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- 9** Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables— With respect to available energy supply for emerging industries:
- (1) In the scenario where Marinus Link does not proceed as proposed or at all, but proposed Artificial Intelligence data centres and the e-fuel facilities do proceed to construction:
 - (a) how many many gigawatt hours of electricity would need to be supplied to these businesses?
 - (b) what percentage of Tasmania's total energy demand could be supplied by hydroelectric generation?
 - (c) what modelling underpins this assessment?
 - (2) In relation to company contracts:
 - (a) what contracts, if any, are currently in place with data centres or e-fuel companies?
 - (b) what is the amount of electricity supply guaranteed per contract, itemised for each contract, in gigawatt hours per year for the next ten years? (4 March 2026)
- 10** Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables— With respect to hydro dam storage, generation improvements, and risk management:
- (1) What is the current operational policy range for hydro dam storage levels?
 - (a) What are the minimum and maximum target storage percentages?
 - (b) What is the policy rationale for operating within this range?
 - (2) What efficiency improvements are presently available for turbine power generation across Hydro Tasmania assets?
 - (3) What is the estimated additional generation capacity achievable through turbine upgrades alone?
 - (4) Has Hydro Tasmania undertaken additional catchment modelling for existing power stations to determine potential increases in generation capacity and if so, what additional capacity (in megawatt and gigawatt-hour per annum) has been identified as feasible?
 - (5) What assessment, if any, has been undertaken regarding the impact of large-scale artificial intelligence data centres on:
 - (a) grid stability;
 - (b) voltage fluctuations;
 - (c) frequency control within the Tasmanian power system; and
 - (d) will the Minister please make these assessments publicly available?
 - (6) What impact, if any, will the proposed Marinus Link have on energy grid stability in Tasmania? In relation to potential impacts:
 - (a) what technical solutions will the Government, in cooperation with Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks, put in place to ensure negative impacts are mitigated in the scenario where Marinus Link is constructed?
 - (b) what risk, if any, is there of the Tasmanian system frequency moving outside acceptable operating ranges?
 - (c) what specific risks would this present to Hydro Tasmania assets?
 - (d) what, if any, mitigation measures are in place or able to be put in place to manage these risks?
 - (7) Using the most recent available year-to-date figures, what is:

- (a) Tasmania's total electricity consumption (in gigawatt-hours), including detailed internal usage by sector;
- (b) the total volume of electricity exported via Basslink (in gigawatt hours);
- (c) the projected future Tasmanian electricity consumption under a scenario where Marinus Link Stage 1 is constructed;
- (d) the projected export volumes under a Marinus Link stage 1 scenario; and
- (e) the projected Tasmanian electricity consumption under a scenario where Marinus Link is not constructed and Basslink is not recommissioned at the end of its operational life? (4 March 2026)

16 Mr *Garland* to ask the Treasurer— With respect to the cost-of-living pressures on King Island:

- (1) What is the total amount of financial assistance currently provided by the Government to King Island residents and/or businesses for the purpose of offsetting the higher costs associated with shipping and freight services, including but not limited to:
 - (a) freight equalisation or subsidy schemes;
 - (b) residential relief arrangements;
 - (c) business support programs;
 - (d) medical travel and treatment access schemes; and
 - (e) any other relevant assistance measures?
- (2) What is the total annual value of this state-based assistance for King Island residents, expressed:
 - (a) as a total figure, per financial year, between 2019-2020 and 2025-2026;
 - (b) on a per capita basis per year?
- (3) Over the past ten years:
 - (a) has the per capita value of this assistance increased in real terms when adjusted for inflation?
 - (b) if so, by how much in percentage and dollar terms?
 - (c) if not, what has been the real change over that period?
- (4) What specific measures does the Government have in place, or under active consideration, to further address the disproportionate cost of living and operating on King Island arising from geographic isolation and existing inadequate shipping arrangements? (4 March 2026)

23 Mr *Bayley* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning— With respect to public housing tenancy terminations and eviction data:

- (1) Has the Department of Communities Tasmania recorded the following data for each financial year from 2018–2019 to 2023–2024 and if so, please provide the following data for each year:
 - (a) the total number of public housing tenancies that ended, including:
 - (i) the number of those tenancies where there were dependent children in the household; and
 - (ii) the number of those tenancies where the household included an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person?
 - (b) the number of tenancies ended under each category, descriptor, or code used by the Department to record the reason or manner in which a tenancy ends;
 - (c) the number of tenancies terminated specifically due to a breach of tenancy (including rent arrears, property damage, or antisocial behaviour);
 - (d) the number of tenancies that ended at the expiry of a fixed-term tenancy agreement, and whether the Department currently uses fixed-term tenancy agreements and, if so, in what circumstances;
 - (e) the number of tenancies that ended following a termination notice being issued, where the tenancy concluded before or without a court or tribunal order being made;
 - (f) the number of occasions a bailiff or sheriff was engaged to carry out a physical eviction from public housing; and
 - (g) the number of tenancies that ended due to:
 - (i) the sale or redevelopment of the property; and
 - (ii) the transfer of the tenancy or property to a Community Housing Provider?
- (2) If some of this data is not currently collected, can the Minister explain:
 - (a) which specific data items are not collected;
 - (b) why that data is not collected; and
 - (c) what data, if any, is collected that would allow the relevant information to be derived or estimated?

- (3) If the Department does not record tenancy terminations at the notice stage as a distinct category, what steps, if any, are planned to remedy this gap, and by when? (26 March 2026)

24 Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Education–

- (1) How many students in Tasmania are diagnosed (assessed) as having dyslexia and learning difficulties within the Tasmanian public school system?
 - (2) How many students in Tasmania are diagnosed (assessed) as having dyslexia and learning difficulties within the private school system (including religious, private, independent schools)?
 - (3) What is the breakdown of age groups diagnosed with dyslexia and learning difficulties?
 - (4) What is the increase in students diagnosed with dyslexia and learning difficulties within the public school system over ten years to April 2026?
 - (5) How many students are currently waiting for assessment for a diagnosis?
 - (6) How many dyslexia educators and specialists currently work within the Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) in Tasmania?
 - (7) What is the ratio of these specialists to students with learning difficulties?
 - (8) What is the ratio of specialists to students with learning difficulties in each region?
 - (9) How many Teachers Aids have undertaken dedicated educator training for students experiencing learning difficulties?
 - (10) How many modules do students undertake through the UTAS Bachelor of Education and Masters of Education specialising in dyslexia and learning difficulties?
 - (11) Is DECYP funded to provide support to students with dyslexia and learning difficulties within the public school system, and if so, where is this funding?
 - (12) What continuous learning is offered for qualified teachers in the area of learning difficulties?
 - (13) What continuous learning is offered for teacher assistants in the area of learning difficulties?
- (14 April 2026)

25 Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure– With respect to the Illawarra Road Upgrade:

- (1) Has a risk analysis been conducted on the current design of road being constructed in Section 2B of Illawarra Road? If so:
 - (a) does this risk analysis include a safety audit that takes into account the movement of farm machinery from a standing P Turn across the middle of the planned high speed overtaking lanes and bi-directional traffic?
 - (b) does this risk analysis take into account the limited sight lines from this point, and from vehicles approaching this point?
 - (c) does this risk analysis take into account the high frequency of fog along Illawarra Road?
 - (d) when will this risk analysis and safety audit be provided to the adjoining landholders, who have been requesting it for over 12 months now?
- (2) What is the current cost of this project to date, and is the proposal going to remain within the budgeted guidelines of \$80M, or will this end up costing the State more?
- (3) Has a cost-benefit analysis been conducted for this project, since the Perth bypass was completed, that factors in the projected final speed limit of 80km/h for much of the Illawarra Roadway upgrade?
- (4) What reason is given for ignoring landowners' concerns regarding safety, and dismissal of their proposed alternative of a safer Bagdad-Mangalore style road with a centre turning lane and a lower speed limit of 80km/h, although this is being adopted along the adjoining Stage 2A?
- (5) Landowners have requested a Statement of Reasons from the Deputy Secretary Transport. When will this be provided?
- (6) Is road safety the highest priority for this road project, or is it perceived freight efficiency over farm? (14 April 2026)

27 Ms *Dow* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure–

- (1) What is the data on traffic incidents in the Burnie CBD and Bunnings Bass Highway intersection, including the running of red lights?
- (2) Has the installation of red-light cameras been considered in response to these incidents? (7 May 2026)

28 Ms *Badger* to ask the Minister for Parks–

- (1) What is, for the last four financial years, the annual expenditure figures relating to track and hut infrastructure for the following locations:
 - (a) the Walls of Jerusalem;

- (b) the South Coast Track;
 - (c) the Lake Rhona Track;
 - (d) the Overland Track;
 - (e) the Three Capes Track;
 - (f) Frenchman's Cap; and
 - (g) Mount Anne?
- (2) What is the breakdown of expenditure for each site by year including:
- (a) expenditure on new track infrastructure and upgrades;
 - (b) expenditure on track repairs and maintenance; and
 - (c) expenditure on hut construction, upgrades and maintenance? (20 May 2026)
- 29** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – With respect to bus services which pass through Sulphur Creek, is there the opportunity for Kinetic to stop in Sulphur Creek in addition to the current Metro Service to increase public transport options for residents? (21 May 2026)
- 30** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Environment – What is the State Government's contribution to the rehabilitation of the Port Sorell land fill, including all actions taken to date? (21 May 2026)
- 31** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning – Why was a Homes Tasmania invoice for short-term accommodation for a tenant, provided whilst their Homes Tasmania property was undergoing maintenance, made payable to the Department of Health? (21 May 2026)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*