



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 9

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

(At 11.00 o'clock a.m.)

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

1 Mr *Valentine* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard Human Resources statistics, detailed by region – South, North, North-West as at 23 August 2022 in the following categories:

- (a) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) establishment;
- (b) total vacant FTEs;
- (c) total FTEs that are subject to an absence, that is an absence being for a period of more than 5 consecutive working days including planned and unplanned leave, leave without pay, suspension or workers compensation; and
- (d) total FTEs subject to an active recruitment process —

can the Government provide the requested FTE information for the following occupations:

- (e) Department of Education
 - (ea) Speech and Language Pathologists.
- (f) Department of Communities Tasmania
 - (fa) Child Safety and Wellbeing Workers;
 - (fb) Child Safety Officers;
 - (fc) Advice and Referral Line Officers;
 - (fd) Child Safety Practice Leaders; and
 - (fe) Support Workers.
- (g) Department of Justice
 - (ga) Community Corrections Probation Officers; and
 - (gb) Diversion Officers.
- (h) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
 - (ha) Parks and Wildlife Officers; and
 - (hb) Field Officers.

(asked 23.08.22)

2 Mr *Valentine* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard to midwives working in Tasmania's four major hospitals, can the Government please provide the following details for each hospital:

- (1) total number of Birthrate Plus Hours worked in core Midwifery in the past 3 months and the number of those hours worked by midwives;

- (2) number of vacancies within the Midwifery Group Practice (MG) Teams in July 2022 and the percentage this represents of the whole of the nursing workforce vacancies for the hospital for the same period;
 - (3) number of student midwives currently practising in the maternity unit and of those, the number of students paid for their first year of clinical placement hours;
 - (4) actual number of midwifery resignations in the past 3 months, and the percentage this represents of the midwifery workforce in the hospital;
 - (5) COVID leave statistics for midwives for July 2022; and
 - (6) number of backfilled midwifery positions for July 2022.
- (asked 08.09.22)

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 Ms Rattray to move — That Statutory Rules 2021, No. 93, Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations dated 22 November 2021 made under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* and laid upon the Table of the Council on 4 May 2022, be disallowed as provided by Section 47 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.

2 Ms Webb to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 26 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares areas of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 10 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

3 Ms Webb to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 18 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares area of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 11 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

4 Ms Armitage to move — That the report of the Auditor-General No. 7 of 2021-22, COVID-19 — Response to social impacts: mental health and digital inclusion, be considered and noted.

5 Ms Howlett to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the importance that Neighbourhood Houses play in the economic, social and mental wellbeing of Tasmanians;
- (2) acknowledges the significant role volunteers play within Neighbourhood Houses;
- (3) thanks those that work and volunteer at Neighbourhood Houses for the critical role they play in the wellbeing of the community; and
- (4) commends the Rockliff Liberal Government's recent investment of an additional \$1.75 million, equating to an additional \$50,000 for each of Tasmania's 35 Neighbourhood Houses, to allow Neighbourhood Houses to do more to support those in the community.

6 Ms Webb to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the recent review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) undertaken by an independent Review Panel, and the *Review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute Final Report June 2022*, released on 20 July 2022;
- (2) welcomes the findings of the independent review, in particular:
 - (a) its observation that all submissions “*strongly supported preserving the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) given its current positive impact on the broader Tasmanian community*”; and

- (b) the Report's emphasis on the important contribution made by the TLRI to public policy debate in Tasmania;
- (3) notes the 20 recommendations made to the TLRI Founding Partners in the review's Final Report;
- (4) further notes the review Final Report's clear assessment of the urgent need to place the TLRI on a sustainable footing, as the current lack of financial and staffing resources has resulted in work on four references ceasing, "*as has all other work such as engaging with law reform bodies in other jurisdictions, contributing to inquiries, commenting on draft legislation and engaging students in law reform projects*";
- (5) acknowledges the high regard in which the TLRI is held across the community, fostered by the Institute's recognised independence, impartiality and institutional integrity, and the need to maintain that current strong public confidence;
- (6) notes the current TLRI Founding Partners' agreement is due for renewal in November 2022; and
- (7) urges the Tasmanian government to:
 - (a) prioritise delivering in full, and in good faith, the recommendations of the *Review of the TLRI Final Report* for which government holds entire or partial responsibility, and encourage its fellow Founding Partners, the University of Tasmania and the Law Society of Tasmania to do likewise; and
 - (b) commit to ensuring Tasmania's acclaimed premier law reform agency is sufficiently resourced to place it on a "*secure and sustainable footing into the future*" as recommended by the 2022 independent Panel's *Review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute Final Report*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1** Report of the Legislative Council Government Administration Committee 'B' Inquiry into Disability Services in Tasmania: Consideration and noting.
- 2** Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament) Bill 2021 (No. 22 of 2021): Second reading.
- 3** Homes Tasmania Bill 2022 (No. 35): Further consideration in Committee (Clause 8).
- 4** Homes Tasmania (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 (No. 36): Second reading.
- 5** Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021 (No. 63 of 2021): Second reading.
- 6** Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Driver Distraction and Speed Enforcement) Bill 2022 (No. 20): Second reading.
- 7** Occupational Licensing (Automatic Mutual Recognition Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 (No. 27): Second reading.
- 8** Partition Amendment Bill 2022 (No. 38): Second reading.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.

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SUMMARY OF BILLS

Read First Time

Bill No. 22 of 2021	Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament).
Bill No. 63 of 2021	Climate Change (State Action) Amendment.
Bill No. 20	Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Driver Distraction and Speed Enforcement).
Bill No. 27	Occupational Licensing (Automatic Mutual Recognition Consequential Amendments).
Bill No. 36	Homes Tasmania (Consequential Amendments).
Bill No. 38	Partition Amendment (<i>pro forma</i>).

Further Consideration in Committee of Whole Council

Bill No. 35

Homes Tasmania.

Agreed to by Both Houses

Bill No. 10

Family Violence Reforms.

Bill No. 15

Police Offences Amendment (Workplace Protection).

Bill No. 19

Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments).

STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Committee of Privileges: Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* (Chair of Committees), Mr *Gaffney*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Standing Orders Committee: The President (Mr *Farrell*), The Chair of Committees (Ms *Forrest*), Mrs *Hiscutt*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint): Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Webb* and Mr *Willie*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer* and Mr *Valentine*.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

House Committee (Joint): The President (Mr *Farrell*), Ms *Forrest*, and Mrs *Hiscutt*.

Library Committee (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Gender and Equality Committee (Joint): Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Harriss* and Mr *Willie*.

Workplace Culture Oversight Committee (Joint): Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Lovell*.

Government Administration A: Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Harriss*, Ms *Lovell* and Ms *Webb*.

- Rural Health Services.

Government Administration B: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray*, Mr *Valentine* and Mr *Willie*.

SELECT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Road Safety in Tasmania: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Willie*.

University of Tasmania Act 1992: Mr *Duigan*, Mr *Gaffney*, Ms *Lovell*, Mr *Valentine* and Ms *Webb*.