



# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

## SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2025

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice commenced.
- 5 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Correspondence from Hon. Dean Harriss MLC, Member for Huon, to the Premier and the Treasurer, dated 30 November 2025; and
  - (2) Correspondence from the Premier, and the Treasurer and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal, to Hon. Dean Harriss MLC, Member for Huon.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 7 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 8 PETITION. – Ms *Butler* presented a Petition from approximately 230 citizens of Tasmania, requesting that the House call on the Minister for State Growth to investigate the safety concerns of sections of the East Derwent Highway to ensure appropriate access and vision to motorists and pedestrians crossing the Highway. (HA19/2025).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 9 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Security-Sensitive Dangerous Substances Act 2005: Security-Sensitive Dangerous Substances Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 51);
  - (2) Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988: Workcover Board Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025;
  - (3) Tasmania Legal Aid: Annual Report 2024-2025; and
  - (4) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020: Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT): Annual Report 2024-2025.
- 10 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995: Electricity Supply Industry Amendment Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 43).

**11** PAPERS. – The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

(1) Timber Promotion Act 1970:

(a) Tasmanian Timber Promotion Board: Annual Report 2023-2024; and

(b) Tasmanian Timber Promotion Board: Annual Report 2024-2025.

**12** PAPERS. – The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

(1) Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania) Act 2010:

(a) Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and National Boards: Annual Report 2024-2025; and

(b) National Health Practitioner Ombudsman: Annual Report 2024-2025.

**13** PAPERS. – The Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

(1) Official Gifts Given Register 2025; and

(2) Official Gifts Received Register 2025.

**14** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. - A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a censure motion in the Minister for Sport from being debated forthwith. (Mr *Willie*)

Amendment proposed (The Treasurer) to add the following paragraph:

(2) That the debate on the motion be concluded and the vote taken on or before 1.00 p.m.

And the Question being put – That the amendment be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**15** CENSURE OF THE MINISTER FOR SPORT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

(1) Notes, on 3 July the North Launceston Football Club received a draft letter from the Minister indicating that they would provide the club \$100,000 to help secure a new home for the club.

(2) Notes on 17 November Mr *Winter* asked in Estimates why the funding was withdrawn and the Hon. *Nick Duigan* admitted that it was because the club had stood with Labor in the media.

(3) Notes that subsequently Minister *Duigan* tried to justify the decision and shift blame onto the club.

(4) In a statement the club President said that their arrangement with Minister *Duigan* was unambiguous and that it was contingent only on the Liberals being re-elected and nothing else.

- (5) Notes the President of the club also said, “Any shifting of blame to suggest that myself or the club was exploring an alternative option is unconscionable”.
- (6) Notes that a letter from Minister *Duigan* to all Members was received two weeks after the fact, which is a signed confession only because he is concerned about consequences.
- (7) Notes that this kind of conduct from Minister during election campaigns is a gross misuse of power and is not becoming of a Minister of the Crown.
- (8) Notes the politicisation of community organisations and sporting clubs for political gain is an erosion of the fundamentals of how our democracy should work.
- (9) Censures the Minister over his unconscionable behaviour.
- (10) Ensures the Minister can never repeat this egregious conduct.
- (11) Calls on the government to reinstate the funding commitment to the club as promised.  
(Mr *Willie*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

#### AYES 19

*Ms Badger*  
*Mr Bayley*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Brown*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Mr Di Falco*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Mr George*  
*Mrs Greene*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Mr Mitchell*  
*Mr O'Byrne*  
*Ms Rosol*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Ms Finlay* (Teller)

#### NOES 14

*Mr Abetz*  
*Mrs Archer*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Fairs*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mr Pearce*  
*Prof Razay*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Vermey*  
*Mr Ferguson* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**16** SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At one o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.  
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

**17** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)

**18** SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, That for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock. (The Treasurer)

**19** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)

**20** ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 3 March next. (The Treasurer)

**21** PAPERS. – Mr *George*, *by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House a document relating to salmon in Long Bay.

**22** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: SALMON AQUACULTURE IN LONG BAY, TASMAN PENINSULA. – Mr *George* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Salmon aquaculture in Long Bay, Tasman Peninsula.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**23** BILL NO. 66. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (The Minister for Racing)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 22

NOES 11

Mr *Abetz*  
Mrs *Archer*  
Ms *Badger*  
Mr *Barnett*  
Mr *Bayley*  
Ms *Burnet*  
Mr *Ellis*  
Mr *Fairs*  
Mr *Ferguson*  
Mr *George*  
Ms *Howlett*  
Mr *Jaensch*  
Ms *Johnston*  
Ms *Ogilvie*  
Mr *Pearce*  
Prof *Razay*  
Mr *Rockliff*  
Ms *Rosol*  
Mr *Shelton*  
Mr *Vermey*  
Dr *Woodruff*  
Mr *O'Byrne* (Teller)

Dr *Broad*  
Ms *Brown*  
Ms *Butler*  
Mr *Di Falco*  
Ms *Dow*  
Ms *Finlay*  
Mrs *Greene*  
Ms *Haddad*  
Mr *Willie*  
Mr *Winter*  
Mr *Mitchell* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Prof *Razay* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

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The House being resumed, Prof *Razay* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment.

**24** PAPERS. – The Minister for Racing laid upon the Table of the House a letter to Greyhounds Australasia from the Minister for Racing dated 4 December 2025 relating to greyhound welfare standards.

**25** BILL NO. 66. - And the Question being put - That the Bill be now read the Third time;

The House divided.

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Mr *Mitchell*  
Mr *Willie*  
Mr *Winter*  
Ms *Haddad* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

**26** BILL NO. 66. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to to amend the Animal Welfare Act 1993, the Dog Control Act 2000 and the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024”,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*House of Assembly, 4 December 2025*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

**27** ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Treasurer)

The Speaker proposed – That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at fifty-six minutes past Seven o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Mr *Garland*.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport; and the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services; attended Question Time.