



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 17

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026

(At 10:00 o'clock a.m.)

- 46** Ms *Johnston* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) the findings of the ‘Independent Review of Tasmania’s Right to Information Framework – Getting Back on Track’, particularly:—
 - (i) Recommendation 15, calling for proactive publication of Cabinet submissions, agendas and decision papers within 30 business days of final decisions, subject to reasonable exceptions; and
 - (ii) Recommendation 42, proposing an independent Tasmanian Information Commissioner to oversee transparency, data management and privacy.
 - (b) that Queensland has had this policy in place for 18 months.
 - (2) Recognises that while Cabinet deliberations are confidential, this does not extend to factual or background material that should be available to Parliament and the public, and affirms that transparency of Cabinet-related information is essential to public confidence in government decision-making.
 - (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) adopt this publication policy;
 - (b) amend the Archives Act 1983 and Right to Information Act 2009 to remove prohibitions on publication;
 - (c) establish a public register of withheld information, grounds for exemption and review dates;
 - (d) empower the proposed Information Commissioner—or, in the interim, the Ombudsman—to review claims of Cabinet or public interest immunity in line with *Egan v Chadwick*; and
 - (e) table an annual report detailing documents published, exemptions claimed and review findings.
 - (4) Agrees the policy take effect immediately, with the week of this motion counted as Day 1 for publication timeframes, or applied retrospectively once operational. (3 March 2026)
- 47** Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that Tasmania remains the only state or territory that has refused to sign up to the Federal Government’s Help to Buy Scheme.
 - (2) Recognises that the Help to Buy Scheme provides eligible first home buyers with an additional pathway into home ownership and can operate alongside existing state programs without conflict.
 - (3) Further notes that participation in the scheme comes at no cost to the Tasmanian Government.
 - (4) Acknowledges that Tasmania is experiencing a housing crisis, with record social housing waitlists, declining rates of home construction, and first home buyers increasingly priced out of the market.

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- (5) Expresses concern that by failing to sign up to the Scheme, the Government is denying Tasmanians the same support and options available to first home buyers in every other jurisdiction in the country.
- (6) Further notes that the Government has repeatedly failed to meet its own housing targets and has faced criticism over how it accounts for housing delivery.
- (7) Condemns the Rockliff Government for blocking access to a scheme that would expand housing choice for Tasmanians at no cost to the state.
- (8) Calls on the Minister for Housing and Planning, Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, to explain to the House why the Government has refused to sign up to the Help to Buy Scheme, and when Tasmanians can expect to be given access to the same opportunities available to first home buyers across the rest of Australia. (3 March 2026)

48 Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) serious concerns surrounding the Government’s proposed dealings regarding public land at Wilkinsons Point; and
 - (b) advice provided to the Premier by multiple government departments recommending that negotiations with LK Group cease and that the land instead be taken to an open market process.
- (2) Expresses concern that this advice was not followed and that the Government has instead pursued a private negotiation with a single proponent.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) warnings that proceeding without a competitive process risks exposing Tasmanian taxpayers to costs of up to \$100 million without any guarantee of development at the site; and
 - (b) that the Valuer-General’s confidential valuation was shared with LK Group despite advice that it should not be disclosed, giving them an unfair advantage in negotiations.
- (4) Agrees that decisions relating to the sale of public land should be conducted openly, competitively and in the best interests of Tasmanians.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to explain why departmental advice was ignored, why the market was not tested through an open process, and why confidential valuation material was shared with a private proponent. (3 March 2026)

49 Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the critical importance of Tasmania’s major industrials to the State’s economy, energy system, regional employment and sovereign manufacturing capability.
- (2) Recognises that Liberty Bell Bay is Australia’s only manganese alloy smelter and a strategic industrial asset, supported by a highly skilled local workforce.
- (3) Acknowledges that the smelter has been paused indefinitely despite the Tasmanian Government providing a \$20 million loan, which has since been subject to default.
- (4) Further notes reports that suppliers to Liberty Bell Bay are owed significant sums, placing local businesses and jobs at risk.
- (5) Affirms the House’s confidence in the workers at Liberty Bell Bay and the importance of providing them and their families with certainty and security.
- (6) Further recognises that Tasmania owns its energy assets and therefore has both the capacity and responsibility to act in the state’s long term economic interest when negotiating with major industrial users.
- (7) Calls on the Government to urgently finalise and execute a long-term energy contract for Bell Bay Aluminium, and to provide certainty for workers, suppliers and the Bell Bay community.
- (8) Further notes the ongoing uncertainty at Nyrstar in Hobart, and the need for a long-term solution to ensure the ongoing viability of the site and its workforce in the face of international market pressure, power price increases and aging infrastructure. (3 March 2026)

50 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
 - (a) costs for berthing and port charges for the new Spirit of Tasmania IV in Melbourne has now blown out from \$600,000 a month to \$900,000 a month; and

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- (b) cost blowout comes on top of the Devonport berth cost blowout from \$90 million to \$493 million.
- (2) Recognises the Liberal Government's mismanagement of the project has seen the delivery date for the new ships fall years behind schedule.
- (3) Expresses disappointment that the Government's failure has resulted in the travelling public, including Tasmanian residents, paying the price with slower crossings and increased costs.
- (4) Further notes the ridiculous situation that should the new ships be berthed in Tasmania, TasPorts, a state owned company, would charge another state owned company, TT-Line, to berth state owned ships in a state owned port.
- (5) Calls on:—
 - (a) Shareholder Ministers, Hon. Eric Abetz MP, and Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, to issue a Ministerial Direction to TasPorts to waive berthing fees and other port charges for the new ships at Tasmanian ports until they come into service; and
 - (b) the Ministers to immediately bring the new ships home to a Tasmanian port. (3 March 2026)

51 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the:—
 - (a) ongoing industrial action across key parts of the Tasmanian public sector, including health, education, justice and child safety, following the Government's failure to reach fair industrial agreements; and
 - (b) Treasurer's comments that "police have a more difficult role than public servants" and acknowledges the offence caused to correctional officers, paramedics and other health workers, child safety officers, fire fighters, educators and countless other hard-working Tasmanian public sector workers by those remarks.
- (2) Condemns the Government for negotiating in bad faith, including cancelling meetings, issuing ultimatums through the media, derailing progress in discussions, failing to bring decision makers to meetings, failing to address claims until after some agreements had expired and frustrating constructive engagement.
- (3) Recognises that Tasmania operates in a national labour market and continued disrespect and uncertainty for public sector workers risks driving Tasmanians interstate, reducing the likelihood of people moving to Tasmania to take up work opportunities in our public sector and having a devastating impact on all Tasmanians who rely on the public services.
- (4) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) show respect to all of their public sector workforce and retract recent out of touch public statements made by the Treasurer, Hon. Eric Abetz MP, pitting groups of workers against each other; and
 - (b) prioritise reaching fair and sustainable employment agreements that value these vital workers and provide certainty for Tasmanian families who depend on them. (3 March 2026)

Orders of the Day

1 Acts Enumeration Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 34): Second reading. (The Premier)

2 Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025 (No. 2) (No. 39): Second reading. (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)

3 Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 48): Second reading. (Mr *Bayley*)

4 Police Offences Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 50): Second reading. (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management)

5 Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications) Bill 2025 (No. 59): Second reading. (Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs)

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- 6** Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 55): Second reading. (Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs)
- 7** Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal) Bill 2025 (No. 53): Second reading. (Minister for Environment)
- 8** Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 61): Second reading. (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management)
- 9** Gaming Control Amendment (Dealing with Stolen Money) Bill 2025 (No. 67): Second reading. (Ms *Johnston*)
- 10** Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 65): Second reading. (Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs)
- 11** Electoral Amendment Bill 2025 (No. 62): Second reading. (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)
- 12** Integrity Commission Amendment (Mandatory Notifications) Bill 2025 (No. 69): Second reading. (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)
- 13** Superannuation Liability (GST Windfall Fund) Bill 2025 (No. 70): Second reading. (The Treasurer)
- 14** Residential Parks Bill 2026 (No. 2): Second reading. (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)
- 15** Premier's Address: Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 – That the Premier's Address be noted. (Next Speaker: Mr *Willie*)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*

PAPERS ISSUED

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Notices of Motion No. 13.
Notices of Question No. 5.
Votes and Proceedings No.

BILLS

Read First Time

Bill No. 34 of 2025.	Acts Enumeration Amendment (<i>pro forma</i>).
Bill No. 2.	Residential Parks.

Read First Time and ready for Second Reading

Bill No. 39 of 2025.	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2).
Bill No. 48 of 2025.	Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment.
Bill No. 50 of 2025.	Police Offences Amendment.
Bill No. 53 of 2025.	Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal).
Bill No. 55 of 2025.	Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment.
Bill No. 59 of 2025.	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications).
Bill No. 61 of 2025.	Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment.
Bill No. 62 of 2025.	Electoral Amendment.
Bill No. 65 of 2025.	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment.
Bill No. 67 of 2025.	Gaming Control Amendment (Dealing with Stolen Money).

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Bill No.	69 of 2025.	Integrity Commission Amendment (Mandatory Notifications).
Bill No.	70 of 2025.	Superannuation Liability (GST Windfall Fund).

Read Third Time and transmitted to L.C.

Bill No.	49 of 2025.	Public Accounts Committee Amendment.
Bill No.	58 of 2025.	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land).
Bill No.	66 of 2025.	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform).

Agreed to by Both Houses

Bill No.	36 of 2025.	Government Business Governance Reforms. (<i>Act No. 18 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	37 of 2025.	Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information). (<i>Act No. 19 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	38 of 2025.	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments). (<i>Act No. 17 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	40 of 2025.	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets). (<i>Act No. 22 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	41 of 2025.	Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors). (<i>Act No. 33 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	42 of 2025.	Government Business (Sale Reforms). (<i>Act No. 20 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	43 of 2025.	Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief). (<i>Act No. 31 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	44 of 2025.	Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal). (<i>Act No. 27 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	45 of 2025.	Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions). (<i>Act No. 26 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	46 of 2025.	Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment. (<i>Act No. 23 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	47 of 2025.	Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences). (<i>Act No. 32 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	51 of 2025.	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment. (<i>Act No. 21 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	52 of 2025.	Terrorism Legislation (Extension). (<i>Act No. 25 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	54 of 2025.	Commission for Children and Young People. (<i>Act No. 30 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	60 of 2025.	Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment. (<i>Act No. 24 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	63 of 2025.	Appropriation (No. 1). (<i>Act No. 28 of 2025</i>)
Bill No.	64 of 2025.	Appropriation (No. 2). (<i>Act No. 29 of 2025</i>)

PAPERS TABLED AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED

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12. Auditor-General: Report No. 1 of 2025-26 – Management of landfills in Tasmania.
17. Auditor-General: Report No. 2 of 2025-26 – Auditor-General’s report on the financial statements of State entities – Volume 1 – Annual Audit Update – Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 30 June 2025.
18. Auditor-General: Report No. 3 of 2025-26 – Proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point land.
21. Auditor-General: Report No. 4 of 2025-26 - Auditor-General’s report on the financial statements of State entities – Volume 2 – Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 30 June 2025.
23. Auditor-General: Report No. 5 of 2025-26 – Follow up of the Auditor-General Report No. 6 of 2020-21: Management of the State Road network.
24. Auditor-General: Report No. 6 of 2025-26 – Investment facilitation through the Office of the Coordinator-General.
27. Auditor-General: Report No. 7 of 2025-26 - Auditor-General’s report on the financial statements of State entities – Volume 3 – General Government Sector, including Treasurer’s Annual Financial Report – Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2025.
35. (L.C) Estimates ‘A’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Bridget Archer MP, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Ageing and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
32. (L.C) Estimates ‘A’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Eric Abetz MP, Treasurer and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal.
36. (L.C) Estimates ‘A’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Housing and Planning and Minister for Local Government.
33. (L.C) Estimates ‘A’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP, Minister for Arts and Heritage, Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Environment.
34. (L.C) Estimates ‘A’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Nick Duigan MLC, Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Sport and Minister for Parks.
41. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Felix Ellis MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Minister for Skills and Jobs and Minister for Business, Industry and Resources.
38. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Gavin Pearce MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Water and Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
37. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Guy Barnett MP, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation and Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs.
40. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Jane Howlett MP, Minister for Racing, Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence.
39. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier.
42. (L.C) Estimates ‘B’, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Estimates of the Hon. Jo Palmer MLC, Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services.
31. (L.C) Integrated Assessment Report, Legislative Council Select Committee on: Report.
29. Integrity, Joint Standing Committee on: Annual Report 2025.
19. Public Accounts, Joint Standing Committee of: Annual Report 2024-25.

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28. Public Accounts, Joint Standing Committee of: TT-Line Spirit of Tasmania Vessel Replacement Project: Interim Report.
44. Public Works, Joint Standing Committee on: Glenorchy Sport Centre.
25. Public Works, Joint Standing Committee on: Kings Meadows Community Health Centre.
43. Public Works, Joint Standing Committee on: Launceston Hospice.
22. Public Works, Joint Standing Committee on: Tasman Highway: Duplication of Midway Point Causeway and McGees Bridge (South East Traffic Solution).
30. Subordinate Legislation, Joint Standing Committee on: Annual Report 2024-2025.
26. Workplace Culture Oversight, Joint Sessional Committee on: Interim Report – Code of Conduct for Members, Independent Complaints Commissioner process, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Members’ Statement.

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5. Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania, Select Committee on: Report.
6. Standing Orders, Standing Committee on: Report on the Operation of Sessional Orders and Procedural Fairness for Committee Witnesses.

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Electoral Matters, Joint Standing Committee on: Mr *Bayley*, Mr *Ferguson*, Ms *Haddad*, and Ms *Johnston*.
Energy Matters, Joint Standing Committee on: Mr *Bayley*, Ms *Finlay*, Mr *Garland*, and Mr *Vermey*.
Gender and Equality, Joint Sessional Committee on: Ms *Brown*, Mr *George*, Mr *Jaensch*, and Ms *Rosol*.
Government Administration ‘A’, Standing Committee on: Ms *Badger*, Ms *Burnet*, Ms *Dow*, Mr *Ferguson*, Mr *Mitchell*, Mr *O’Byrne*, and Mr *Shelton*.
Government Administration ‘B’, Standing Committee on: Ms *Brown*, Mr *George*, Ms *Haddad*, Mr *Fairs*, Mr *Jaensch*, Ms *Johnston*, and Ms *Rosol*.
Greyhound Racing Transition, Joint Standing Committee on: Ms *Johnston*, Mr *Vermey*, and Mr *Winter*.
House, Joint Sessional Committee on: The Speaker, the Chair of Committees, and Ms *Johnston*.
Integrity, Joint Standing Committee on: Mr *George*, Ms *Haddad*, and Mr *Jaensch*.
Library, Joint Sessional Committee on: The Speaker, the Chair of Committees, Ms *Brown*, Mr *Fairs*, Prof *Razay*, and Mr *Shelton*.
Privileges and Conduct, Standing Committee on: The Speaker, the Chair of Committees, the Leader of the House, Ms *Haddad*, Mr *O’Byrne*, Ms *Rosol*, and Mr *Winter*.
Public Accounts, Joint Standing Committee of: Mr *Jaensch*, Mr *Vermey*, and Mr *Winter*.
Public Works, Joint Standing Committee on: Ms *Burnet*, Ms *Butler*, and Mr *Shelton*.
Recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry, Joint Sessional Committee on: Mrs *Greene*, Ms *Rosol*, and Mr *Vermey*.
Standing Orders, Standing Committee on: The Speaker, the Chair of Committees, the Leader of the House, Mr *Bayley*, Ms *Finlay*, Ms *Haddad*, and Ms *Johnston*.
Subordinate Legislation, Joint Standing Committee on: Ms *Burnet*, Mr *Fairs*, and Mrs *Greene*.
Workplace Culture Oversight, Joint Sessional Committee on: The Premier, the Speaker, Mr *Willie*, and Dr *Woodruff*.