



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

- 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 were asked.
- 5 PAPERS. – The Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:

Letter from the Premier and Minister for Primary Industries and Water to Amanda Bardwell, Chief Executive Officer, Woolworths Group, dated 1 September 2026, regarding the cessation of sourcing of Tasmanian beef.
- 6 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 7 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:

Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932: Supreme Court Amendment (Scale of Fees) Rules 2026 (Statutory Rules No. 48 of 2026).
- 8 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18):
 - (a) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 3 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Peter Arthur Page for road purposes;
 - (b) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 6 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the name of Natasha Marie for road purposes;
 - (c) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 18 and 19 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the name of Geoffrey Trevor Jones and Kim Louise Jones for road purposes;
 - (d) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 21 and 23 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the name of Alan Malcolm Kelley for road purposes;

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- (e) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 16 on Plan of Survey P183925 and Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P188719, registered in the name of Christine Peta Williams for road purposes;
- (f) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 20 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the name of Janet Sarah Dunbabin for road purposes;
- (g) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 22 and 24 on Plan of Survey P183925 registered in the name of Jann Suzanne McKay for road purposes;
- (h) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 1 and 5 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Lyana Jean Reed and Matthew Adam Reed for road purposes;
- (i) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 10 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Paul Allan Beswick, Melissa Jo Crawford and Andrea Gaye Dyson, Susanne Jayne Sagers for road purposes;
- (j) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 15 and 17 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Jennifer Frances Tuson and Neville Charles Tuson for road purposes;
- (k) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 7 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Hannah Foundation Inc for road purposes;
- (l) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 9 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Craig Matthew Foster and Alicia Anne Lowry-Foster for road purposes;
- (m) Dated 16 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon, Municipal Area of Kentish, Lot 12, 13 and 14 on Plan of Survey P183925. Lot 11 on Plan of Survey P183925, registered in the names of Grant John Barnes and Michelle Anne Barnes for road purposes;
- (n) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the names of Christopher Searle and Frances Adele Searle for road purposes;
- (o) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 9 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the names of Laura Jane Carins and Roderick John Carins for road purposes;
- (p) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 3 and 4 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the name of Light the Wick Pty Ltd for road purposes;
- (q) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Town of Stanley, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 12 and 13 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the name of Neville John Bellinger for road purposes;

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- (r) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 2 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the name of AMK (Tas) Investments Pty Ltd for road purposes;
- (s) Dated 23 April 2026, land situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 6,7,8, 10 and 11 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the name of Craig James Dwyer for road purposes;
- (2) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Vehicle and Traffic (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 50).
- (3) Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013: Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Amendment Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 49).
- (4) Housing Land Supply Act 2018: Housing Land Supply (Huntingfield) Order 2026.
- (5) Housing Land Supply Act 2018: Housing Land Supply (Huntingfield) Order 2026: Ministerial Report Pursuant to Section 9 of the Act.
- (6) Answer to Question on Notice No. 27 of 2026.
- (7) Answer to Question on Notice No. 29 of 2026.
- (8) Answer to Question on Notice No. 31 of 2026.
- (9) Liquor Licensing Act 1990: Liquor Licensing Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No.58)

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

- (1) Answer to Question on Notice No. 34 of 2026.
- (2) Answer to Question on Notice No. 35 of 2026.
- (3) Answer to Question on Notice No. 45 of 2026.

10 GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION B, STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Brown* brought up the following Report of the Standing Committee on Government Administration B:-

Short Inquiry into the closure of the sand flathead fishery in south-east Tasmania (Paper No. 52)

Ordered, That the said Report be received and printed. (Ms *Brown*)

11 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Rosol* brought up the following Report of the Joint Sessional Committee on Recommendations made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings:-

Third Interim Report (Paper No. 45)

Ordered, That the said Report be received and printed. (Ms *Rosol*)

12 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:

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- (1) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly on 20 August 2026 to choose a Senator in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia (Paper No. 48)
- (2) Auditor-General's Report on the Financial Statements of State Entities 2025-26, Volume 1 – Erratum

13 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WELLS, *Governor*.

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020, the Local Government (General) Regulations 2025 and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025”. (Bill No. 10 (*Act No. 11 of 2026*))

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 21 August 2026.

14 BILL NO. 40. – The Premier presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Works Committee Act 1914 and to repeal and revoke certain spent legislation”.

And Mr *Rockliff* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

15 BILL NO. 35. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Administration and Probate Act 1935, the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009, the Electoral Act 2004, the Health Complaints Act 1995, the Long Service Leave Act 1976, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020 and the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 and to repeal, rescind and revoke certain spent legislation”.

And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

16 BILL NO. 34 . – The Minister for Environment and Climate Change presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, Land Acquisition Act 1993, Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995, National Parks and Reserves Management Regulations 2019, Survey Co-ordination Act 1944, Threatened Species Protection Act 1995 and Threatened Species Protection Regulations 2026, and to repeal, rescind and revoke certain spent legislation”.

And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

17 BILL NO. 36. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to repeal the Commonwealth and State Statistical Agreement Act 1924, the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Subsidy) Act 1980 and the Public Sector Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009”.

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And Mr *Abetz* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

18 BILL NO. 37. – The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Food Act 2003 and to repeal, rescind and revoke certain spent legislation”.

And Mrs *Archer* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

19 BILL NO. 39. – The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Cultural and Creative Industries Act 2017, the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982, the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008 and the Training and Workforce Development Act 2013 and to repeal, rescind and revoke certain spent legislation”.

And Mr *Ellis* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

20 BILL NO. 38. – The Minister for Arts presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Archives Act 1983, the Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003, and the Libraries Act 1984”.

And Mr *Jaensch* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

21 DEPUTY-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT OF. - The Speaker read the following Warrant:-

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SPEAKER'S WARRANT

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, I hereby nominate -

Ms Jane Howlett MP
Ms Jen Butler MP

to act as Deputy-Chairs of Committees in the absence of, or when requested so to do by the Chair of Committees.

Given under my hand, this 1st day of September 2026

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

22 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Motion in respect of the Report of the Standing Orders Committee to be debated forthwith. (The Treasurer)

23 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS. – *Ordered*,

- (1) That the House notes the Report of the Standing Orders Committee titled ‘Operation of Sessional Orders – Amending Motions and Tabling of Committee Reports’ (Paper No 49).
- (2) That the House adopt the following changes to the Sessional Orders:
 - (a) Leave out Standing Order 72 and insert instead:

“72 The terms may be altered

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After a Notice of Motion has been given, its terms may be altered by the Member notifying the Clerk in writing within such time as will enable the alteration to be made on the Notice Paper.”

(b) Leave out Standing Order 286 and insert instead:

“286 When to report

- (1) On the appointment of every Select Committee a day shall be fixed on or before which its proceedings shall be reported to the House, and on or before such day the final Report of the Committee shall be brought up by the Chair, unless the time for bringing up the Report shall have been extended by the House.
- (2) If the House is not sitting when the Committee completes its report, such report may be presented to the Clerk and in that event, the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed, and the documents shall be reported in the House at its next sitting.”

(c) Leave out Standing Order 321 and insert instead:

“321 Report

- (1) When the Committee has concluded its Sittings, a copy of the Report, signed by the Chair, shall be presented to the House by one of the Members it shall have appointed to serve on such committee.
- (2) If the House is not sitting when the Committee completes its report, such report may be presented to the Clerk and in that event, the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed, and the documents shall be reported in the House at its next sitting.”

(d) Insert the following Sessional Order after Standing Order 326:

“SO 326A Standing Committee Report

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- (2) If the House is not sitting when the Committee completes its report, such report may be presented to the Clerk and in that event, the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed, and the documents shall be reported in the House at its next sitting.” (The Treasurer)

24 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: CUTS. – Mr *Willie* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Cuts.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

26 NEPAL FLASH FLOODS CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House: —

- (1) Notes that hundreds of people have been killed and remain missing and there is extensive destruction following devastating flash floods that struck communities in the border region between Nepal and Tibet.
- (2) Expresses profound sadness at the tragic loss of life and suffering experienced in Nepal and extends its deepest condolences to all those affected.

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- (3) Recognises the ongoing search and rescue efforts to locate those still unaccounted for, including reports that at least 43 Australians are among the missing.
- (4) Notes that Tasmania is home to a vibrant and growing Nepalese community, with more than 6,000 Tasmanians born in Nepal and more than 7,000 speaking Nepali at home.
- (5) Acknowledges the significant contribution of Nepalese Tasmanians in all aspects of Tasmanian life including work, sport and community participation.
- (6) Recognises that many members of Tasmania's Nepalese community will be grieving for family, friends and loved ones affected by this tragedy and affirms that this is a time to stand with the Nepalese community here in Tasmania and across Australia.
- (7) Pays tribute to the emergency services personnel, volunteers and humanitarian organisations providing assistance to those affected and urges Tasmanians to support fundraising efforts if they can.
- (8) Offers, on behalf of the House and people of Tasmania, its heartfelt condolences to the people of Nepal and all Nepalese Tasmanians impacted by this tragedy. (The Premier)

A Debate arose thereupon.

27 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

28 NEPAL FLASH FLOODS CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That the House: —

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29 BILL NO. 14. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* ",

Legislative Council, 1 September 2026.

C.M. FARRELL, *President.*

30 BILL NO. 29. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Sentencing Amendment (Publication of Criminal Activity) Bill 2026.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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Mr Abetz

Ms Badger

Mrs Archer

Mr Bayley

Mr Barnett

Ms Burnet

Dr Broad

Mr Garland

Ms Brown

Ms Johnston

Ms Butler

Dr Woodruff

Mr Di Falco

Ms Rosol (Teller)

Ms Dow

Mr Ellis

Mr Ferguson

Ms Finlay

Mr George

Mrs Greene

Ms Haddad

Ms Howlett

Mr Jaensch

Mr Mitchell

Mr O'Byrne

Mr Pearce

Mrs Petrusma

Prof Razay

Mr Rockliff

Mr Shelton

Mr Vermey

Mr Willie

Mr Winter

Ms Ogilvie (Teller)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

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

31 BILL NO. 29 - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled-

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Sentencing Act 1997”.

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

House of Assembly, 1 September 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

32 BILL NO. 27.- The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Teachers Registration Bill 2026.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Mr *Bayley* was addressing the Chair.

33 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

34 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Correspondence from Mr Ken Kanofski, Chairman, TT Line, to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and to the Treasurer, dated 21 August 2026, regarding TT Line’s fuel cost position and the operation of the temporary passenger fuel surcharge.

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Heritage, and Minister for Sport; the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence; and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning attended Question Time.