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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

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 ANSWER TO QUESTION AND INCORPORATE ANSWER INTO HANSARD.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to Table answer to Question No. 64 and have the answer incorporated into the Hansard record.

5 FOREST PRACTICE AUTHORITY.— Ms *Forrest* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — With regard to the funding, operations and practices of the Forest Practices Authority (FPA):

- (1) How are the prescribed fines determined; and
 - (a) If based on environmental harm and culpability, does the FPA have an internal enforcement guideline, decision matrix or policy document that sets out how those factors are assessed; and
 - (b) if so, please provide a copy of these documents?
- (2) What specific sections of the *Forest Practices Act 1985*, or any other legislation, authorise the use of satellite imagery, drones and aerial photography in compliance investigations?
- (3)
 - (a) What statutory provisions authorise Forest Practices Officers to enter private freehold land; and
 - (b) explain what private land holder safeguards exist regarding notice, biosecurity and privacy?
- (4) How are the prescribed fines used by the FPA?
- (5) How much prescribed-fine revenue has the FPA received in each of the last five financial years?
- (6)
 - (a) Has the Minister or the FPA ever commissioned an independent review of its compliance and enforcement practices; and
 - (b) if not, why not?

The Leader answered:

- (1) Under section 47B of the *Forest Practices Act 1985* (the Act), if the Board of the Forest Practices Authority (the Authority) is satisfied that an offence under certain sections of the Act has been committed, it may offer a prescribed fine in lieu of prosecution.

The Authority takes its enforcement decisions seriously and each matter is considered on its own merit, taking account of a wide range of factors that may be general or specific, to the matter at hand.

The following information is therefore general in nature, as any matter may raise additional considerations that fall outside the scope of general considerations outlined here.

In each case, consideration is first directed to making good or mitigating the damage done to the extent that mitigation may be reasonably likely to succeed.

In cases which involve a breach of a forest practices plan, a section 21 offence, then the primary considerations regarding penalty relate to the severity, extent and duration of the impact and the nature of the failing. Less significant or one-off breaches may be dealt with through a remediation or a letter of advice. In cases where there has been an intentional breach, system failure or substantial impact then a prescribed fine may be offered, taking into consideration ongoing impacts such as habitat degradation, soil loss, or persistent water quality degradation.

If the offence relates to clearance and conversion of a threatened native vegetation community or clearing trees without authorisation, a section 17 offence, then the impact of the offence and nature of the failing are again primary considerations, but the area of land or amount of timber involved will also typically impact the prescribed fine as will the culpability of the responsible persons.

Where the offence is one that would not ordinarily be authorised under a Forest Practices Plan, such as the clearance and conversion of a threatened native vegetation community, then the offered prescribed fine is generally higher than an offence which would ordinarily be authorised had a plan been applied for.

- (2) The Authority has express statutory responsibilities to monitor compliance and investigate suspected non-compliance, and an express incidental power to do all things necessary or convenient to perform those functions.

Specifically, section 4G(1)(a) expressly makes the Authority “responsible for monitoring the degree of compliance with the Act and the Forest Practices Code.” Remote sensing imagery is commonly used as a form of available information to identify or investigate potential non-compliance and may form part of the evidence for an investigation. The use of remotely sensed imagery, such as imagery available on the Tasmanian government’s List Map, is a lawful means of carrying out the Authority’s statutory functions relating to compliance monitoring and investigation and is widely used by other regulators and in other jurisdictions.

- (3) Entry onto private land is authorised by section 40(1) of the Forest Practices Act. On production of his or her warrant of authorisation, a forest practices officer may at any reasonable time, and with such assistants as the officer considers necessary, enter and remain:
- on land on which forest practices are being carried out, to ensure they are being carried out in accordance with the certified forest practices plan and the Act, section 40(1)(a)
 - on land on which, in the officer's reasonable opinion, forest practices appear to have been carried out, to determine whether they were in fact carried out and, if so, whether they complied with a certified plan and the Act, section 40(1)(ab)
 - on land that is a private timber reserve, to ensure the land is being used for establishing forests, growing or harvesting timber or other forest practices, section 40(1)(b).

Section 40(2) of the Act allows an officer, again on production of the warrant of authorisation, to request a person associated with the forest practices to answer questions and produce records relating to those practices.

A number of safeguards apply to the exercise of these powers.

The Act requires that entry occur only at a reasonable time and that the officer produce a warrant of authorisation. In addition, Forest Practices Officers are subject to a Standards of Conduct.

The Forest Practices Authority (FPA) takes entering land seriously, for both the disturbance and risk it places on the landowner, but also for the safety of the FPA officers.

Prior to entering land, the FPA will make multiple attempts to contact a landowner, including phone calls where phone numbers are available and letters with warrants attached sent by registered mail.

Forest Practices Authority staff are required to follow relevant biosecurity requirements and operational procedures when undertaking field inspections, including measures designed to minimise the risk of spreading pests, weeds or diseases between properties.

Any personal information collected in the course of inspections, investigations or compliance activities is managed in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and government information management requirements.

Information collected is used only for lawful purposes associated with the administration and enforcement of the *Forest Practices Act 1985*.

Landholders may also raise concerns regarding the conduct of Forest Practices Officers through the Authority's complaints processes and other available review mechanisms.

- (4) In accordance with section 47B(3) prescribed fines are used for the costs and expenses of the Act, as listed in s. 44(1) or for repairing damage or rehabilitating land to which the offence and the fine relates.

The Authority does not receive income from any penalties imposed by a court.

To manage any perceived conflict of interest associated with receiving prescribed fine revenue, the Authority maintains a separation between compliance and enforcement decision-making and financial management, with oversight provided through independent governance, external audit processes, and public reporting in the Authority's Annual Report.

(5)	Financial Year	Amount
	2021-22	\$ 214,670.00
	2022-23	\$ 260,500.00
	2023-24	\$ 596,140.00
	2024-25	\$ 96,200.00
	2025-26	\$ 129,050.00

- (6) The Forest Practices Authority's compliance and enforcement activities are subject to established oversight, audit, reporting and review mechanisms that support continuous improvement and accountability within the forest practices system, including the Forest Practices Advisory Council.

The FPA has had components of its investigation procedures reviewed by other regulators and is a member of a professional regulator network which provides information, training and tools for best practice regulation.

The Government is aware of feedback regarding experiences of agricultural land users with the FPA. Recent meetings have been held with TasFarmers, the FPA and other stakeholders to consider feedback from the sector and improvements that can be made to regulation practices. This work is continuing in parallel to broader consultation on the forest practices regulations which is currently underway.

Stakeholders also have the option of raising complaints regarding any experiences of poor regulatory compliance or enforcement practices with the Integrity Commission or the Ombudsman which have the power to independently investigate such claims.

The Government is continuing discussions with stakeholders regarding approaches to ensure that the compliance and enforcement practices of the FPA are contemporary and fit for purpose.

6 MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT.— Ms *Webb* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — Regarding the apparent misleading of the Parliament by former-Minister Ogilvie, the Honourable Member for Clark, during Assembly Budget Estimates Committee Scrutiny Hearings on 17 November 2025 in responses to questions on whether she was a subject or party to any Supreme Court

matters in the prior 18 months, and which was further compounded by the subsequent deficient clarification tabled by the former Minister on 20 November 2025, can the Premier confirm:

- (1) That former-Minister Ogilvie did mislead the Parliament during the Assembly Budget Estimates Committee Scrutiny hearings of 17 November 2025 regarding whether she was a subject or party to any Supreme Court matters in the prior 18 months; and
- (2) That the original and subsequent statements made by former-Minister Ogilvie during the November 2025 Budget Estimates Committee Scrutiny Hearings breached the *Ministerial Code of Conduct (October 2025)*, including but not limited to, the following Code's sections:
 - (a) Section 9.5;
 - (b) Section 9.6; and
 - (c) Section 9.7

The Leader answered:

Former Minister Ogilvie has apologised to the House, and also requested that the Premier allow her to move to the backbench, which he accepted. The Premier expects all Ministers to uphold the standards set out in the Ministerial Code of Conduct. The Premier acknowledges former Minister Ogilvie's apology to the House and the steps she has taken in response.

7 CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN TASMANIA.— Mr *Edmunds* asked the Honourable the Minister for Education —

- (1) With respect to Curriculum:
 - (a) How is the government ensuring the Australian Curriculum's Civics and Citizenship strand is actively taught in all Tasmanian schools, rather than being treated as an optional or secondary topic?
 - (b) What specific initiatives are being introduced to ensure students graduate with a practical understanding of how preferential voting and the Hare-Clark system work in Tasmania?
- (2) With respect to Teacher Support and Resources:
 - (a) What specialised professional development is available to Tasmanian teachers to help them confidently teach complex political systems and media literacy?
 - (b) Can you provide more information on how the Department of Education are collaborating with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) to develop and distribute standardised, modern classroom resources?
- (3) With respect to Practical Student Engagement:
 - (a) Research shows that practical experience boosts lifelong voting habits. Would you support making youth-led mock elections a mandatory, hands-on learning activity in all Tasmanian high schools and colleges?
 - (b) What targeted strategies are in place to improve civic literacy in rural and lower-socioeconomic areas of Tasmania, where voter turnout and engagement are historically lower?

The Minister answered:

- (1) With respect to Curriculum:
 - (a) All Tasmanian Government schools are required to deliver the Australian Curriculum. Civics and Citizenship is taught as part of the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area from Year 3 and is a mandated area of study in Years 7 and 8.

Consistent with the structure of the Australian Curriculum and the flexibility it provides, schools determine how Civics and Citizenship is delivered in Years 9 and 10. This may include offering it as an elective subject.
 - (b) In Years 7 and 8, students learn about democracy, voting, elections, and democratic decision making. This includes preferential voting, with Tasmania's Hare-Clark system able to be used as a practical local example.

Schools may build on this learning in Years 9 and 10 through further Civics and Citizenship study.

(2) With respect to Teacher Support and Resources:

- (a) Teachers can access national professional learning, as well as curriculum-aligned resources, through the Civics and Citizenship Education Hub and Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

The Department for Education, Children and Young People's Teaching and Learning Centre also provides units and resources from organisations including the Parliamentary Education Office, the Museum of Australian Democracy, and the Australian Electoral Commission. These resources support the teaching of electoral systems, democratic institutions, preferential voting, and media literacy.

- (b) The Department for Education, Children and Young People works with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) as it refreshes its education resources for schools.

As part of this collaboration, the Department has promoted the TEC's teacher consultation survey, enabling teachers to identify which resources and forms of support would be most valuable in the classroom. The Department will continue working with the TEC to help ensure the new materials are practical, accessible and aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

(3) With respect to Practical Student Engagement:

- (a) Practical activities such as mock elections can help students develop an understanding of voting, democratic participation, and Tasmania's Hare-Clark system. Schools can use them as part of their delivery of the Australian Curriculum, based on their students and local context.
- (b) All Tasmanian Government schools can access the same curriculum resources and support, regardless of their location or community.

As an example, in April this year I met with Year 11 and 12 students from Triabunna District School, who were participating in the Parliament of Tasmania Education Office school program.

In addition, work is underway on 'Defining Educational Success', which will help inform our understanding of what young people want to learn, including how they can grow as individuals, achieve their personal goals and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

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

- (1) Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to Choose a Senator in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. Thursday, 20 August 2026.
- (2) Audit Tasmania – Auditor-General's report on the financial statements of State entities, Volume 1 – Erratum.
- (3) *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. xx, Housing Land Supply (Huntingfield) Order 2026.
- (4) *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. xx, Supreme Court Amendment (Scale of Fees) Rules 2026.
- (5) *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 49, Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Amendment Regulations 2026.
- (6) *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 50, Vehicle and Traffic (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2026.

- (7) *Liquor Licensing Act 1990*: Statutory Rules 2026, No. 58, Liquor Licensing Regulations 2026.
- (8) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 2483m² situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (9) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 55.5m² situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (10) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 562.0m² and 4389.0 m² situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (11) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 4328.0m² and 5016.0 m² situate in the Town of Stanley. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (12) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 4623.0m² situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (13) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 581.0m², 827.0m², 687.0m², 2247.0m² and 1453.0m² situate in the Parish of Ford, Land District of Wellington. Stanley Highway – Safety Upgrade. Municipal area of Circular Head.
- (14) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 220.0m² situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (15) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 285.0m² situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (16) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 603.0m² and 284.0 m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (17) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 415.0m² and 216.0 m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (18) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 5280.0m²; and area of land containing 128.0 m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (19) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 828.0m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (20) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 32.9m² and 83.9m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.

- (21) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 1199.0m² and 3299.0 m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (22) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 810.0m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (23) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 1052.0m² and 2.9m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (24) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 2965.0m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (25) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 6479.0m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.
- (26) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising areas of land containing 61.6m², 2392.0m² and 427.0m²; and area of land containing 253.0 m², situate in the Parish of Barrington, Land District of Devon. Sheffield Main Road Shoulder Sealing – Reeves Road to Don River Bridge. Municipal area of Kentish.

9 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— Ms *Forrest* presented a Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on the follow-up of the Report of the Auditor-General expressions of interest for tourism investment opportunities.

Ordered, That the Report be received. (Ms *Forrest*)

Ordered, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)

Ordered, That consideration of the Report and its noting be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Ms *Forrest*)

10 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.— Ms *Forrest* presented the Annual Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Subordinate Legislation.

Ordered, That the Report be received. (Ms *Forrest*)

Ordered, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)

11 REPORT OF THE JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO MATTERS RELATED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS.— Ms *Webb* presented An Interim Report of the Joint Sessional Committee Inquiring into Matters Related to the Recommendations Made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.

Ordered, That the Report be received. (Ms *Webb*)

Ordered, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Webb*)

Ordered, That consideration of the Report and its noting be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Ms *Webb*)

12 LEAVE TO TABLE DOCUMENT.— *Ordered*, That Mr *Vincent* have leave to Table a document.

13 FUEL COST VARIANCE AND PASSENGER SURCHARGE – JULY 2026 UPDATE.— Mr *Vincent* laid upon the Table the Fuel Cost Variance and Passenger Surcharge – July 2026 Update.

14 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Caroline 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 of 2026; Act No. 11 of 2026)

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

Government House, Hobart, 21 August 2026

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

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

17 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of four Members who had indicated their desire to speak:—

- (1) Ms *Forrest* – The late Councillor Kevin Hyland, Waratah Wynyard Council;
- (2) Ms *Lovell* – Lipoedema;
- (3) Ms *Ratray* – Bert and Ruth Van Den Berg and Levi Springer achievements; and
- (4) Ms *Lovell* – Rural Alive and Well Tasmania (RAW Tasmania).

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

18 ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA'S MAP THE CRAP CAMPAIGN.— A Motion was made (Ms *Glade-Wright*) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council:—

- (1) Notes the concerns raised by Environment Tasmania's *Map the Crap* campaign (www.mapthecrap.com.au) about under-treated sewage released into Tasmania's waterways during bypass events, including the claim that more than 635 million litres of under-treated sewage were released during 2024–25.
- (2) Notes that the majority of bypass events involve skipping secondary treatment before discharge, and that Environment Tasmania states under-treated sewage can contain pathogens, nutrients and other contaminants that pose risks to human health and waterways.
- (3) Acknowledges that Tasmanians use waterways for swimming, paddling, rowing, boating and fishing, and that Department of Health advice states recreational waters may be a public health risk if contaminated and that not all beaches and rivers are regularly monitored.
- (4) Further notes that TasWater owns and operates 110 sewage treatment plants, and that TasWater's 2024–25 Annual Performance Report states only 10 of those plants currently meet all environmental licence conditions.
- (5) Recognises that existing EPA Tasmania sewage spill notification guidelines require notifiable spills

to be reported to EPA Tasmania within 24 hours and critically notifiable spills within 2 hours, but that Environment Tasmania is calling for public-facing real-time monitoring and alert systems so communities can make informed decisions as events occur.

- (6) Affirms that Tasmanians have a right to timely, accessible and reliable information about sewage pollution risks in the waterways they use.
- (7) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to work with TasWater, EPA Tasmania, the Department of Health and local councils to:
 - (a) Consider funding real-time or near-real-time monitoring at all TasWater sewage treatment plants and key bypass/outfall points;
 - (b) Consider creating a public live map, website and alert system for bypass events, and publishing quarterly reports on bypass events, compliance, public alerts and progress in reducing bypass reliance; and
 - (c) Report to Parliament within six months on implementation, costs, timeframes and to achieve the above.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

19 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: FOLLOW-UP REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ICT STRATEGY, CRITICAL SYSTEMS AND INVESTMENT.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts Follow-Up Report of the Auditor-General on ICT Strategy, Critical Systems and Investment be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

20 BILL NO. 14. — The Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026 was read the Third time and passed.

21 BILL NO. 14.— 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 *Statutory Holidays Act 2000*’.

Legislative Council, 1 September 2026

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

22 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: REVIEW OF THE TASMANIAN FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2026.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on its review of the Tasmanian Fiscal Sustainability Report 2026 be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

23 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.

24 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were 3 Questions asked.

25 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: REVIEW OF THE TASMANIAN FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2026.— The Council resumed Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on its review of the Tasmanian Fiscal Sustainability Report 2026 be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

26 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE.— A Motion was made (Ms *Thomas*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on the Establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

27 SITTING SUSPENDED. — It being 4.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

28 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE.— The Council resumed Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on the Establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

29 BILL NO. 24.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Statutory Holidays Amendment (Central Coast Municipality) Bill 2026.

A Motion was made (Mr *Hiscutt*), 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 3 agreed to.

Clause 4, Amendment made. (Mr *Hiscutt*)

Page 4, proposed new definition of *agreed day*.

Leave out that definition.

Insert instead the following definition.

agreed day, in relation to a person who is employed by an employer to work in a municipal area that is not entitled under Schedule 1 to a statutory holiday for a show day, means –

- (a) a single day that is –
 - (i) a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other statutory holiday; and
 - (ii) agreed by the employee and the employer as a statutory holiday for the employee; or
- (b) if no such agreement is reached between the employee and employer, the Friday following the first Thursday in May;

Clause 4 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with 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 with Amendment.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Bill as amended in Committee be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Mr *Hiscutt*)

30 BILL NO. 29.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘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*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Ms *Ratray*)

31 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o’clock a.m. on Wednesday, 2 September 2026. (Ms *Ratray*)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Ms *Ratray*)

The Council adjourned at 6.46 o’clock p.m.

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

Briefing:

- *Alannah & Madeline Foundation*
- *Statutory Holidays Amendment (Central Coast Municipality) Bill 2026*