



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 60

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 **COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 **PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 **LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWER TO QUESTION AND INCORPORATE ANSWER INTO HANSARD.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answer to Question No. 32 and have the answer incorporated into the Hansard record.
- 5 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WORKER ACCOMODATION.**— Ms *Lovell* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — In relation to worker accommodation owned or utilised by the Department of Health can the Government:—
 - (1) Provide a list of residential dwellings currently owned by the Department with a breakdown by suburb/town, date of build, date of purchase/build, number of bedrooms, last valuation amount and the occupation groups that the accommodation is made available to.
 - (2) Provide for each of the last 5 years, the number of residential dwellings owned, purchased or built by the Department and the number sold by the Department.
 - (3) Provide any strategy that the Department has or is considering specifically for increasing the availability of residential dwellings for health workers around Tasmania.The Leader answered as follows:—
 - (1) The listing below comprises of houses, units and nurses home accommodation currently owned by the Department of Health.

Location	Number of Buildings in Location	Number of Bedrooms per Building	Construction	Date of purchase	Valuation (FAIR)	Tenant as required	Comment on Valuation
Allonah	1	3	1982	16/09/1985	\$565,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Huonville	1	2	1971	31/10/1996	\$465,000	Ambulance	
New Norfolk	1	2	1970	6/10/1995	\$515,000	Ambulance	
Nubeena	1	3	1997	20/03/2009	\$300,000	Ambulance	
Oatlands	1	2	2006	31/01/2012	\$510,000	UTAS Students	
Triabunna	1	2	1900	18/03/2004	\$250,000	Ambulance	
Triabunna	1	2	1985	2/12/2008	\$200,000	Ambulance	
Ouse	4	2	2011	6/10/1995	\$0	Council occupied as part of hospital closure arrangements	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Cootee	6	2	1984	N/A	\$0	Nurses-Doctor	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	3	1977	8/03/1994	\$460,000	Nurses	
Currie King Is	1	4	1979	30/06/1988	\$600,000	Leased to Ochre Health	
Currie King Is	1	4	1973	22/06/2018	\$580,000	Director of Nursing	
Currie King Is	6	2	2016	24/10/2023	\$1,250,000	Nurses	
Currie King Is	1	3					
Currie King Is	1	8	1968	N/A	\$0	Nurses	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	1	1968	N/A	\$0	Nurse Unit Manager	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	3	1968	N/A	\$0	UTAS Students	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017	\$1,260,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017		Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017		Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	5	2	1964	1/07/2017	\$1,575,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Queenstown	1	3	1970	23/03/1994	\$240,000	Ambulance	
Queenstown	1	6	1975	8/03/1994	\$350,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	3	3	1975	1/02/2007	\$435,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	1	2	1950	23/03/1994	\$220,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	1	3	1930	27/08/2020	\$325,000	-	

Rosebery	1	3	1970	8/03/1994	\$255,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Smithton	1	2	2021	N/A	\$310,000	Ambulance	
Smithton	1	10	1962	22/07/2020	\$0	UTAS Students (6) and nurses accommodation (4) Redeveloped by UTAS on 30 year lease - on hosp site	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Strahan	1	3	2005	8/03/1994	\$0	Ambulance	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Sulphur Creek	1	5	1947	5/01/1993	\$780,000	Vacant (previously NGO City Mission), identified for sale	
Zeehan	1	3	1985	18/03/2004	\$250,000	Ambulance	
Zeehan	1	3	1982	23/07/1999	\$280,000	Ambulance (requires maintenance to be resided in)	
Scottsdale	1	12	1976	N/A	\$0	UTAS students and Nurses/Aged care (11 rooms and 1 matrons flat)	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Campbell Town	1	2	2020	8/03/1994	\$310,000	Ambulance	
Campbell Town	1	2	1989	29/05/2012	\$280,000	Nurses-Doctors	
Campbell Town	1	4	1920	29/05/2012	\$850,000	Nurse Home	
Campbell Town	1	3	1960	8/03/1994	\$365,000	Vacant (previously Ambulance), identified for sale	
Bridport	1	2	1950	30/06/1991	\$460,000	Vacant (previously nurses), identified for sale	
Deloraine	1	3	1987	8/07/2011	\$435,000	UTAS student accommodation	
George Town	1	2	1958	N/A	\$375,000	UTAS Students	
George Town	1	3	2019	25/06/2009	\$500,000	Nurses and doctors	

Launceston	24	2	1930	8/03/1994	\$2,500,000	Nurses- Doctor	
St Helens	1	2	2019	8/03/1994	\$370,000	Ambulance	
St Helens	1	2	2010	28/09/2011	\$470,000	UTAS Students	
Whitemark Flinders	1	2	1969	13/03/2013	\$630,000	Nurses	
Whitemark Flinders	1	3	1955	N/A	\$735,000	Nurses	
Whitemark Flinders	1	2	1955	3/02/2017	\$500,000	Director of Nursing	
Whitemark Flinders	1	3	2021	3/06/2019	\$350,000	Ochre Health	

(2) Refer to table below:

Owned Residential Properties For the last 5 years					
	30/06/2023	30/06/2022	30/06/2021	30/06/2020	30/06/2019
Number of dwellings owned (residential houses and properties as part of hospital site)	91	91	88	89	88
Number of dwellings purchased	0	0	2		2
Number of dwellings built	0	0	1		
Number of dwellings sold	0	0		1	1

- (3) The Department of Health provides accommodation support to eligible health staff, including newly recruited staff from interstate and overseas, rotating medical registrars, senior clinical staff, health executives and agency staff. This accommodation support can be in the form of hotel-style accommodation, short or longer-term accommodation in Crown-owned or leased properties, or financial allowances to support health staff to finance their own sourced accommodation.

As part of Health Workforce 2040 strategy (Action 5.08), a review of the policy and processes around health staff accommodation has commenced with a view to provide accommodation support more efficiently and economically, while supporting the service delivery requirements of the Department.

This project is in line with work already being undertaken by Infrastructure, as part of the Department's Residential Accommodation Reform Project to implement centralised governance to improve and standardise the management of residential leases.

The Department has also contributed to consultation with Homes Tasmania in their development of the Tasmanian Housing Strategy Action Plan, to assist in developing a framework for key worker rental accommodation.

6 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings. Final Report – Who was looking after me? Prioritising the safety of Tasmanian Children.
- (2) Animal Research Statistics Tasmania: Annual Report Number 27 (2022). September 2023.

7 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:—

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*

Housing Land Supply Amendment Act 2023
(Bill No. 17 of 2023; Act No. 18 of 2023)

A Bill for an to amend the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*, the *Court Security Act 2017*, the *Public Trustee Act 1930* and the *Youth Justice Act 1997*

Justice Miscellaneous (Removal of Outdated Sex Terminology) Act 2023
(Bill No. 4 of 2023; Act No. 19 of 2023)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006*

Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Amendment Act 2023
(Bill No. 57 of 2022; Act No. 20 of 2023)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 21 September 2023

8 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.— *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders and Sessional Orders relating to Special Interest Matters be suspended for this week's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

Ordered, That so much of Standing Orders relating to Question Time be suspended for today's and tomorrow's sittings. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

Ordered, That so much of Standing Orders relating to Question Time be suspended for Thursday, 28 September 2023's sitting so as to allow for a period of 45 minutes for Questions without Notice to be asked. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

10 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising, adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 27 September 2023. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 11.08 o'clock a.m.

C.L. VICKERS, *Clerk of the Council*.

Briefing:

- *Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings: Who was looking after me? Prioritising the safety of Tasmanian children.*