



REPORT

Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Premier, Hon. *Jeremy Rockliff M.P.*, on Monday 1 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18:-

Division 1: Brand Tasmania

Division 7: Ministerial and Parliamentary Support

Division 10: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Bill No. 19:-

Schedule 1, Part 6 – Office of the Governor

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Premier, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

Premier:

- Failure to implement all or most Watt Review recommendations
- Machinery of government change moving Climate Change Office to NRE
- Integrity
- Madeleine Ogilvie resignation
- Madeleine Ogilvie legal fees
- Jane Howlett legal fees
- Supreme court action
- Ministerial Code of Conduct
- Public service reductions - no cap on number of redundancies; unclear rationale
- Heavy reliance on 'natural attrition', voluntary exits and transfers to deliver workforce reductions
- No commitment to ongoing adult literacy funding beyond leftover 26TEN money
- Peak bodies left to 'informal structures' and ministerial goodwill rather than clear whole-of-government engagement framework
- Minimum age of criminal responsibility commitment and national approach concerns
- Increasing own source revenue through increase in casino tax rate

- Implementation of Building Tasmania
- State Growth redundancies
- Employment contracts for senior public servants – termination clause
- Health Department Human Resource Information System IT Upgrades – achievements for \$47 million spent
- Achieving efficiencies through digital transformation – noting history of failed IT projects
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- TT-Line
- TasInsure
- North-West Regional Hospital
- Wilkinson’s Point
- Premier’s role in budget process

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REPORT

Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hon. *Bridget Archer M.P.*, on Monday 1 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18:-

Division 5: Department of Health

Division 8: Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Division 10: Department of Premier and Cabinet

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing:

- Accuracy of health expenditure forward estimates noting likely 3% wage rise for Health staff, and health care inflation
- Lack of apparent funding for preventative health measures including active transport
- Adequacy staffing of RHH medical imaging and radiology, particularly CT/Angiography suite
- Location of \$700m in 'efficiencies'
- Delay in delivering the virtual emergency department
- Lack of funding for sub-acute care facilities
- Lack of monitoring of health impacts of antibiotic microbial resistance from florfenicol treatments in Tasmania marine waterways
- Knowledge of Cabinet Supreme Court funding decision for former Minister Ogilvie
- Cuts, efficiencies, exemptions from efficiencies
- Staff for revenue raising measures
- Cuts to backline and front facing positions
- AI use in health

- KPIs, targets, planning
- Ambulances
- Calvary – gynae and reproductive services
- HR delays
- Health Dashboards
- Palliative Care CIPCIAC funding
- Patient Transport Assistance Scheme guidelines inadequate for people with chronic and specialist needs who must repeatedly reapply
- Ambulance Tasmania employee volunteer engagement survey
- Colourful scrubs direction rationale
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- \$700 million operational efficiencies / implementation plans
- Health inflation
- Projected demand increases
- Maternal health
- Cygnet Family Practice
- Moreton Group Medical Services
- Ochre GP Services Bruny Island and St Helens
- Gender affirming care
- HPH sale
- Anti-Discrimination Act
- Taxis
- North West Regional Hospital
- North West Mental Health precinct
- Maternal, Paediatric and Reproductive committee
- Pathology
- West Coast CT scan
- Sexual assault forensic examinations, training standards and North West access
- Patient Travel Assistance Scheme
- Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance
- Specialist wait lists
- Angiograms

Ageing:

- Ageing portfolio move into Department of Health
- Isolated older people in NE Tasmania
- COTA funding cuts
- COTA policy officer funding
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Rosary gardens
- Fuel Crisis
- Election commitment 3 aged care facilities

- Preventative Health falls prevention
- Oral Health

Aboriginal Affairs:

- Treaty
- Truth-telling
- Aboriginal heritage laws
- Cultural landscape protection
- Land returns
- Indigenous Protected Areas
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Closing the Gap
- Truth-telling and Treaty
- Aboriginal Heritage Act
- Aboriginal people in the justice system
- Youth justice
- Aboriginal Land Council funding
- Land handbacks
- Aboriginal Advisory Group

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Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Treasurer, and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal, Hon. *Eric Abetz M.P.*, on Tuesday 2 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18:-

Division 4: Finance-General

Division 10: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Division 13: Department of Treasury and Finance

Bill No. 19:-

Schedule 1, part 8 – Tasmanian Audit Office

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Treasurer, and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

Treasurer:

- Knowledge of Supreme Court Action, Ministerial legal fees and misleading parliament
- 'Systemic review of service delivery'
- Cuts to essential services
- Funding of the Auditor General
- Auditor General access to Cabinet papers
- Underwriting the Hampshire to Burnie transmission line
- Budget risks from the Macquarie Point Stadium
- Over-reliance on spending cuts to achieve budget repair
- Not ruling out borrowing beyond the stated stadium contribution
- Lack of Treasury modelling for the revenue the stadium would return to the state
- Lack of modelling for additional revenue available from removing or reducing exemptions, or from restoring casino EGM tax to 25%
- Refusal to revisit the reduced casino EGM tax rate

- Continued preference for an industry-favoured national player-card approach over Tasmania's proposed mandatory pre commitment card
- Budget delivery relies on growth projections that have never been met
- Little information about fees and charges review
- Concern about community sector funding cuts
- Surplus and peak debt timelines
- Public Servant redundancies
- Boags Brewery closure
- GBEs
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Budget process
- Health funding
- Public sector employment numbers
- GBE performance
- TasInsure
- Audit of TT-Line
- Auditor-General funding cut from agreed \$2.7m to \$2.4m, impact on performance audits
- Performance audit resourcing
- Auditor-General Office preference for appropriation from Parliament

Macquarie Point Urban Renewal:

- New plan for energy supply to the stadium and Mac Point precinct
- Costs incurred and liability for abandoning previous energy supply plan
- Delays in energy infrastructure planning
- Servicing stadium debt
- Tender process and Webuild
- Responsibility for signing stadium construction contract
- Budget risks from the Macquarie Point Stadium
- MPDC ability to service interest on its debt from own revenue
- Debt projected to peak at around \$500m; no finalised position on asset and debt ownership
- Stadium funding model reliance on selling other parts of the site and on precinct development that has not occurred and is not yet valued
- No costing yet for the substation/power solution for the precinct; energy cost may or may not sit within the stadium cost depending on solution chosen
- Cost-control levers amount to reducing quality or not finishing stadium at opening
- Key-worker housing on site
- Progression of Webuild through gateway to tender as a 'compliant bid' noting media-reported allegations and Fair Work Ombudsman investigation
- MPDC and Government response to Fair Work Ombudsman investigation and allegations
- Stadiums Tasmania servicing of stadium debt once transferred
- Ministerial legal and court matters

- Budget cuts
- Procurement process

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Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Minister for Housing and Planning, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and Minister for Local Government, Hon. Kerry Vincent M.L.C., on Tuesday 2 June 2026 and Wednesday 3 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18:-

Division 6: Department of Justice

Division 10: Department of Premier and Cabinet

Division 11: Department of State Growth

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Housing and Planning, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and Minister for Local Government, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

Infrastructure and Transport:

- Lack of active transport funding
- Lack of funding for bus stop upgrades over forward estimates
- Reduction in total expenses by portfolio and output in Passenger Transport services and impact on service users
- Continued common ticketing system funding noting delivery delay and free public transport
- Lack of progress with electric bus trial and electric buses future funding
- Lack of progress on fully electrifying government fleet vehicles by 2030
- Lack of information being gathered to assess the business case for continued free public transport
- Lack of progress and funding towards Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan actions
- Whole log exports to Victoria
- Northern Access Road
- Common ticketing system
- Tasman Bridge lifespan
- Restoration of metro services

- Lack of progress on Stadium coach drop off/pick up and parking area
- Kunanyi Cable car and Halls Saddle proposal
- Active Transport
- Huon Highway/Leslie Rd intersection redevelopment and speed limit
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Bridgewater Bridge
- Nuyina refuelling solution
- Tasman Bridge
- Spirits
- Road maintenance
- Rescoping capital projects
- AS 4000
- Rise and fall contracts
- Jericho turnoff
- Infrastructure and equity cap
- Building Tasmania
- Annual underspend
- Road trains
- Ridgley Highway
- Budget cuts Transport
- Derwent Ferries trial
- Free transport
- Mud walls road intersection
- Princess Wharf No.4 and Macquarie Wharf 6 upgrades
- Integrated smart ticketing system
- Electric bus trial
- Bus fleet replacement
- Metro
- St Marys Pass
- Brighton Council Transport Strategy

Local Government:

- Lack of Budget funding and support for Local Government response to climate change
- Knowledge of Cabinet Supreme Court funding decision for former Minister Ogilvie
- LGA reduction in councillor numbers
- Clarence City Greens Councillor Beth Warren and toxicity in Councils
- Funding for growing Council responsibility for frontline services
- Potential Council amalgamations
- AI use
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Local Government Reform

- Local Government Amendment bill
- Electoral bill
- Personal interest returns
- October elections
- Heavy Vehicle Tax

Housing and Planning:

- Lack of progress towards 2023 target of 2000 social houses by 2027
- Lack of progress towards developing Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor
- Lack of funding for new family violence crisis accommodation beds
- Cut in funding over forward estimates for State Planning Office
- Homes Tasmania transition to Building Tasmania
- Homes Tasmania funding and debt
- Homes Tasmania construction versus financial assistance
- Homes Tasmania maintenance program and funding
- Reigning in Short Stay Accommodation
- Protection of front line housing workers from health impacts
- Youth homelessness plan
- Mental health of frontline housing workers
- Mould in Homes Tasmania properties
- Accessibility modifications to Homes Tasmania properties
- Energy efficiency in Homes Tasmania properties
- Uncertain timing for bringing Homes Tasmania debt into general government sector
- Building Tasmania
- Social housing
- Housing Australia Future Fund
- Stamp Duty Exemption
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Housing supply and delivery
- Social and public housing
- Crisis and family violence accommodation
- Planning reform and approvals
- Housing affordability
- Planning Scheme

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Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and Minister for Skills and Jobs, Hon. *Felix Ellis M.P.*, on Thursday 4 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18:-

Division 9: Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management

Division 11: Department of State Growth

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and Minister for Skills and Jobs, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

Business, Industry and Resources:

- Frequency and size of bailouts to major industrials
- \$16m in funding for major industrials to meet costs of Marinus Link
- Uncertainty and discontinuity created by dismantling of State Growth
- Entering long term logging contracts through STT in 2027 in the face of uncertainty
- Forest Practices Authority
- National Environmental Standards
- Forest Practices Plan
- Integrity
- Critically endangered and threatened species
- SPIBA
- Forestry Tasmania
- Regional Forestry Agreement
- Forestry contracts
- EOI project updates
- Daniel Hackett's Lake Malbena EOI panel compliance
- Firmus and other data centres in discussion with the Office of Coordinator General

- Nelson Bay River Mine and environmental bonds
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Mineral Resources Tasmania staffing and capability
- Mining and forestry industry support
- State Growth restructuring
- Economic development capacity
- Regional jobs and investment
- Coordinator-General
- Investment attraction
- Forestry policy
- Mining
- Fees and charges
- Royalties
- Mining policy
- Business grants and subsidies left entirely to the responsible Minister
- Lack of quarterly activity reports on Tasmania Development Board's website

Skills and Jobs:

- Knowledge of Cabinet Supreme Court funding decision for former Minister Ogilvie
- Policy for student use of AI
- Laboratory Assistant providers
- TasTAFE course provision in Tasmania Prison Service
- Cuts to ESL program in N and NW Tasmania
- New automotive centre fit out costs and process
- TAFE Campbell Street campus leasing to RTOs
- \$25 million of further cuts to jobs and courses
- Teaching numbers at TAFE
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- TasTAFE staffing
- TasTAFE course reductions
- Workforce shortages
- Training and apprenticeships
- Regional skills access
- Asset sales

Police, Fire and Emergency Management:

- Budget savings to be met partly through redundancies, 'fee for service' revenue
- No start date for mental-health support pilot for retired officers
- Firearms buyback scheme only funded by a \$5m 'placeholder'
- Not ruling out receiving gun lobby funding

- Minister response to advice from Commissioner regarding community safety increases with fewer firearms in the community
- Backfill restrictions impact on frontline officers
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Firearms caps/reform
- Survivors of Port Arthur group
- Lobbying
- Political donations
- Crime statistics
- Police numbers
- Well-being rosters
- Well-being checks coronial recommendations
- Stolen firearms
- Firearm services staffing/remuneration
- Building Safety Unit Reform Project – Tasmania Fire Service
- Firearms caps and buy back scheme
- Online crime reporting
- Firearms safety for police
- Tobias Pik investigation
- Coercive control identification training
- Misidentification of FV perpetrators
- Remote fire management
- AFAC report recommendation implementation
- Drones

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