



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 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 commenced.
- 5 MEMBER SUSPENDED. - In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Clark, Ms *Haddad*, to withdraw from the House until the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance owing to repeated interjections.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued.
- 7 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Clark, Mr *Willie*, to withdraw from the House until the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance owing to repeated interjections.
- 8 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 9 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 10 PETITION. – Mr *Di Falco* presented an E-Petition from approximately 1,529 residents of Tasmania, requesting the House: commission an independent environmental impact assessment on the proposed Bell Bay Wind Farm; require a government-led consultation process before any approval; withhold approvals until environmental, community-impact and governance concerns have been independently and satisfactorily resolved; strengthened environmental protections; and ensure strict, independent oversight of any perceived or potential conflicts of interest. (HA4/2026).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 11 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Act 2016: Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 2).
 - (2) Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999: Major Infrastructure Development Approvals (North West Transmission Upgrades Project) Order 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 9).
 - (3) TT-Line Company Pty Ltd: Members Statement of Expectations, March 2026.

- (4) Education and Care Services National Law Application Act 2011: Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Child Safety) Act 2025.
- (5) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2025.
- (6) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2025.
- (7) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2026.
- (8) Fee Units Act 1997: Notification of the Fee Unit Value for 2026-2027.

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

- (1) Public Health Act 1997: Public Health (Smoking Product Licence) Amendment Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No.10).
- (2) Poisons Act 1971: Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 4).
- (3) Poisons Act 1971: Poisons Amendment (Vaping Substances) Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No.11).

13 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Rosol* brought up the following Report of the Joint Sessional Committee on the Recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings:-

Second Interim Report (Part One) (Paper No. 12)

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

14 PUBLIC WORKS, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Butler* brought up the following Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:-

- (1) Burnie Court Complex Relocation Project (Paper No. 10).
- (2) Northern Heart Centre (Paper No. 11).

Ordered, That the said Reports be received and printed. (Ms *Butler*)

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

MESSAGE.

B. BAKER, *Governor*.

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Consumer Law (Tasmania) Act 2010, the Australian Consumer Law (Tasmania) (Code of Practice for Fuel Price Reporting) Regulations 2020, the Australian Consumer Law (Tasmania) Infringement Regulations 2021, the Energy Co-ordination and Planning Act 1995 and the Petroleum Products Emergency Act 1994”. (Bill No. 11 (*Act No. 1 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 Bill.

Government House, Hobart, 2 April 2026.

16 BILL NO. 12. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982, the Retirement Villages Act 2004 and the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020 and regulations made under that Act”.

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. 14. – Ms *Finlay* presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Statutory Holidays Act 2000”.

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

18 STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENTS: APPROVAL OF. - The Speaker said “I have to advise the House that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act 1934, I attended Government House on 13 April last, to present for approval, the amendments to the Standing Orders agreed to by the House on 18 March last and advise that Her Excellency the Governor gave her approval of the same.”

19 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: FUEL SUPPLY. – Ms *Finlay* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Fuel Supply.

20 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Correspondence from the Hon. *Guy Barnett* MP, Deputy Premier, dated 2 April 2026, to all Members of Parliament on recent actions taken regarding Tasmania’s fuel situation and current supply.

21 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: FUEL SUPPLY. – And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

22 BILL NO. 1. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Building Amendment Bill 2026.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

24 BILL NO. 1. - And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 17

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Mr Di Falco
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Mr Garland
Ms Howlett
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Prof Razay
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Jaensch (Teller)

NOES 17

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

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: “The numbers being equal, I cast my vote with the Ayes”.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

25 BILL NO. 1. - 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 Building Act 2016 and consequentially amend regulations made under that Act”.

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

House of Assembly, 14 April 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

26 BILL NO. 7. - The Education and Care Services National Law Bill 2026 was, according to Order, 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.

27 BILL NO. 7. - 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 Education and Care Services National Law (Application) Act 2011”.

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

House of Assembly, 14 April 2026

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

28 BILL NO. 10. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2026.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation was addressing the Chair.

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

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

Documents regarding efficiency dividends ordered to be Tabled in accordance with the resolution of the House on 25 March 2026.

The House adjourned at fifty minutes past Six o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport; the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services; and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning attended Question Time.