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339 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 6 August 2020 was the 75th anniversary of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima.
- (2) Remembers the victims and survivors of Hiroshima, and of Nagasaki, bombed three days later.
- (3) Acknowledges the dedication and unceasing work of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, founded in Australia and awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017, promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in one hundred countries around the world.
- (4) Calls on Members to honour the victims and survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by signing the 'Parliamentary Pledge for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons', which is a commitment by parliamentarians around the world to work to promote the signature and ratification of the Treaty by their respective countries. (15 September 2020)

340 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the coronavirus pandemic has inflicted anxiety, sorrow and mental ill-health across the Tasmanian community.
- (2) Acknowledges Tasmanians in the aged care system have been particularly affected by COVID-19 restrictions and more isolated than many others in the community.
- (3) Further recognises that communication channels are critical to older people in aged care facilities.
- (4) Understands while most patients in Tasmanian hospitals have a bedside phone, an estimated 40 per cent – approximately 2,000 Tasmanian aged care residents - do not have a phone in their room.
- (5) Further understands Advocacy Tasmania has written to Minister for Youth, Sport, Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck on behalf of more than 5,000 Tasmanians living in aged care asking for in-room phones which they claim are a "lifeline".
- (6) Agrees a critical part of tackling elder abuse is the ability to ask for assistance.
- (7) Calls on the Gutwein Government to work with Federal Minister Colbeck to ensure all Tasmanians in aged care had access to in-room phones. (15 September 2020)

341 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that 15 September 2020 was the International Day for Democracy.
- (2) Agrees that key to democratic societies is freedom of speech and expression, a central part of which is a free press.
- (3) Understands that:—
 - (a) Australian writer, Yang Hengjun, was taken by Chinese authorities in January 2019, and is still in detention without charge;
 - (b) Cheng Lei, Australian anchor for China's government-run English news channel CGTN, was detained in Beijing, with the Australian Government notified of her detention on 14 August 2020 without charge; and

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- (c) The ABC's Bill Birtles and Tasmanian Mike Smith, from the Australian Financial Review, were forced to flee China on 8 September 2020 after a tense five-day diplomatic standoff.
- (4) Notes there are now no Australian journalists working for Australian media organisations in mainland China.
- (5) Further agrees with Federal Labor Leader, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP's comments on the ABC's Insiders program that the Chinese Communist Government was "quite clearly" intervening in Australia and "that requires a response by the Australian Government in the national interest".
- (6) Encourages Tasmanian Labor Members to take heed of their Federal Party Leader's comments and to remember their solemn obligation to stand up for democracy and human rights. (15 September 2020)

342 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes with disdain Tasmania has the weakest donation disclosure laws in the country and is the only State without a State-based legislative framework for donations.
- (2) Acknowledges the case was strongly made for electoral donations reform at the last State Election, when millions of dollars in donations went undisclosed.
- (3) Understand that lowering the threshold for political donations disclosure is critical to electoral reform.
- (4) Agrees that political donations must be disclosed in real time.
- (5) Recognises that to clean up democracy requires expenditure caps, bans on corporate donations and donations from foreign interests, and public funding for election campaigns as with every other Australian State, Territory and the Commonwealth.
- (6) Further notes, following wide public consultation, the Attorney-General, Hon. Elise Archer MP, received a report of the review of Tasmania's weak political donations framework in late 2019 and has not released it.
- (7) Calls on the Attorney-General to release the report publicly and prioritise electoral reforms ahead of the next State Election. (15 September 2020)

346 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that today is Battle of Britain Day, an annual day of remembrance for those who fought and died in the Battle of Britain, history's first entirely aerial campaign and a strategic turning point of the Second World War.
- (2) Notes that the Battle occurred over the United Kingdom between 10 July 1940 and 31 October 1940 between the air forces of Nazi Germany and the then British Empire and Commonwealth.
- (3) Further notes that Allied success in the Battle was pivotal in seeing the planned seaborne invasion of the United Kingdom by Hitler's Germany cancelled, allowing the British Isles to eventually become the springboard from which the invasion of occupied Europe was performed, leading to the liberation of millions under Nazi oppression.
- (4) Pays tribute to 'The Few', as Winston Churchill immortally named the fighter pilots fighting in the skies over Britain, for their service, courage and sacrifice, including more than thirty Australians, 14 of whom died in the Battle including Flight Lieutenant Stuart Walch, of Hobart, who attended the Hutchins School before joining the RAAF.
- (5) Acknowledges a memorial service commemorating the Battle held at St David's Cathedral on the weekend of 12-13 September 2020 and a wreath laying service at the Hobart Cenotaph with representatives from the Australian Defence Force, ex-service organisations and all levels of Government attending. (15 September 2020)

347 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 3 September 2020 was Australian National Flag Day, the annual day specifically dedicated to celebrating our national flag.
- (2) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day was officially established in 1996 by the proclamation of the former Governor-General Sir William Deane, AC, KBE, QC and celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901 over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne when then Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Edmund Barton GCMG, KC announced the winners of a competition to design a flag for Australia.

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- (3) Acknowledges the Australian National Flag as Australia's foremost national symbol and a unifying and powerful expression of Australian identity.
- (4) Further notes that Australian National Flag Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to reflect with pride and gratitude upon the achievements and qualities of this great nation since Federation.
- (5) Further acknowledges the sterling work of the Australian National Flag Association in promoting and protecting our national symbol, whose work locally is led by Mr Reg Watson.
- (6) Congratulates all individuals, community organisations, local authorities, businesses and schools across Tasmania that celebrated Australian National Flag Day by conducting flag-raising ceremonies and by flying or displaying the National Flag. (15 September 2020)

348 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that we have an estimated 26,000 temporary visa holders residing in Tasmania, who are ineligible for Commonwealth income support.
- (2) Further notes that due to the coronavirus pandemic a significant number of temporary visa holders in Tasmania lost their jobs, and particularly young people and workers in tourism, retail and education sectors were disproportionately affected, experiencing hardship and income loss and in many cases have exhausted their savings.
- (3) Acknowledges on 22 April 2020 the Gutwein Liberal Government announced a COVID-19 support package for temporary visa holders experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, including extending the eligibility for Pandemic Isolation Assistance Grants providing a one-off payment of \$250 per individual or up to \$1,000 per family.
- (4) Recognises that while this was a welcome contribution, one-off funding assistance provided at most one to two weeks' rent and food relief to eligible households.
- (5) Further notes the Premier, Hon. Peter Gutwein MP, promised up to \$3 million for his Government to work with industry sectors and employers to retain temporary visa holder employees because of their specialist skills so that we don't lose skilled workers.
- (6) Calls on the Liberal Government to report on how many temporary visa holder employees and households have been supported through these measures.
- (7) Further calls on the Liberal Government to urgently consult with stakeholders to understand what additional support is required by temporary workers and international students to ensure they do not fall through the gaps. (16 September 2020)

349 The Minister for Local Government to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledge the critical role the Local Government sector plays in supporting our communities through local representation, service delivery and planning that supports jobs and development.
- (2) Recognises that Councils will play a key role supporting recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic at the local and regional levels.
- (3) Commends the Local Government sector for its proactive approach to rolling out local stimulus and relief measures to Tasmanian communities.
- (4) Notes financial hardship policies have been developed across many municipalities to provide further financial assistance to those who need it the most.
- (5) Commends Local Governments for bringing forward capital works projects, which in turn are providing opportunities for local businesses and employment opportunities for Tasmanians.
- (6) Further notes the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council has been engaging directly with the Local Government sector on council's current and future needs, as we move into the recovery phase. (17 September 2020)

350 Ms *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the 'Rehabilitation & Reintegration Inspection Report: Inspection of Adult Custodial Services in Tasmania, 2018', tabled in Parliament on 16 September 2020.
- (2) Notes the report identifies and reinforces a wide range of significant issues in the State's corrections system, including but not limited to:—
 - (a) education programs being cut;
 - (b) prisoners receiving no assistance to prepare for release;

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- (c) Foundation and Case Management Plans not being reviewed as per the Director's Standing Orders;
 - (d) the need for more training for Tasmanian Prison Service staff;
 - (e) inadequate resourcing to meet the needs of prisoners with disabilities;
 - (f) the lack of a drug and alcohol program for women prisoners;
 - (g) the need to increase prisoner employment; and
 - (h) health and safety concerns across industry, food, and other areas of prisons.
- (3) Acknowledges prisoners have basic rights that must always be met by the corrections system.
 - (4) Recognises that failure to deliver on support for prisoners increases the risk of reoffending, as highlighted by the Custodial-Inspector.
 - (5) Further notes the reclassification of Ron Barwick Prison from a minimum security to a medium security facility.
 - (6) Further recognises that 19% of the State's prisoners are Aboriginal Tasmanians, a rate four times higher than the non-Aboriginal population.
 - (7) Understands this rate of incarceration for Aboriginal Tasmanians is unacceptable, and reflects the ongoing injustice faced by the First People of lutruwita/Tasmania.
 - (8) Further understands the Liberal Government's approach to justice and crime is failing the community and is continuing to place huge strain on the State's corrections system. (17 September 2020)

352 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Liberal Government's Expressions of Interest (EOI) process for developments in Parks is unprecedented in scale, and done without the input of Tasmanians.
- (2) Further recognises many of these developments will require a Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA) by the Parks and Wildlife Service.
- (3) Acknowledges the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal (RMPAT) concluded in relation to the Lake Malbena case that a project's compliance with a Management Plan cannot be appealed to RMPAT.
- (4) Understands this means for many EOI proposals, Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) assessments are the only appealable assessment for projects' compliance with management plans.
- (5) Further understands that the Parks and Wildlife Service recommended the proponents for Lake Malbena split the application in two in order to bypass EPBC assessments for key elements of the proposal.
- (6) Further recognises this is reflective of an executive culture in the Department of Primary Industries and Water (DPIPWE) focused on getting outcomes for developers, rather than fulfilling statutory and public obligations to protect wilderness and cultural values.
- (7) Agrees the RAA process is not a process in law, has no accountability, and without an avenue for appeal can be easily exploited to create a pre-engineered outcome for developments in protected areas.
- (8) Further agrees on the need for a proper statutory assessment process for developments in Park, which must include transparent application processes, community consultation, and the ability to appeal decisions in relation to Management Plan compliance. (22 September 2020)

353 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Agrees that food security is a basic human right - no Tasmanian should be without reliable access to affordable, nutritious food.
- (2) Commends the work of charities that even prior to COVID-19 were struggling to meet the rising need for food relief.
- (3) Notes with concern the Foodbank Hunger Report 2019 showed an 18% increase in Tasmanians seeking food assistance over the previous year 2018; and that 40% more food was required to meet demand.
- (4) Understands that cost of living is a key cause of food insecurity, especially for low income households, with many families going hungry due to an unexpected expense, cutting down or skipping meals or going a whole day without eating.

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- (5) Recognises food relief providers have run out of Government funding, are over-extended and are dependent on support from donations and volunteers.
- (6) Further notes that when income support schemes are wound back, food relief providers are expecting to get all their old clients back in addition to those who have been new through the doors during COVID.
- (7) Calls on the Liberal Government to immediately allocate additional funding to meet the need for food relief and implement long-term funding agreements to provide for this essential service. (22 September 2020)

354 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges freedom of expression in the Arts is central to a healthy, vibrant democracy.
- (2) Understands the filmmaker of 'Wild Things' is a Screen Tasmania grant recipient.
- (3) Notes that 'Wild Things' captures the experiences of young environmentalists and climate strikers, fighting for the future of human survival in a time of climate emergency.
- (4) Further notes with concern that the Honourable Member for Braddon, Dr Broad MP, would prefer the heavy hand of a government censor to intervene in artist's grant applications.
- (5) Recognises that Dr Broad's comments are extremely concerning from someone who presents himself as an alternative minister.
- (6) Further acknowledges that unlike Dr Broad and Labor, the Greens will always stand with the arts community and defend their right to freedom of expression, along with the climate strikers and environment protesters fighting for the future.
- (7) Calls on the Government to maintain the independence of Screen Tasmania and its grant decisions. (22 September 2020)

355 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the large gathering of people who attended the East Coast Alliance's AGM for 2020 in Swansea.
- (2) Understands that, despite the strictures of the COVID-19 pandemic, that has seen many groups contract, this thriving community group has had an increase in members, donations, and social media engagement.
- (3) Recognises the East Coast Alliance was born from the fight to stop the mega Cambria Green takeover of farmland, lifestyle, cultural heritage and environment.
- (4) Further recognises the Alliance is getting bigger, stronger and wiser and will not give up in the fight to defend their community.
- (5) Calls on the Government to commit to not declaring the Cambria Green development a Major Project. (22 September 2020)

357 Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Minister for the Arts, Hon. Elise Archer MP, signed off on funding for the 'Wild Things' documentary.
- (2) Further notes that the 'Wild Things' documentary promotes protesting in Tasmanian forests including footage of tree sits and individuals locking onto forestry equipment.
- (3) Further notes the Minister for Resources, Hon. Guy Barnett MP, questioned the funding for the 'Wild Things' documentary for promoting illegal activities in Tasmanian forests and called for an investigation into decision making in his Ministerial colleague Elise Archer's portfolio.
- (4) Further notes that Liberal Government support for the 'Wild Things' documentary has been widely condemned by the forestry industry.
- (5) Further notes that the Liberal Government support for the 'Wild Things' documentary has been welcomed by the Greens Party.
- (6) Calls on the Government to explain how it can support illegal activities with public funding. (22 September 2020)

359 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the week of 14 - 20 September 2020 was the Australian College of Nursing "Nursing in the Community Week", which is an excellent opportunity to recognise and appreciate the amazing work of Tasmania's Community Nurses.

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- (2) Celebrates and thank all of our incredible nurses for their service and the immense contribution they make to the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians.
- (3) Notes that community nursing has a long history in Tasmania, with District and Bush Nurses delivering services to the community since 1896.
- (4) Recognises that the 2020 theme, “Nurses where you need them”, is aimed at raising awareness about how nurses can support people to stay safe at home.
- (5) Further acknowledges the significant contribution of our community nurses who continue to provide critically important hospital avoidance services throughout GP clinics, outpatient services and regional primary healthcare centres across the State, particularly as we continue to deal with COVID-19.
- (6) Further notes that 2020 is also the International Year of the Nurse & Midwife.
- (7) Commends the Australian College of Nursing for continuing to support nurses in our communities through the promotion of the Nursing in the Community Week. (22 September 2020)

360 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Cancer Council Tasmania Women's 5km Walk/Run was held on the weekend of 11-13 September 2020.
- (2) Recognises that each year, the Women's 5km Walk/Run brings together men, women and children of all ages, backgrounds, levels of fitness and accessibility across Tasmania in celebration and remembrance of life.
- (3) Acknowledges that the 2020 theme was “Do It For Her” and was held as a virtual event, which allowed participants to do their 5kms over the course of three days in a location of their choice.
- (4) Further recognises the event supports and encourages health awareness for all Tasmanians and also raises funds for Cancer Council Tasmania's research programs to support the more than 3,200 Tasmanians diagnosed with cancer each year.
- (5) Congratulates all 868 participants who attended the event across the State on their fantastic efforts and ongoing support, by raising over \$124,000 so far to help minimise the impact and incidence of cancer on Tasmanians.
- (6) Commends the Cancer Council Tasmania on the success of the 2020 event, and by being able to adapt the model for Tasmanians to still participate in a COVID-19 environment.
- (7) Encourages the Tasmanian community to continue to give generously and get involved in local events to support the ongoing fight against cancer for the benefit of all Australians. (22 September 2020)

362 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the 7th Longford Jazz Festival took place from 18 - 20th September 2020.
- (2) Appreciates the Festival was a celebration of everything that is special and unique about jazz music, including an impressive range of performers from around the State.
- (3) Acknowledges the 2020 Festival included a program of events celebrating key elements of jazz culture and music and included events around Perth and Longford, highlighted by a Saturday Night Jazz Concert at the Town Hall in Longford.
- (4) Commends the many performing artists and guest bands involved with the festival, which came from all around the State, showcasing their incredible talent.
- (5) Congratulates saxophone player Danny Healy, recipient of the 2020 Peter Voss Memorial Award, and vocalist Kylie Wright, recipient of the ‘Dick Adams Encouragement Award’.
- (6) Further congratulates Don Ives, for his leadership and vision to first start the music festival in 2014, and Dee Alty for her commitment in helping organise the 2020 event.
- (7) Further congratulates all those involved for their hard work in promoting and putting on the Festival and also the Longford community on their efforts and commitment in again hosting what is a growing festival each year. (23 September 2020)

363 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the official opening of the Deloraine Bowls Club for the 2020/2021 Pennant Season took place on 20 September, 2020.
- (2) Notes that the Club was established 1926 and is still going strong.

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- (3) Further recognises the invaluable facility that the Club provides for the local community where people can gather and enjoy social bowls, club bowls, events and functions.
- (4) Congratulates President Keith Davis and his hardworking team on their leadership and support of this terrific facility.
- (5) Encourages everyone living in the Deloraine area, or even just passing through, to visit this fantastic Club. (23 September 2020)

364 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that 28 September 2020 is International Safe Abortion Day.
- (2) Recognises Tasmanian women are entitled to full access to reproductive health services.
- (3) Further notes that international research has found that jurisdictions where terminations are difficult to access are associated with higher maternal mortality and unsafe abortion rates, and barriers to abortion access in Australia particularly affect young women, rural women and women of low socio economic status.
- (4) Further notes that regional access and cost remain significant barriers to access in Tasmania.
- (5) Further notes that the Government committed in the Parliament to facilitating a standalone facility that would be operational by November 2018.
- (6) Further notes that the aforementioned facility is still not available.
- (7) Further notes that Tasmania's response to termination access should not be based on the good will of a handful of doctors.
- (8) Calls upon the Minister for Health, Hon. Sarah Courtney MP, to act immediately to ensure women are not forced to leave the State to access surgical termination or required to access financial assistance in order to afford a termination.
- (9) Further calls upon the Minister for Health to provide State-wide access to terminations in the public hospital system, under all circumstances in which terminations are permitted by law, in accordance with Clause 4 and 5 of the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013.
- (10) Directs the Minister for Health to report to the House on the implementation of this service. (24 September 2020)

367 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Expresses concern at reports that at-risk Tasmanian children in the Brahminy program in the Northern Territory have been mistreated.
- (2) Recognises the allegations have been raised by former participants in the program, as well as the families of current participants who want their children to be brought home.
- (3) Notes allegations that Allan Brahminy is not who he claims to be, including evidence that he concocted a story about being abandoned as a child and adopted by an Aboriginal family.
- (4) Calls on the Liberal Government to bring the children home from Brahminy immediately. (13 October 2020)

369 Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Hon. Guy Barnett MP failed to protect the \$400m Tasmanian potato industry by approving imports from South Australia without consultation with the industry.
- (2) Further notes that Minister Barnett's own review revealed that the original decision did not adequately reduce the risks of the Tasmanian industry being devastated by mutated strains of Potato Virus Y.
- (3) Further notes that Minister Barnett's own review revealed that the original import decision did not require South Australian potatoes to be grown from disease free certified seed.
- (4) Further notes that Minister Barnett's own review highlighted that the potato Import Risk Assessment was out of date.
- (5) Further notes that despite Minister Barnett defending the original decision his own review highlighted flaws in the import approval leading to a further review of the program audit and verification process.

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- (6) Further notes that labelling imported potato packages with a “do not plant” notice is not going to eliminate disease risk though planting or disposal of South Australian potatoes.
- (7) Condemns the Minister for Primary Industries and Water for not putting Tasmanian potato growers first. (13 October 2020)

370 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Anti-Poverty Week is being held 11-17 October 2020 supporting:—
 - (a) affordable housing for all as the best solution to reducing poverty and partnering with the 'Everybody's Home' campaign, and
 - (b) adequate income support through the 'Raise the Rate' campaign.
- (2) Acknowledges more than 80,000 Tasmanians live below the poverty line, and the Australia Institute estimates that temporary income support measures lifted 4,000 Tasmanian children out of poverty.
- (3) Recognises according to Foodbank’s Hunger Report 2020 demand for food relief has doubled from 15% to 31% of Australians experiencing food insecurity seeking food relief at least once a week.
- (4) Further acknowledges short-term stimulus funding for food relief in Tasmania has been exhausted.
- (5) Further notes there is a maintenance backlog in Tasmanian social housing estimated at \$60 million and that every dollar invested in building houses or repairing houses returns \$3 in the economy.
- (6) Condemns the Morrison Federal Government for failing to invest in adequate income support or social housing in its Federal Budget on 6 October 2020, missing an opportunity to tackle poverty, homelessness and housing affordability while creating and supporting jobs in building and construction.
- (7) Calls on the Gutwein Liberal Government to:—
 - (a) provide long-term funding security for food relief;
 - (b) set a target of 10% of all dwellings to be social and affordable housing; and
 - (c) allocate further funding for urgent repairs and maintenance to public housing, creating jobs in construction for tradespeople. (13 October 2020)

371 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that World Homelessness Day on 10 October 2020 raised awareness globally and locally, and was a reminder that too many people are struggling to put a roof over their heads.
- (2) Recognises service providers are relying on outdated official data; Census 2016 showed that homelessness impacts more than 1,600 Tasmanians on any given night, especially young people and older women, and is not confined to our larger cities, with at least half the homeless population living in regional and rural areas.
- (3) Further notes that the most recent service usage data suggests homelessness is not only getting worse in Tasmania may have doubled since 2016 and shows there are 31 requests to shelters every day that go unassisted.
- (4) Agrees that housing ends homelessness, but the housing waitlist has increased 64% since the Liberal Government took office.
- (5) Further notes that in this term the Government has provided only short-term responses to address homelessness without a long-term plan.
- (6) Calls on the Liberal Government to:—
 - (a) adopt the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Select Committee report;
 - (b) provide long-term funding security for the Safe Night Space program to continue operations beyond end 2020;
 - (c) fund an extension of the Street2Home program in northern Tasmania; and
 - (d) outline a long-term plan for the extension of shelters.
- (7) Condemns the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for failing to respond adequately to the deepening homelessness emergency. (13 October 2020)

372 Ms *White* to move—That the House expresses no confidence in the Minister for Human Services, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for the following reasons:—

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- (1) Serious allegations have been raised about the mistreatment of children in the Many Colours 1 Direction program in the Northern Territory.
- (2) The Minister for Human Services, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP's refusal to bring Tasmanian children in the program home, despite unresolved concerns about the treatment of children and the identity of the program's founder, Allan Brahminy.
- (3) The Minister said in a radio interview on 2 October 2020 that allegations Allan Brahminy concocted his identity and indigenous background would not form part of the investigation.
- (4) The Minister has repeatedly assured this Parliament and the people of Tasmania that children in the Brahminy program are safe and are being successfully rehabilitated.
- (5) Video evidence has emerged which shows a participant in the program allegedly speeding in a stolen vehicle, risking the safety of themselves and members of the public.
- (6) The Minister would have known, or ought to have known about this incident when he claimed children in the program were safe.
- (7) The Minister has actively played down concerns about the safety of the children in the program, including describing the disturbing incident of a child stealing a vehicle and speeding through a community area as "more of a joyride."
- (8) The Minister has repeatedly misled the Parliament and is unfit to be a Minister of the Crown. (14 October 2020)

373 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Veterans' Health Week is being held from 24 October – 1 November 2020.
- (2) Notes that the Week—an annual national week—raises awareness of improving health and wellbeing for former and current serving Australian Defence Force personnel, their families and carers.
- (3) Further notes that the Week also highlights the key role played by the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs, ex-serving organisations and community groups in supporting our veterans and ex-serving personnel.
- (4) Acknowledges that the theme for Veterans' Health Week in 2020 is social connection—a reflection of the impact that COVID-19 has had on our community during 2020.
- (5) Further acknowledges support provided by the Tasmanian Liberal Government to Tasmania's more than 10,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel which includes more than \$750,000 in additional funding over three years.
- (6) Further notes that this support includes a \$225,000 Veterans Active Recreation Program, \$100,000 commitment to a Veterans Retreat in Tasmania's Central Highlands and \$60,000 support towards a feasibility study into a potential veterans wellbeing centre in Tasmania.
- (7) Encourages Tasmanians, particularly our veterans and ex-serving personnel, to participate in events and support mental wellness. (15 October 2020)

374 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises and congratulates Stephen and Jill Roney, owners of Stephen Roney Hairdressing, for their 50 years of operation in the hairdressing industry and business, based in Northern Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges that running a business at times is challenging, however the way in which Stephen and Jill have employed local people and supported the broader Launceston community has ensured their success over the years, creating a strong brand that is known and loved by their clients.
- (3) Notes the challenges faced by many businesses within our community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the hairdressing industry, and recognises the resilience shown by Stephen and Jill to overcome these challenges and adapt their business during this unprecedented time.
- (4) Congratulates Stephen and Jill on achieving a commendable milestone within their journey as business owners and wishes them all the best and many more years of success.

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- (5) Encourages the Tasmanian community to continue to support local business within our State as we move towards recovery, so that more businesses can celebrate significant milestones as well. (15 October 2020)

375 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the YMCA Launceston on their 140th birthday which was celebrated on 3 October 2020.
- (2) Notes the integral role in the local community the YMCA has, being a key advocate for strong people, strong families and strong communities.
- (3) Recognises the importance of the start of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) which focussed on helping men to find employment, gain friendships, open homes and increase work in the church and State.
- (4) Further recognises the growth the YMCA has had over the many years and the important role it has played in the Launceston community, through the introduction of programs such as judo, yoga, indoor bowls, square dancing, trampolining, netball and Sunday night folk music and the coffee shop, which has continued to broaden opportunities for all ages from the 1960's to the present day.
- (5) Pays tribute to the late Ray Willis, CEO over many years who helped to establish the YMCA as an integral part of the Launceston community, creating a welcoming atmosphere where anyone could go and be given an equal chance to participate no matter their skill level.
- (6) Acknowledges the current CEO, Jodie Johnson who has been an employee of the YMCA for the past 40 years and has worked tirelessly to ensure the Launceston community has programs and services which support all ranges of people from adults through to children.
- (7) Congratulates the Board, CEO Jodie Johnson and the broader YMCA staff and volunteers on reaching such a milestone of their 140th birthday and wishes them all the success into the future. (15 October 2020)

376 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Brooke Brown from the Launceston Football Club Women's team on being selected in the AFLW Draft at pick 49 to enter the 2021 season with Tasmanian affiliated AFLW team North Melbourne.
- (2) Recognises that Brooke will be the 12th Tasmanian woman to have been drafted within the AFLW system since its inaugural season in 2017, which has seen the women's competition grow, supported and loved by many around the nation.
- (3) Acknowledges that Brooke will join fellow Northern Tasmanian's Daria Bannister, Abbey Green and Mia King, all playing their senior women's football in the Tasmanian State League with the Launceston Football Club.
- (4) Further recognises Brooke's immense talent across a range different sports that she has participated in, noting that Brooke has been a member of the successful Launceston Tornadoes Women's basketball team over a number of years, with basketball being her sport of choice in the past.
- (5) Congratulates Brooke on a milestone achievement and wishes her every success for her inaugural season in the AFLW for North Melbourne.
- (6) Encourages all women and girls to follow their dreams to ensure they have every opportunity to strive for the next level within their sporting journey whether it be in the AFLW or another sporting code. (15 October 2020)

378 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Anti-Poverty Week was held 11-17 October 2020.
- (2) Acknowledges that according to TasCOSS about 120,000 Tasmanians live in poverty, and that, sadly, it is estimated that one in four Tasmanians live below the poverty line, affecting thousands of children.
- (3) Further notes that the Tasmanian Commissioner for Children and Young People estimates that 4,000 Tasmanian children were lifted out of poverty over the past six months as Federal Government income support payments were increased in response to COVID-19.

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- (4) Further acknowledges that for many Tasmanian children, increased income support payments meant a better standard of living, and that it was the first time they had full bellies every day of the week.
- (5) Further notes with concern that the Commissioner for Children and Young People predicts that with cuts to JobSeeker and JobKeeper, thousands of children will again be forced to live in poverty.
- (6) Calls on the Gutwein Liberal Government to outline what it is doing to ensure those 4,000 children and their families not find themselves living back below the poverty line. (15 October 2020)

379 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that October is Work Safe month.
- (2) Further notes that Safe Work Australia released data this in October 2020 showing that the rate of workplace injury and fatalities in 2019 have increased for the first time since 2007. There were 183 workplace fatalities in 2019, an increase of 38 from 2018.
- (3) Further notes that On 25 February 2019, the Report of the first national review of Australia's model Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws was released. The Report called for the introduction of new offences of gross negligence and industrial manslaughter.
- (4) Further notes that Ministers responsible for WHS were expected to respond to Ms Boland's report in 2019.
- (5) Further notes that Industrial manslaughter provisions have been introduced in Act, Queensland, Northern Territory, Victoria and Western Australia.
- (6) Calls on the Government to act immediately to introduce industrial manslaughter provisions. (15 October 2020)

380 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with the power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon insecure work, wage theft and labour hire, with particular reference to the:—
 - (a) impact of Covid-19 on workers in insecure work;
 - (b) social and economic impacts of insecure work in Tasmania;
 - (c) links between workforce casualisation and insecure work and wage theft;
 - (d) prevalence of systematic wage theft of Tasmanian workers;
 - (e) drivers of wage theft and the role of government, employer organisations and unions in addressing and preventing wage theft;
 - (f) social and economic impacts, of replacing permanent employees, apprentices and trainees with labour hire workers;
 - (g) extent and impact on long-term workforce needs of the practice of replacing permanent employees, apprentices and trainees with labour hire workers;
 - (h) allegations that labour hire and sham contracting are employed to avoid workplace laws and other statutory obligations;
 - (i) housing and conditions for workers employed in the labour hire industry;
 - (j) enforcement of current laws in the labour hire industry;
 - (k) allegations of exploitation, harassment and other mistreatment of workers;
 - (l) regulatory mechanisms to meet the objectives of protecting the rights of vulnerable workers; and
 - (m) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 5 Members, being: 2 Members of the Government nominated by the Leader of the House; 2 Members of the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; 1 Member of the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens; and the Honourable Member for Clark, Ms *Ogilvie*.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 March 2021. (15 October 2020)

381 Ms *O'Connor* to move— That the House:—

- (1) Notes Mental Health Week in Tasmania was held between 5-10 October 2020.
- (2) Acknowledges the critical importance of protecting the mental wellbeing of the most vulnerable and marginalised within our community.
- (3) Recognises that the LGBTI Health Alliance reports that:—

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- (a) 57.2% of Transgender and Gender Diverse people aged 18 and over have been diagnosed with depression in their lifetime;
 - (b) 53% of Transgender people aged 18 and over have self-harmed in their lifetime, 11% currently self-harming;
 - (c) Transgender people aged 18 and over are six and a half times more likely to self-harm and nearly eleven times more likely to attempt suicide;
 - (d) 35% of Transgender people aged 18 and over have attempted suicide in their lifetime; and
 - (e) 41% of Transgender people and people with a Non-Binary gender, aged 18 years and over, reported thoughts of suicide or self-harm in the last 2 weeks.
- (4) Understands transphobic statements only add to the already heavy mental health burden carried by many transgender people.
 - (5) Further acknowledges that community leaders have responsibility to reduce mental health pressures in every way possible, not amplify them.
 - (6) Condemns Liberal Senator the Hon. Claire Chandler for her damaging transphobic statements and continued lack of empathy for transgender Tasmanians. (15 October 2020)

383 Ms Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that COVID-19 has caused widespread and deep damage to societies and economies around the world, including lutruwita/Tasmania.
- (2) Further acknowledges the Tasmanian Government has listened to expert advice and taken strong, decisive, and successful action in response to this crisis.
- (3) Recognises that, while COVID-19 is an incredibly serious ongoing issue, the worsening effects of global heating are continuing apace at the same time.
- (4) Further recognises the consensus of experts is that serious climate action must no longer be delayed for any reason.
- (5) Understands that our economic recovery from COVID-19 presents a unique opportunity to reshape our future in a way that will benefit both people and planet.
- (6) Further understands this process requires us to recognise the urgency and severity of the challenges posed by global heating.
- (7) Declares a climate emergency. (10 November)

384 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that Pearn's Steam World has been operating in Westbury since 1987 and features a nationally significant assortment of steam traction engines, tractors, farm equipment and memorabilia collected from the 1950's.
- (2) Notes that the hugely popular annual Pearn's Steam Up was held over the Recreation Day long weekend 31 October – 2 November 2020 and welcomed visitors from all over the State.
- (3) Further notes the 2020 Pearn's teamed up with the Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania and other organisations to enhance this wonderful community event.
- (4) Further notes that the 2020 event saw ABC Landline interviewing Pearn sisters – Ruth Paterson, Anne Heazlwood and Jean Weeding – for a Landline episode on the Pearn family and their wonderful history in the region which will be shown early in 2021.
- (5) Recognises that Pearn's Steam World is run entirely by volunteers and brings visitors from all over the world to Westbury.
- (6) Congratulates the Pearn's Steam World Committee on another spectacular event. (17 November 2020)

385 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that 14 November 2020 was World Diabetes Day, an international day of awareness and advocacy on behalf of those affected by diabetes.
- (2) Notes that an estimated 41,000 people in Tasmania are living with diabetes, making it a significant health issue facing our community.
- (3) Further notes that:—
 - (a) the 2021 Diabetes Tasmania Pollie Pedal is scheduled for 26-28 February 2021 with this 3 day road cycling event being held for the 16th year to raise awareness and funds to support Diabetes Tasmania;

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- (b) a team of riders will cycle through the beautiful Tasmanian landscape, starting in St Helens, passing through the St Mary's Pass, to Bicheno and Triabunna before finishing in historic Richmond; and
 - (c) since its establishment in February 2006 by Hon. Guy Barnett and Diabetes Tasmania, over \$740,000 has been raised to support Tasmanians with diabetes, their families and those at risk.
- (4) Further notes the Pollie Pedal is a fantastic initiative and encourages Tasmanians to support the event through corporate sponsorship, joining the ride or by making a donation.
- (5) Congratulates the team at Diabetes Tasmania for spearheading Tasmania's Pollie Pedal, particularly CEO Caroline Wells with terrific support from Fundraising and Marketing Coordinator Ange Headlam. (17 November 2020)

386 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
- (2) Commends the nominees for Best Project or Project Management:—
 - (a) Taswater: H2GO bespoke mobile application integrating with IBM Maximo to enable a digital future;
 - (b) MyState: Robotic Process Automation to boost front & back office productivity;
 - (c) C5 Pro-Solution: Developing Censo's cloud-based engineering and project management platform; and
 - (d) Hydro Tasmania: Secure Connectivity Project delivering a state-wide connectivity uplift.
- (3) Congratulates the Joint winners Tas Water and MyState for their well-deserved joint win. (17 November 2020)

387 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
- (2) Commends the nominees for Best ICT Employer:—
 - (a) DXC Technology: Protecting staff and creating pathways for them to grow & expand capabilities;
 - (b) ISW: Local recruitment, supporting further education & training, respect for individuals, staff retention;
 - (c) MyState: Allowing staff to grow and develop, significant ICT investment, generous reward & recognition; and
 - (d) Department of Education: Providing a clear strategic direction built on purpose, value & goals.
- (3) Congratulates MyState for winning this award and investing in their staff. (17 November 2020)

388 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
- (2) Commends the nominees for the Outstanding Contribution of a Tasmanian Woman in Technology in what was an extremely competitive field:—
 - (a) Tracey Hill: Lead teacher for the Women in ICT Pathways pilot programme through Skills Tasmania;
 - (b) Alicja Mosbauer: Reporting and Data Insights Analyst delivering Business Intelligence reporting solutions;
 - (c) Lisa Clapham: Manager Data Quality and Systems Configuration. Key player driving improvement and change;
 - (d) Meredith Castles: Programme Researcher ACS and PhD candidate UTAS, enabling women's empowerment; and
 - (e) Fiona Turner: Co-Founder Bitwise Agronomy. Leader, role model, tutor, mentor and volunteer.
- (3) Congratulates Lisa Clapham for winning this significant award. (17 November 2020)

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- 389** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
 - (2) Commends the nominees for Outstanding Contribution to Sustainability or Protection of the Environment:—
 - (a) Sustainable Timber Tasmania: Applying Internet of Things to landscape scale wedge-tailed eagle management;
 - (b) C5 Pro-Solutions: Developing Censo's cloud-based engineering and project management platform; and
 - (c) Huon Aquaculture & TasmaNet: IoT Asset Tracking. Advanced GPS tracking on select on-water equipment.
 - (3) Congratulates Sustainable Timbers Tasmania for winning this award. (17 November 2020)
- 390** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
 - (2) Commends the nominees for Best Customer Service or Solution in an ICT Business:—
 - (a) DXC Technology: DXC Technology Service Desk Centre – Service during COVID-19;
 - (b) Launtel: Residential National Broadband Network Service Support;
 - (c) Secret Lab & TasNetworks: Bill Shock, the game. Modern, entertaining game for smartphones & tablets; and
 - (d) MyState: Personalised Insights and Auto-Savings. Mobile banking app predictive analytics capability.
 - (3) Congratulates the winner MyState for their win in this category. (17 November 2020)
- 391** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
 - (2) Commends the nominees for Best Innovation from Regional Tasmania:—
 - (a) Bitwise Agronomy: Greenview. Product to identify, count and measure parameters in horticultural crops; and
 - (b) 42-24: West Coast Telecommunications Upgrade Project via Dense Wave Division Multiplexer equipment.
 - (3) Congratulate BitWise Agronomy for their award win. (17 November 2020)
- 392** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
 - (2) Commends the nominees for Best Diversity & Inclusion Initiative:—
 - (a) Blueline Laundry: Tasmania's most talented laundry. Unearthing a depth of ICT talent to activate future projects;
 - (b) ACS & TasTAFE: Women in ICT Pathways Programme. A 24 month scholarship programme with a 36 student intake; and
 - (c) MyState: Diversity is King. Technology team with ethnic diversity featuring 10+ nationalities & varied backgrounds.
 - (3) Commends Blueline Laundry for their win which recognises the wealth of talent in their workforce and in particular the support of migrant workers and their skills. (17 November 2020)
- 393** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
 - (2) Commends the nominees for the IT Exporter of the Year:—
 - (a) Fortifyedge: Smart Airport Industry 4.0 supporting the expansion of the defence market in Australia & Overseas;
 - (b) Red Piranha: Crystal Eye UTM has advanced capabilities to provide security solutions for devices, data and privacy; and

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- (c) ISW: Kudos Suite, Collab Cloud-Managed Services, Sale of IP & Provision of Services.
- (3) Congratulates ISW on their well deserved win. (17 November 2020)
- 394** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart
- (2) Commends the nominees for the Best Cyber Security Initiative:—
- (a) Project Lab;
- (c) AQ Advisory; and
- (d) Red Piranha.
- (3) Congratulates AQ Advisory on winning this category. (7 November 2020)
- 395** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
- (2) Commends the nominees for the ICT Student of the Year:—
- (a) Jay Petrusma: UTAS. A quiet contributor with impressive skills, demeanour and work ethic;
- (b) Mahima Maharjan: UTAS. Fluent technical background and aptitude for software programming;
- (c) Meredith Castles: UTAS. Researching how ICT can be taught better with science, communication & citizen science; and
- (d) Molly Steer: UTAS. Working full-time as a customer success specialist while studying both ICT + business.
- (3) Congratulates Meredith Castles on winning this award. (17 November 2020)
- 396** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the TasICT Excellence Awards were announced at a gala event on 13 November 2020 in Hobart.
- (2) Commends the nominees for 'the Best ICT Partnership':—
- (a) Fortifyedge: Partnered with Thales Australia to develop Smart Airport Industry 4.0 to expand defence market;
- (b) TasNetworks & Intuit Technologies: Enable Working from Home capability for the continuation of energy delivery; and
- (c) Huon Aquaculture & TasmaNet: A data network enabling offshore salmon farming activities and communications.
- (3) Congratulates Tas Networks and Intuit Technologies on their win. (17 November 2020)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*