



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**  
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024

- 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 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.** – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 **PETITION.** – Ms *Burnet* presented an ePetition from approximately 6,447 residents of Tasmania, requesting that the House urge the Premier and the State of Tasmania to make a strong representation to the Federal Minister for Immigration to grant Mr Devarshi Deka permanent residency, in order that he may continue to reside in Tasmania and receive the support and care he needs. (HA5/2024).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 7 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Constituency Questions - Answer provided by the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Ms *Badger*, in relation to the proposed Northern Correctional Facility.

- 8 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP.** – The Minister for Transport brought up the following Report of the Standing Orders Committee:-

Title of the Speaker. (Paper No. 6)

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received and printed. (The Minister for Transport)

- 9 **BILL NO. 23.** – The Attorney-General presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Sentencing Act 1997 to provide for a presumption of minimum sentencing in relation to offences causing serious bodily harm to certain frontline workers”.

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

- 10 **BILL NO. 18.** – The Minister for Health presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Human Tissue Act 1985”.

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

**11** BILL NO. 20. . – The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Forest Practices Act 1985 and the Private Forests Act 1994”.

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

**12** BILL NO. 21. – The Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011”.

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

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

**14** 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 tabled today to be debated forthwith. (The Minister for Transport)

**15** STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That the House notes the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Title of Speaker (Paper No 6), and agrees to the following amendment to the Standing Orders:

After Standing Order 142, insert the following Standing Order:

142A Title of Speaker

Members must address the Speaker by the title “Speaker”, or “Honourable Speaker”. (The Minister for Transport)

**16** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: CHILDREN IN ASHLEY. – Ms *Rosol* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Children in Ashley.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**17** DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING IN TASMANIAN SCHOOLS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—that the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (a) that the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 has some of the most comprehensive prohibitions against discrimination and bullying in educational settings in Australia. However, according to recently released data from the Australian Council for Educational Research, Tasmania has the highest rate of schoolyard bullying of any state or territory;
- (b) the regular and numerous reports to support services and in the media of school students and staff experiencing discrimination and prohibited conduct;
- (c) the adverse impacts of discrimination and bullying on students, staff, parents and whole school communities, including adverse impacts on physical and mental health; and

- (d) there is growing concern about Tasmania's lower levels of student participation, retention and achievement and that discrimination and bullying can adversely impact all three.
- (2) Refers the following reference to the Standing Committee on Government Administration Committee A to:—
  - (a) inquire into and report upon direct and indirect discrimination, prohibited conduct, unequal and disadvantageous treatment, bullying and harassment in Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
  - (b) inquire into and report upon the measures necessary to prevent and remedy discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
  - (c) examine the obligations and duties of Tasmanian schools under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 and other relevant statutes and policies in regard to students and staff;
  - (d) examine and recommend what efforts are being made and should be made towards meeting those obligations by Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
  - (e) examine what other legislative or policy reforms may be required to address discrimination and bullying in regard to students and staff;
  - (f) determine the impact of discrimination and bullying on student participation, retention and educational outcomes, and on staff recruitment, retention, workplace safety and career development;
  - (g) ensure appropriate public consultation is conducted on all matters;
  - (h) any other matter incidental; and
  - (i) that the Committee reports by 28 November 2024. (Ms *Johnston*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

**18** PAPERS. – Ms *Johnston*, by leave, laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers in relation to an inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools: -

- (1) Letter to Ms *Kristie Johnston* MP from Ms Leanne McLean, Commissioner for Young People, dated 12 June 2024.
- (2) Letter to Ms *Kristie Johnston* MP from Ms Sarah Bolt, Anti-Discrimination Commissioner dated 11 June 2024.
- (3) Emails to Ms *Kristie Johnston* MP from:
  - (a) Rowan Richardson, President, Equality Tasmania, dated 11 June 2024;
  - (b) Alice Webb, CEO, A Fairer World, dated 11 June 2024;
  - (c) Vaughn Bennison, Disability Voices Tasmania, dated 11 June 2024; and
  - (d) Dr Robin Banks, Member of the Australian Discrimination Law Experts Group, dated 11 June 2024.
- (4) Letter to Ms *Kristie Johnston* MP from Susan Chen, Chair, Concerned Catholics Tasmania, dated 10 June 2024.

**19** DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING IN TASMANIAN SCHOOLS. –And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**20** BILL NO. 9. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (Dr *Woodruff*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Dr *Woodruff* was addressing the Chair.

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

**22** BILL NO. 9. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

Amendment to the Question proposed (Ms *White*)

To leave out all words after 'That' and insert instead:

(1) The Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Administration Committee B for inquiry and report thereon.

(2) The Committee report by 10 September 2024.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put - That the Amendment be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion, as amended, be agreed to;

*Resolved*, That

(1) The Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Administration Committee B for inquiry and report thereon.

(2) The Committee report by 10 September 2024.

**23** TASMANIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of education to Tasmania's economic future and the ability of Tasmanians to find work in safe, secure, well-paying jobs.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
  - (a) Tasmania has the worst education outcomes of any state and results are going backwards;
  - (b) the Liberal commitment to ensure Tasmania's NAPLAN results reach the national average by 2020 was not met;
  - (c) the Liberal commitment to reach the national average for Year 12 retention by 2022 was not delivered;
  - (d) the Liberal commitment to ensure 75% of Tasmanian students get a TCE by 2022 was not delivered; and
  - (e) educators are working with excessive workloads that are driving them from their profession. Until that is fixed there won't be any significant or sustained improvement in what Tasmanian students are able to achieve.
- (3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to commission an independent review of the State's education system. (Mr *Winter*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendments proposed (Mr *Bayley*)

- 1) In paragraph (1) leave out all words after “importance of education” and insert instead “to Tasmania’s future, and the ability of Tasmanians to have healthy, safe, secure lives and livelihoods.”
- 2) In paragraph (2) insert the following sub- paragraph before sub-paragraph (a) –
 

( ) The significant commitment of teachers and their school colleagues to the education of young Tasmanians.
- 3) In sub-paragraph (2)(e) leave out all words after “excessive workloads” and insert instead “and inadequate resourcing and support, contributing to substandard educational outcomes and driving some teachers from the profession.”
- 4) In paragraph (3) leave out all words after “education” and to insert instead “system, including the link between low socio economic status and educational achievement, and to recommend reforms necessary to improve education and social outcomes for Tasmanian children and young people.”

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

AYES 10

*Ms Badger*  
*Mr Bayley*  
*Mrs Beswick*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Mr Garland*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Mr O’Byrne*  
*Ms Rosol*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Mrs Pentland (Teller)*

NOES 21

*Mr Abetz*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Mr Behrakis*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Brown*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Ms Finlay*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Ms White*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Mr Wood*  
*Mr Fairs (Teller)*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**24** CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House: —

- (1) Notes that Tasmanian Public institutions responsible for the care and development of children should provide them with the necessary support and resources to thrive.
- (2) Further notes that institutional environments should be conducive to physical, emotional, and mental well-being in a manner that shows the level of care for children as though they are our own.
- (3) Recognises standards of excellence for nutrition, exercise, and overall health should be paramount.
- (4) Further notes that Institutions should:—
  - (a) promote mental health awareness and support services for children, including counselling and therapy resources;
  - (b) encourage education on healthy lifestyle choices, including balanced diets and regular physical activity;
  - (c) advocate for policies that prioritise the well-being of children in institutional settings, such as adequate staffing levels and appropriate training for caregivers; and
  - (d) allocate resources for regular inspections and monitoring to ensure compliance with established health and safety standards. (Mrs *Beswick*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

**25** PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS. – In accordance with Standing Order 42, Mrs *Beswick* indicated that the remainder of the Jacqui Lambie Network Private Members' Business for this day's sitting would be waived.

**26** PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS. – In accordance with Standing Order 42, Mr *Wood* indicated that the Government Members' Private Members' Business for this day's sitting would be waived.

**27** BILLS NO. 10 AND 11. - The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill 2024 and the Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024.

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Mr *Behrakis* took the Chair.

Amendment to Clause 27 further considered.

Dr *Woodruff*, *by leave*, withdrew her amendment to Clause 27.

Clause 27, as read, further considered.

Amendment proposed (The Minister for Racing)

Page 43, after subclause (6).

*Insert* the following subclauses:

- (7) The Report under subsection (1) to the Minister in respect of an inquiry is to be in writing.
- (8) A copy of the report is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 10 sitting days after the day on which it is received by the Minister.

- (9) The Commissioner may recommend to the Minister the omission of a part of the report before it is tabled in Parliament if satisfied that the public interest in the disclosure of the matters set out in that part of the report is significantly outweighed by any other consideration, including public security, privacy of personal or financial affairs or the right of any person to a fair trial.
- (10) The omission of a part of the report is to be clearly indicated on a copy of the report tabled in Parliament.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 27, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 54 agreed to.

Clause 55 read.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 75, subclause (7)

Leave out paragraph (a)

Insert instead the following paragraph:

- (a) at least once every quarter; and

And the Question being put- That the Amendment be agreed to

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 55, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 56 agreed to.

Clause 57 read.

Amendment proposed (Dr *Woodruff*)

Page 77, subclause (6)

Leave out “functions of the Racing Integrity Committee.”

Insert instead “functions of the Racing Integrity Committee, and is to ensure that the Racing Integrity Committee, collectively, have expertise relevant to integrity and animal welfare.”

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Dr *Woodruff* was addressing the Chair.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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The House being resumed, Mr *Behrakis* reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

**28** ADJOURNMENT. – The time being 30 minutes past Seven o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

**29** PAPERS. – The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995:
  - (a) Fisheries Amendment (Vessel Monitoring Systems) Rules 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 98);
  - (b) Fisheries (Biosecurity) Order 2024;
  - (c) Fisheries (Giant Crab) Rules 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 97)
- (2) Container Refund Scheme Act 2022: Container Refund Scheme Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 93).

**30** ADJOURNMENT – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the debate.

**31** PAPERS. – Ms *Haddad*, *by leave*, tabled a document calling for new laws for offences pertaining to hate crimes including racially motivated hate crimes.

**32** ADJOURNMENT. – And the Question being put – That the House do now adjourn;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned at eleven minutes past Eight o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Ms *Butler*, Mr *Jenner*, and Mr *Street* on leave.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Minister for Minister for Education, and Minister for Disability Services attended Question Time.