That the Amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

AYES 1

Ms *Forrest* (Teller)

NOES 8

Ms *Armitage*
Mr *Duigan*
Mr *Edmunds*
Mr *Gaffney* (Teller)
Mr *Hiscutt*
Ms *Lovell*
Ms *O'Connor*
Ms *Rattray*

Pairs: Mr *Harriss*
Ms *Webb*

Pairs: Mr *Vincent*
Ms *Palmer*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 1 as read agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

The Council being resumed, Ms *Armitage* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Amendment.

Ordered, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

A Motion was made (Ms *Rattray*), and the Question was proposed, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended in respect of this Bill, in order that the Bill may be now read the Third time. (Ms *Rattray*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 7

Ms *Armitage*
Mr *Duigan*
Mr *Edmunds* (Teller)
Mr *Hiscutt*
Ms *Lovell*
Ms *O'Connor*
Ms *Rattray*

NOES 3

Ms *Forrest* (Teller)
Mr *Harriss*
Ms *Webb*

Pair: Ms *Palmer*

Pair: Mr *Gaffney*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time. (Ms *Rattray*)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

15 BILL NO. 43.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill intituled, 'A Bill for an Act to amend retrospectively the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000* and the *Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017*'.

Legislative Council, 11 December 2025

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

16 BILL NO. 47.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Justice Miscellaneous Amendments (Explosive Offences) Bill 2025.

A Motion was made (*Ms Rattray*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Forrest in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

The Council being resumed, *Ms Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Amendment.

Ordered, That *Ms Rattray* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

A Motion was made (*Ms Rattray*), and the Question was proposed, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended in respect of this Bill, in order that the Bill may be now read the Third time. (*Ms Rattray*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 7

Ms Armitage
Mr Duigan
Mr Edmunds
Ms Lovell (Teller)
Ms O'Connor
Ms Rattray
Ms Thomas

Pairs: *Ms Palmer*
Mr Vincent

NOES 3

Ms Forrest
Mr Gaffney (Teller)
Ms Webb

Pairs: *Mr Hiscutt*
Mr Harriss

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time. (*Ms Rattray*)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

17 BILL NO. 47.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill intituled, 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1924* and the *Police Offences Act 1935*'.

Legislative Council, 11 December 2025

C.M. FARRELL, President

18 BILL NO. 41.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Bill 2025 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Forrest in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

The Council being resumed, *Ms Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Amendment.

Ordered, That *Ms Rattray* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

A Motion was made (*Ms Rattray*), and the Question was proposed, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended in respect of this Bill, in order that the Bill may be now read the Third time. (*Ms Rattray*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 7

Ms Armitage (Teller)
Mr Duigan
Mr Edmunds
Ms Lovell
Ms O'Connor
Ms Rattray
Ms Thomas

Pairs: *Ms Palmer*
Mr Vincent

NOES 3

Ms Forrest
Mr Gaffney (Teller)
Ms Webb

Pairs: *Mr Harriss*
Mr Hiscutt

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time. (*Ms Rattray*)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

19 BILL NO. 41.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill intituled, 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*'.

Legislative Council, 11 December 2025

C.M. FARRELL, President

20 CONDOLENCE MOTION: MR STEPHEN WILSON.— *Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That the Legislative Council expresses its deep regret at the passing on 1 October 2025 of Stephen Wilson, Member of the Legislative Council from 1981 to 1999, and places on record its appreciation of his service to this State, and further, that this House respectfully tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Ordered, That the Resolution of the Council be forwarded to the family of the late Stephen Wilson.
(Ms Rattray)

21 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved,* That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 9.30 o'clock a.m. on 6 March 2026. (Ms Rattray)

A Motion was made (Ms Rattray) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 6.16 o'clock p.m.

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