



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 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 were asked.
- 5 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:
 - (1) Answer to Question on Notice No. 46 of 2026.
 - (2) Answer to Question on Notice No. 49 of 2026.
 - (3) Answer to Question on Notice No. 51 of 2026.
 - (4) Listening Devices Act 1991: Annual Report 2025-2026.
 - (5) Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006:
 - (a) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services: Annual Report 2025-2026.
 - (b) Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: Annual Report 2025–26.
 - (6) Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006:
 - (a) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services: Annual Report 2025-2026.
 - (b) Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: Annual Report 2025–26.
 - (7) Police Powers (Assumed Identities) Act 2006 Annual Report 2025-2026.
 - (a) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services: Annual Report 2025-2026.
 - (b) Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: Annual Report 2025–26.

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- (8) Legal Profession Board of Tasmania Annual Report 2025-2026.

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

- (1) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18): Dated 28 May 2026, land situate in the Town of Cygnet, Municipal Area of Huon Valley, Lot 5, 6 and 7 on Plan of Survey P18821, registered in the names of Glenburn Orchards Pty Ltd for road purposes.
- (2) Answer to Question No.37 of 2026.
- (3) Answer to Question No.79 of 2026.

8 PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:

- (1) Marine Farming Planning Act 1995: Marine Farming Planning Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules, No. 60).
- (2) The Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995: Fisheries (Scalefish Management Plan) Order 2026.
- (3) Nature Conservation Act 2002: Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Amendment (Deer) Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rule No. 65).
- (4) State Service Act 2000: Inland Fisheries Service Annual Report 2025-2026.
- (5) Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006: Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 70).
- (6) Firearms Act 1996: Firearms Regulations 2026 (Statutory Rules 2026, No. 69).
- (7) Response to petition No.11.

9 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:

- (1) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18):
 - (a) Dated 30 July 2026, land situate in the Parish of Staffa, Land District of Monmouth, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P300297, registered in the names of Michael Francis Featherstone for road purposes;
 - (b) Dated 30 July 2026, land situate in the Parish of Brisbane, Land District of Somerset, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lot 2 on Plan of Survey P300295, registered in the names of Gregory Wayne Cornish for road purposes;
 - (c) Dated 30 July 2026, land situate in the Parish of Staffa, Land District of Monmouth, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lot 2 on Plan of Survey P300295, registered in the names of Denise Maree Newnham, Ian Gerald Newnham for road purposes;
 - (d) Dated 30 July 2026, land situate in the Parish York, Land District of Monmouth, Municipal Area of Southern Midlands, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P300295, registered in the names of Peter Francis Meaburn for road purposes;

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- (e) Dated 9 July 2026, land situate in the Town of Stanley, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 14 on Plan of Survey P187960, registered in the names of Tasmanian Water & Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd for road purposes.
- (2) Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 (QLD): Heavy Vehicle National Law Amendment Regulation 2026.
- (3) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2026.
- (4) Education Regulation Annual Report 2025-2026.
- (5) State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025: Register of Approvals and Amendments of Relevant Documents – Quarter 3 of 2026.
- (6) Wellington Park Act 1993: Wellington Park Management Trust Annual Report 2025-2026.
- (7) TT-Line Company Pty Ltd: Annual Report 2025-2026.
- (8) Government Business Enterprises Act 1995: Port Arthur Historical Site Management Authority Annual Report 2025-2026.
- (9) Education and Care Services National Regulations: Education and Care Services Ombudsman and National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioners: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (10) Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997: Marine and Safety (Motor Boats and Licences) Amendment By-laws 2026.

10 CARETAKER CONVENTIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Badger* brought up the following Report of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions: -

Final Report (Paper No. 65)

Ordered, That the said Report be received and printed. (Ms *Badger*)

11 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: North West Support School Burnie Upgrade Final Report: Tabled with the Clerk of the House on 16 September 2026 to Standing Order 321(2) (Paper No. 58).
- (2) Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Redevelopment of Dodges Ferry Primary School Final Report: Tabled with the Clerk of the House on 16 September 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 321(2) (Paper No. 60).
- (3) Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: New North West Support School Devonport Final Report: Tabled with the Clerk of the House on 16 September 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 321(2) (Paper No. 59).
- (4) Custodial Inspector Act 2016: Looking towards the future: Youth education Inspection report 2026.
- (5) Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts: Final Report – Proposed Sale of Wilkinsons Point: Tabled with the Clerk of the House on 5 October 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 321(2) (Paper No. 56).

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- (6) House of Assembly Standing Committee on Government Administration B: Final Report – Inquiry into the Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill (61 of 2025): Tabled with the Clerk of the House on 5 October 2026 pursuant to Standing Order 321(2) (Paper No. 66).
- (7) Report of the Auditor-General No. 3 of 2026-27: Auditor-General’s report on the financial statements of State entities, Volume 2 – Public Financial Corporations, Public Non-Financial Corporations and Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd, Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 30 June 2026
- (8) Report of the Auditor-General No. 2 of 2026-27: Treasury oversight of government businesses.
- (9) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Register of Interests for Members of the House of Assembly 2025-2026.

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

MESSAGE.

C. WELLS, *Governor*.

“A Bill for an Act to repeal the Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction Act 2003”. (Bill No. 53 of 2025 (*Act No. 12 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to regulate residential parks and agreements between park owners and residents in those parks and for related purposes”. (Bill No. 2 (*Act No. 13 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1935 and to consequentially amend the Sentencing Act 1997”. (Bill No. 5 (*Act No. 14 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Occupational Licensing Act 2005, the Building Act 2016 and the Residential Building Work Contracts and Dispute Resolution Act 2016”. (Bill No. 6 (*Act No. 15 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancy Act 1997”. (Bill No. 59 of 2025 (*Act No. 16 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1935”. (Bill No. 50 of 2025 (*Act No. 17 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 Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 11 September 2026.

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

MESSAGE.

C. WELLS, *Governor*.

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Statutory Holidays Act 2000”. (Bill No. 14 (*Act No. 18 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Duties Act 2001, the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000, the Land Tax Act 2000 and the Taxation Administration Act 1997”. (Bill No. 21 (*Act No. 19 of 2026*))

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Collections for Charities Act 2001 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1964”. (Bill No. 65 of 2025 (*Act No. 20 of 2026*))

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“A Bill for an Act to amend the Integrity Commission Act 2009”. (Bill No. 69 of 2025 (*Act No. 21 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 Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 9 October 2026.

14 BILL NO. 48. – The Treasurer, on behalf of the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, presented -

“A Bill for an Act to establish the Crown as a housing agency for the State, to develop, acquire and manage land, premises and housing, to deliver and facilitate homelessness services, social and affordable housing, housing support services and community support services, to help with, promote and secure the development and sustainability of assistance for the housing and homelessness sector, to provide support and additional services to persons who require housing, and for related purposes”.

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

15 BILL NO. 49. – Ms *Haddad* presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023”.

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

16 GENDER, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND EQUALITY, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE: NOTICE OF OWN MOTION INQUIRY. – Ms *Brown* advised the House that the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender, Gender-Based Violence and Equality has commenced the following own motion inquiry:

Tasmanian Government’s response to the recommendations of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission’s Yearly Report 2025.

17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the following:

- (1) Private Members’ Business in accordance with Standing Order 42 not taking place on Wednesday, 28 October 2026.
- (2) Debate on the Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026 (No. 45 of 2026) (“the Bill”) taking place immediately after the Matter of Public Importance on Wednesday, 28 October 2026.
- (3) If debate on all stages of the Bill does not conclude on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, the Bill having precedence over other business after the Matter of Public Importance on Thursday, 29 October 2026.
- (4) During debate on the Bill, the time limits in accordance with Standing Order 115 applying.
- (5) The rotation for Private Members’ Business in accordance with Standing Order 42 re-commencing from Week One on Wednesday, 18 November 2026. (Mr *Bayley*)

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. - *Ordered* - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a motion without notice from being debated forthwith. (Mr *Bayley*)

19 GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION A, STANDING COMMITTEE. A motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House orders the Honourable Member for Bass, Mr *Ferguson*, to withdraw his proxy, the Honourable Member for Clark, Ms *Ogilvie*, for the Inquiry into AI Data Centres in Tasmania being undertaken by the Standing Committee on Government Administration A for the following reasons:

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- (a) Ms *Ogilvie* is the immediate past Minister responsible for several issues key to the inquiry;
- (b) This presents an obvious conflict of interest regarding Ms *Ogilvie*'s work on the Committee;
- (c) The Committee may be asked to resolve whether to call Ms *Ogilvie* as a witness, of which she would be able to vote on herself;
- (d) The immediate past Minister's participation on this Committee, and conflict of interest, undermines the integrity and critical work of the Committee. (Mr *Bayley*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 5

Ms *Badger*
Mr *Bayley*
Ms *Johnston*
Dr *Woodruff*
Ms *Rosol* (Teller)

NOES 25

Mr *Abetz*
Mrs *Archer*
Mr *Barnett*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Burnet*
Ms *Butler*
Mr *Di Falco*
Mr *Fairs*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Finlay*
Mr *Garland*
Mr *George*
Mrs *Greene*
Ms *Haddad*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *Mitchell*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mr *Pearce*
Prof *Razay*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Ms *Howlett* (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

20 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: INTEGRITY. – Mr *Winter* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Integrity.

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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 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: INTEGRITY. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

23 BILL NO. 44. - The Government Business Governance Reforms 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.

24 BILL NO. 44. - 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 Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973, the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority Act 1987, the Public Trustee Act 1930, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005, the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation Act 1985 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”.

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

House of Assembly, 27 October 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

25 BILL NO. 25. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on - That the Commission of Inquiry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

(In the Committee)

Ms *Howlett* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 read.

Amendment proposed (Ms *Burnet*).

Page 14, paragraph (b).

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Leave out that paragraph.

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

The Committee divided.

AYES 13

NOES 17

Dr Broad
Ms Burnet
Ms Butler
Ms Finlay
Mr Garland
Mr George
Ms Haddad
Mr Mitchell
Mr O'Byrne
Prof Razay
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mrs Greene (Teller)

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Ms Badger
Mr Barnett
Mr Bayley
Mr Di Falco
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Mr Jaensch
Ms Johnston
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Mr Shelton (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Brown
Ms Dow

Mr Ellis
Mr Vermey

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 16, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 read.

Amendments proposed (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)

First amendment

Page 15, proposed new paragraph (a) after “is apolitical,”.

Leave out “efficient and effective”.

Insert instead “impartial, ethical and professional”.

Second amendment

Same page, proposed new paragraph (ab).

Leave out that paragraph.

A Debate arose thereupon.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The House being resumed, Ms *Howlett* reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and had directed her to ask leave to sit again.

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Resolved, That this House will, at a later hour, on tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

27 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Response to Notice of Motion 144.
- (2) Response to Question taken on Notice asked by Mr *Garland* MP.

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

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Ms *Dow*, Mr *Ellis*, Mr *Vermey*.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Heritage, and Minister for Sport; the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence; and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning attended Question Time.