

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Thursday, 28 May 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 9:04 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Mr Vermey (from 9:05 a.m.)  
Mr Winter  
Dr Woodruff

### TRANSFER OF OUTPUTS TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'B'

*Ordered*, That in accordance with the information contained in the budget documentation tabled in the House on 21 May 2026, the relevant Ministerial portfolio outputs be referred to the relevant stakeholder Minister for examination by the relevant Estimates Committee. (Dr Woodruff)

### MESSAGE TO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

House of Assembly Estimates Committee A has passed the following Resolution:-

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the information contained in the budget documentation tabled in the House on 21 May 2026, the relevant Ministerial portfolio outputs be referred to the relevant stakeholder Minister for examination by the relevant Estimates Committee.

28 May 2026  
Parliament House  
Hobart.

Helen Burnet MP  
**Chair – Committee A**

Mr Vermey joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m..

### ORDER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES

The Committee deliberated upon the order for the consideration of relevant estimates contained in the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary advise:

- (a) The Tasmanian Audit Office that they are required to attend half an hour before the examination of the Estimates of the Treasurer concludes (Tuesday, 2 June at 12.30 p.m.)
- (b) The Office of the Governor that they are not required to attend. (Ms Burnet)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*Resolved*, That the Chair write to Ministers appearing before the Committee to request that opening statements be tabled, rather than read. (Mr Winter)

At 9:18 a.m. the Committee adjourned till 8:00 a.m., Monday, 1 June next.

Confirmed:

Date: 16/06/2026 Chair: 

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Monday, 1 June 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 8:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Mr Vermey  
Mr Willie (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Dr Woodruff

Also at the Table

Ms Brown  
Mr George  
Ms Johnston  
Mr O'Byrne

### ESTIMATES OF THE PREMIER

**DIVISION 1: BRAND TASMANIA**

**DIVISION 7: MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT**

**DIVISION 10: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET**

**APPROPRIATION BILL NO.2 – SCHEDULE 1, PART 6 – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

### WITNESSES:-

Hon. *Jeremy Rockliff* MP

#### Department of Premier and Cabinet:

Kathrine Morgan-Wicks, Secretary and Head of the State Service

Lisa Howes, Chief Governance and Risk Officer

Mathew Healey, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

The Premier tabled:

- myService Tas highlights

Overview of Agency activities continued.

At 9.13 a.m. Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

The Premier tabled:

- Tell Someone 2026 Campaign

Overview of Agency activities continued.

At 9.15 a.m. Mr O'Byrne took a seat at the Table.

The Premier tabled:

- Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy: Building our on-island resilience; and
- Resilience and Recovery Tasmania: Highlights for financial year 2025/26.

Overview of Agency activities continued.

The Premier tabled:

- Data and Digital Government: Highlights for 2025-2026.

Suspension of sitting 10.02 a.m. to 10.14 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Ms Burnet (Chair)*  
*Mr Vermey*  
*Mr Willie (substitute for Mr Winter)*  
*Dr Woodruff*

Also at the Table

*Ms Brown*  
*Mr George*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Mr O'Byrne*

Overview of Agency activities continued.

At 10.51 a.m. Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

At 11.30 a.m. Ms Brown withdrew.

At 11.34 a.m. Ms Brown took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 12.12 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Vermey (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Dow (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Mr George (substitute for Ms Burnet)  
Dr Woodruff

Also at the Table

Mr Garland  
Ms Haddad

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING, MINISTER FOR AGEING AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

**DIVISION 8: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA**

**DIVISION 10: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET**

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Bridget Archer* MP

Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Tasmania:

Jason Jacobi, Secretary

Louise Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Environment, Heritage and Land

Will Jocelyne, General Manager (Heritage)

Department of Premier and Cabinet:

Mellissa Gray, Deputy Secretary, Policy, and Reform

Caroline Spotswood, Director, Aboriginal Partnerships

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

At 1:38 p.m. Mr *Garland* withdrew.

At 2.20 p.m. Ms *Haddad* withdrew.

At 2.25 p.m. Ms *Haddad* took a seat at the Table.

At 2.48 p.m. Professor *Razay* took a seat at the Table.

At 2.51 p.m. Ms *Haddad* withdrew.

At 2.56 p.m. Ms *Haddad* took a seat at the Table.

At 2.58 p.m. Mr *George* withdrew.

The time for the examination of this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 3.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m.

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**DIVISION 5: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Ms Haddad (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Ms Rosol (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Mr Vermey

Also at the Table

Ms Dow  
Mr Garland  
Mr George  
Ms Johnston  
Mr O'Byrne  
Prof Razay

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. Bridget Archer MP

Department of Health:

Dale Webster, Secretary  
Sally Badcock, Associate Secretary  
Prof Dinesh Arya, Deputy Secretary, CQRA, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Psychiatrist  
Nicole Ashworth, Chief Executive, Ambulance Tasmania  
Dr Mark Veitch, Director of Public Health

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

At 3.39 p.m., Ms Johnston withdrew.

At 4.15 p.m., Mr Garland withdrew.

At 4.17 p.m., Mr Garland took a seat at the Table.

At 4.24 p.m., Mr Vermey and Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

At 4.26 p.m., Mr O'Byrne took a seat at the Table.

At 4.27 p.m., Mr Vermey took a seat at the Table.

The Minister tabled:

- Affordable In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Fertility Support Initiative Fact Sheet and Guidelines.

At 4.50 p.m., Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

At 4.52 p.m., Mr O'Byrne took a seat at the Table.

At 5.04 p.m., Mr Garland withdrew.

The Minister tabled:

- Infrastructure Services End of Year Highlights 2025-2026

Suspension of sitting 5.10 p.m. to 5.20 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Ms Haddad (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Ms Rosol (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Mr Vermey

Also at the Table

Ms Dow  
Mr Garland  
Mr George  
Mr O'Byrne  
Prof Razay

Overview of Agency activities continued.

The Minister tabled:

- Disability Health Strategy 2024-2025 Progress Report and 2026 Action Plan

At 5.33 p.m., Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

Overview of Agency activities continued.

The Minister tabled:

- Midwifery Matters: Tasmanian Midwifery Workforce Strategy 2025-2030, February 2026.

At 5.55 p.m., Mr *Garland* withdrew.

At 6.14 p.m., Prof *Razay* withdrew.

At 6.24 p.m., Prof *Razay* took a seat at the Table.

At 7.04 p.m., Ms *Haddad* withdrew.

At 7.07 p.m., Ms *Haddad* took a seat at the Table.

At 7.09 p.m., Mr *Shelton* took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 7.20 p.m. to 7.25 p.m.

#### **ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR AGEING**

#### **DIVISION 10 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET OUTPUT 3.3**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms *Burnet* (Chair)  
Ms *Dow* (substitute for Mr *Winter*)  
Ms *Rosol* (substitute for Dr *Woodruff*)  
Mr *Shelton* (substitute for Mr *Vermey*)

Also at the Table

Mr *George*  
Prof *Razay*

#### **WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Bridget Archer* MP

#### **Department of Health:**

Dale Webster, Secretary  
Jen Duncan, Deputy Secretary, Community Mental Health and Wellbeing

#### **Department of Premier and Cabinet:**

Corinna Smith, Director, Community Services

Kirsty Broomhall, Assistant Director, Community Services

Overview of Agency activities in relation to ageing commenced.

At 7.49 p.m., Ms *Haddad* took a seat at the Table.

At 8.04 p.m., Mr *George* withdrew.

Overview of Agency activities in relation to ageing continued.

The time for the examination having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following additional information was requested:

Hon. *Jeremy Rockliff* MP

#### Premier:

1. Between 11 November 2025 and 1 June 2026, has any public money been provided to pay for former Minister *Ogilvie's* legal costs – and if so, how much? (*Dr Woodruff*)
2. Are there any Secretaries currently employed, including *Craig Limkin*, who have a longer payout period than the standard months/years? Who are they and what is the justification for this? (*Ms Burnet*)
3. What is the standard length of 'severance on termination' benefit clause for Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries? (*Ms Burnet*)
4. Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, was any public funding provided to pay for Minister *Howlett's* legal costs, and if so, how much? (*Dr Woodruff*)
5. Between 5 March 2026 to 1 June 2026, has any public funding been provided to pay for Minister *Howlett's* legal costs – and if so, how much? (*Dr Woodruff*)
6. Was there a material change in benefits in the termination clauses in current senior public service employment contracts compared to the previous contracts? (*Mr O'Byrne*)
7. Between 7 April 2025 and 1 June 2026, has any public funding been provided to pay for the Member for Lyons, *Mark Shelton's* legal costs – and if so, how much? (*Dr Woodruff*)
8. In relation to the Member for Lyons *Mark Shelton's* legal fees, can you confirm that in the matter in which *Mr Shelton* has received this assistance he was acting at the lawful direction of a Minister of the Crown? (*Dr Woodruff*)

9. Why have the RTI logs for the years prior to 2025 been taken off the DPAC website and will you reinstate them as you can't email a request for a specific RTI if you can't see the log? (*Ms Johnston*)
10. What is the proposed zone for Wilkinsons Point to allow it to be developed?
  - a. Are any planning changes being explored for that land before it is sold to Larry Kestleman?
  - b. What is the valuation of Wilkinsons Point with that zone? (*Mr Willie*)
11. Will the land sale be at what it is valued now, or will it be revalued once it is connected to necessary infrastructure for development? (*Mr Willie*)
12. From 1 August 2024 to 1 June 2026 what is the total amount spent to pay for legal costs of Liberal Ministers and MPs? (*Dr Woodruff*)
13. Other than *Ms Ogilvie*, have any other Ministers secretly initiated a Supreme Court proceeding? (*Dr Woodruff*)
14. Did anyone in your office make any changes to the draft budget before it was finalised?
  - a. What changes were made?
  - b. Was budget commentary on the number of public sector redundancies altered by your office? (*Mr Willie*)
15. Will you consider requiring public reporting of the legal costs of government ministers and MPs, in the form of an annual disclosure? (*Dr Woodruff*)

Hon. *Bridget Archer* MP

Aboriginal Affairs:

1. Please provide a list of all those who the Minister has consulted with on the new Aboriginal Heritage Act legislation. (*Ms Dow*)
2. Minister took on notice tabling a copy of her letter to Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy regarding land handbacks. (*Ms Dow*)
3. How much money was spent on the pathway to truth and treaty report? (*Ms Dow*)
4. Please detail the 13 recommendations implemented in the "Pathway" report and details of those partially implemented and those rejected/contested/not implemented and reasons. (*Mr George*)

Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing:

1. How many P0 or P1 calls have been received in this budget year so far, and how many of these times ambulances were not assigned to P0 and P1 emergency calls within 3 minutes? (*Ms Rosol*)
2. On what dates in past 12 months did any Tasmanian ED meet the 4 hour target and for how many days in total? Is it true that all our markers for 2026 are worse than the prior year based on AIHW data? (*Mr George*)
3. In 2025-26 so far, what are the 75th and 90th percentile figures for emergency response times for ambulances? (*Ms Rosol*)

4. What is the total number of paramedic shifts that have been worked so far in 2025-2026 and what was the total number that went unfilled (in raw terms not percentages)? (Ms Rosol)
5. What was the total number of night shifts worked so far in 2025-2026 and the total number of those that went unfilled (raw terms)? (Ms Rosol)
6. How many patients transferred by taxi were children? (Ms Dow)
7. What is the total health department expenditure on taxis as emergency transport over the past five years? (Ms Dow)
8. How many FTE ENT specialists have been employed in Tasmania since 2022? (Ms Dow)
9. What is the 30 day unplanned hospital admission rate for medical and surgical conditions? What is the rate in patients with complex conditions? (Prof Razay)

Ageing:

1. Please provide current midterm and longterm public dental wait times for concession holding older Tasmanians by region, and the additional funding allocated to decrease those waiting lists? (Ms Dow)
2. Update on the timeframe for delivery of the geriatric assessment and management of geriatric patients at the Mersey Community Hospital. (Ms Dow).

At 8.25 p.m. the Committee adjourned till 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, 2 June next.

Confirmed:

Date: 16/06/2026 Chair: HBV.net

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 9:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr Shelton (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Ms Johnston (substitute for Ms Burnet)  
Mr Winter

Also at the Table

Mr Garland  
Mr O'Byrne  
Ms Dow

Mr Shelton, as Deputy Chair, informed the Committee that the Chair had received correspondence from the Speaker advising that Mr Shelton had been nominated as a substantive Member and Deputy Chair of the Committee in substitution for Mr Vermey from 2 June 2026 for the remainder of the week unless otherwise advised.

### ESTIMATES OF THE TREASURER, AND MINISTER FOR MACQUARIE POINT URBAN RENEWAL

#### ESTIMATES OF THE TREASURER

#### DIVISION 4: FINANCE-GENERAL

#### DIVISION 13: DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE

#### APPROPRIATION BILL NO.2 – SCHEDULE 1, PART 8 – TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE

#### WITNESSES:-

Hon. Eric Abetz MP

#### Department of Treasury and Finance:

Gary Swain, Secretary

James Craigie, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Finance

Dean Burgess, Deputy Secretary, Economic and Financial Policy

Jonathan Root, Deputy Secretary, Revenue and Regulatory Services

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

The Treasurer tabled:

- Correspondence from the Treasurer to the Acting Auditor-General dated 17 April 2026.

At 11.00 a.m. Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 11.00 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Shelton (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Ms Johnston (substitute for Ms Burnet)  
Mr Winter

Also at the Table

Mr Garland  
Ms Dow

Overview of Agency activities continued.

At 11.27 a.m. Mr Garland withdrew.

At 12.38 p.m. Mr Bayley withdrew.

At 12.40 p.m. Mr Bayley took a seat at the Table.

At 12.42 p.m., Ms Johnston withdrew.

At 12.42 p.m., the witnesses withdrew.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Shelton (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Mr Winter

Also at the Table

Ms Dow

**ESTIMATES OF THE TREASURER**

**APPROPRIATION BILL NO.2 – SCHEDULE 1, PART 8 – TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE**

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Eric Abetz* MP

Tasmanian Audit Office:

Martin Thompson, Auditor-General

Jonathan Wassel, Deputy Auditor-General

Janelle Tamlyn, Director of Corporate Support and Governance

Overview commenced.

The time for the examination of this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 1.10 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Shelton (Deputy Chair)

Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)

Ms Johnston (substitute for Ms Burnet)

Mr Winter

Also at the Table

Mr Jaensch

Ms Dow

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR MACQUARIE POINT URBAN RENEWAL**

**DIVISION 10: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET**

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Eric Abetz* MP

Department of Premier and Cabinet:

Matt Healey, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery

Macquarie Point Development Corporation

Anne Beach, Chief Executive Officer

Stadiums Tasmania:

James Avery, Chief Executive Officer

Overview of Agency activities relating to Macquarie Point Urban Renewal commenced.

The time for the examination of matters relating to Macquarie Point Urban Renewal in this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 4.00 p.m. to 4.07 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Ms Brown (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Shelton)

Also at the Table

Mr O'Byrne

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING**

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING**

**DIVISION 6: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**DIVISION 11: DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH**

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC

Department of State Growth:

Shane Gregory, Acting Secretary  
Anthony Reid, Director, Construction and Housing  
Sean McPhail, Acting Director, State Planning Office

Homes Tasmania:

Ben Wilson, Chief Executive Officer  
Jessemy Stone, Director, Housing Policy and Programs

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

The Minister tabled:

- Homes Tasmania Financial Review, KPMG, 30 March 2026.

At 5.55 p.m., Mr O'Byrne withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 6.08 p.m. to 6.20 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
 Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
 Ms Brown (substitute for Mr Winter)  
 Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Shelton)

Overview of agency activities continued.

At 6.58 p.m., Mr Bayley withdrew.

At 6.58 p.m., Ms Rosol took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division relating to Housing and Planning having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following additional information was requested:

Hon. Eric Abetz MP

Treasurer:

1. Within the Budget, how much is allocated or envisaged for Ministerial or Government member legal fees? In exactly which line item does it sit? (Mr Bayley)
2. Provide a comprehensive list of all exemptions and/or discounts in fees, charges, levies, taxes etc that will be removed, or have been factored in to the budget as being removed, in order to increase own source revenue? (Ms Johnston)
3. Did the Premier make changes to the budget papers in relation to the number of jobs to be reduced across the public sector? (Mr Winter)
4. How much is allocated in the 26/27 Budget for Ministerial and Government member legal fees, similarly for the 25/26 and 24/25 Budgets? (Mr Bayley)
5. Please provide the last five financial years revenue from General Casino Tax and Licence Fees? (Ms Johnston)
6. Is the allocation of funding in the current FY and across the forward estimates and the timeframes correct for the North West Regional Hospital Mental Health Precinct? Is there an error in the budget papers as indicated by the Health Minister in Committee A on 1 June 2026? (Mr Winter)
7. What total revenue does Tasmania currently receive annually from salmon lease arrangements, and has Treasury modelled alternative royalty or lease

pricing structures comparable to jurisdictions such as Norway?  
(Mr Garland)

8. When did you receive the request from TT-Line for an additional \$506 million bailout? (Mr Winter)
9. How much has been spent on advertising the 2026/27 State Budget? Can a breakdown across individual media outlets detailing name and amount be provided? (Mr Winter)

Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal:

1. Can the Minister provide a copy of the MOU between TasPorts and Macquarie Point Development Corporation? (Ms Dow)
2. As at 2.40 p.m. on 2 June 2026, had the probity panel for the stadium tender process checked with the Fair Work Ombudsman in NSW to see if Webuild was under investigation by that agency after being referred by the NSW Workplace Relations Minister in September? (Mr Bayley)
3. How many EOIs (Expressions of Interest) were received by MPDC and how many were deemed to be compliant/complete EOIs? (Ms Johnston)
4. What are the elements of due diligence incorporated in the Probity Report associated with Webuild and the Constructure Joint Venture EOI? (Mr Bayley)
5. In September 2025, at the same time the NSW Workplace Relations Minister referred issues with Webuild to the Fair Work Ombudsman, it was also referred to the Federal Police. Was due diligence done on this referral to the Federal Police as at 3.15 p.m. 2 June 2026? (Mr Bayley)
6. What costs were incurred by MPDC in the work undertaken by TasNetworks relating to the proposal for a single point of connection to the Macquarie Point site? (Mr Bayley)
7. How much of the \$440,000 tender on contract development for the DEIS was expended by MPDC? What was the total amount spent on development of the DEIS? (Mr Bayley)
8. How much expenditure has been incurred or agreed to by State Growth in legal expenses, consultants, print advertising, incidentals/equipment to support the Macquarie Point stadium? (Mr Winter)
9. How much taxpayer funding was given to support the creation of the 'Ground Up' television show? (Mr Winter)
10. What is the total 'GST reimbursement' to Veolia to extinguish responsibilities in the term sheet? (Mr Bayley)
11. Please provide the most up to date estimate for the energy needs of the Macquarie Point Stadium. (Mr Bayley)

Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC

Minister for Housing and Planning:

1. What was done to maintain the 3 properties in the Rapid Rehousing Program, noting those 3 have been lost and the 43 properties are down to 40?
  - a. Of the 40 remaining properties how many properties are subject to the lease ending within the next 6 months? (Ms Brown)
2. Please provide the program of debt servicing and paying down the Homes Tasmania debt. (Mr Bayley)
3. How many General Repair Orders have been received by Homes Tas from the Tenancy Commissioner? (Mr Bayley)
4. What is the ratio of gender in construction? (Ms Brown)
5. How many complaints on the condition of public houses are currently outstanding with Homes Tasmania? (Mr Bayley)
6. Provide information on the incentive program by region and amount? (Ms Brown)
7. How many properties were vacant and awaiting re-tenanting at the most recent reporting period, and what is the total number of 'lost tenancy days' this represents annually? (Mr Bayley)
8. What is Tasmania's share of the National Housing Accord target? (Ms Brown)
9. Please provide data on WH&S, workers compensation and other HR measures with regards to the trauma experienced by Homes Tas front line workers such as Tenancy Services Staff? (Mr Bayley)
10. What is the current backlog of maintenance?
  - a. Breakdown by region?
  - b. Breakdown by type? (Ms Brown)
11. What conversations have been had between the Minister, Homes Tas and the Department of Health and MPDC regarding key worker accommodation at the Macquarie Point site? What are the proposed ownership or lease arrangements for the 15 key worker units identified as part of the development? (Mr Bayley)
12. How many HAFF funded homes are completed, under construction, and in the pipeline?
  - a. Where are the homes? Breakdown by region?
  - b. What is the Tasmanian Government co-funding arrangement with the HAFF program? (Ms Brown)
13. Please provide as much detail as you have available regarding the numbers of Tasmanians that sit behind the (April 26) 5507 applicants on the housing register.
  - a. The number of people (not applicants) in total, as well as the number of children on the register, broken down by region.
  - b. How many families with:
    - i. 1 child, by region
    - ii. 2 children, by region

- iii. 3 children, by region
  - iv. 4 or more children, by region. (Mr Bayley)
14. How much is in the budget for the Tasmanian Government co-funding towards HAFF projects? How will Homes Tas absorb ongoing maintenance costs? What budget is allocated to this? (Ms Brown)
  15. How much Commonwealth funding is included in the Government's \$900 million housing figure?
    - a. Please provide a breakdown of the different funding streams that make up the \$900 million. (Ms Brown)
  16. Please provide, by region, numbers and details of properties subject to energy efficiency and/or solar/battery installation upgrades by year for the last 5 years. (Mr Bayley)
  17. What information do you have available through your agency for those people with languages other than English? What larger homes (more than 2-3 bedrooms) do you have available to meet their requirements? (Ms Burnet)
  18. How many crisis accommodation beds are currently available in Tasmania? What is the breakdown by region? (Ms Brown)
  19. How many people are staying in crisis accommodation longer because there is no permanent housing available? (Ms Brown)
  20. What is the funding allocated in the budget to youth housing services in each of the years of the forward estimates (ie 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30)? (Ms Rosol)
  21. How many women and children escaping family violence sought housing or homelessness support in 2025 to 2026, broken down by region? (Ms Brown)
  22. What is the current backlog of modification requests from NDIS participants in Homes Tasmania properties, and what is the average wait time? (Ms Rosol)
  23. What data does the Department hold on the number of Homes Tasmania properties currently affected by damp, condensation or mould? How has that number trended over the past three years? (Ms Rosol)
  24. Given that the Homes Tasmania fact sheet acknowledges mould can make tenants sick, what is the government's clinical or health-based threshold that would trigger Homes Tasmania to take responsibility for remediation, rather than leaving it to the tenant?
    - a. How many tenants have contacted Homes Tasmania in the past financial year specifically about mould or damp conditions? Of those, how many resulted in a maintenance or remediation response by Homes Tasmania, and what was the average response time? (Ms Rosol)
  25. What was the original budgeted cost for the Housing Connect portal and platform?
    - a. What is the current estimated total cost, and how much of this increase can be attributed to project delays? (Ms Brown)
  26. What criteria was used to choose which homes were first given energy efficiency upgrades? (Ms Brown)

27. How many Homes Tasmania properties currently lack functioning extractor fans in kitchens or bathrooms – and is funding allocated in this budget to address that gap? (Ms Rosol)

At 8.19 p.m. the Committee adjourned till 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 3 June next.

Confirmed:

Date: 16/06/2026 Chair: H Buret

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Wednesday, 3 June 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 9:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Ms Burnet (Chair)*  
*Ms Dow (substitute for Mr Winter)*  
*Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)*  
*Ms Rosol (substitute for Dr Woodruff)*

Also at the Table

*Ms Butler*

The Chair informed the Committee that she had received correspondence from the Speaker advising that Mr *Vermey* had been nominated as a substantive Member and Deputy Chair of the Committee in substitution for Mr *Shelton* from 3 June 2026 for the remainder of the week unless otherwise advised.

### ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### DIVISION 10: DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

#### WITNESSES:-

Hon. Kerry *Vincent* MLC

#### Department of Premier and Cabinet:

Mathew Healey, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery

Luke Gregory, A/Executive Director, Office of Local Government

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Local Government commenced.

At 9:04 a.m., Ms *Butler* withdrew.

At 9:07 a.m., Ms *Butler* took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division in relation to Local Government having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 10.30 a.m. to 10.40 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Ms Burnet (Chair)*  
*Ms Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)*  
*Ms Dow (substitute for Mr Winter)*  
*Dr Woodruff*

Also at the Table

*Ms Butler*  
*Mr Garland*

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT**

**DIVISION 11: DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH**

**WITNESSES:-**

*Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC*

Department of State Growth  
*Shane Gregory, Acting Secretary*  
*Cynthia Heydon, Deputy Secretary, Transport*  
*Ben Maloney, Executive Director, Major Transport Projects*

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Infrastructure and Transport commenced.

At 11.50 a.m. *Mr Garland* withdrew.

At 11.59 a.m. *Mr Bayley* took a seat at the Table.

At 12.12 p.m. *Dr Woodruff* withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 12.12 p.m. to 12:18 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Ms Burnet (Chair)*  
*Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)*  
*Ms Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)*  
*Ms Dow (substitute for Mr Winter)*

Also at the Table

*Ms Butler*

Overview of Agency activities continued.

Suspension of sitting 1.16 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Ms Burnet (Chair)*  
*Mr Bayley (substitute for Dr Woodruff)*  
*Ms Dow (substitute for Mr Winter)*  
*Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)*

Also at the Table

*Ms Butler*

**WITNESSES:-**

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Overview of Agency activities in relation to Infrastructure and Transport continued.

The time for the examination of this Division in relation to Infrastructure and Transport having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following additional information was requested:

*Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC*

Local Government:

1. Could you identify how many codes of conduct complaints, suspensions etc have been considered each year since the last general council elections? (*Ms Burnet*)

Infrastructure and Transport:

1. When will the manual process of changing lane barriers on the Tasman Bridge be resolved? (*Ms Butler*)

2. What is the total projected taxpayer exposure associated with the TT-Line replacement project, including port remediation, delay costs, financing costs, and any future contingent liabilities? (Mr *Garland*)
3. Table the defects register for the Bridgewater Bridge? (Dr *Woodruff*)
4. What are the costs:
  - (a) to the contractor,
  - (b) to the State of remediating defects and design flaws of the Bridgewater Bridge? (Dr *Woodruff*)
5. How many logging trucks have booked a place on the Spirit of Tasmania over 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 YTD, and can you table a list of all freight bookings for logging contractors? (Dr *Woodruff*)
6. Is timber only transported on the Spirits on open backed logging trucks, or in closed containers or covered trucks – or all of the above? (Dr *Woodruff*)
7. Can you confirm that no native hardwood logs are being shipped to Victoria from the Spirit or any shipping line? (Dr *Woodruff*)
8. Please table, for the last four financial years, and YTD for this year the Tasmanian sawmilling companies that have received subsidies from the Federal Government under the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme? Of this what is for the transport of native forest-sourced whole logs? (Mr *Bayley*)
9. Please provide the volume data for native forest wood products that pass through TasPorts facilities including:
  - Woodchips
  - Sawn timber
  - Whole logs. (Mr *Bayley*)
10. Minister, I wrote to Kinetic asking if they would put on additional services to meet increased demand, to ensure no one would be left behind and they said they have offered this to State Growth but those offers had been declined. Minister, why aren't you allowing State Growth to put on additional services to meet the needs of the population? (Ms *Burnet*)
11. a) Of the total number of truck movements into TasPorts Hobart Port facility, how many will access the port via:
  - i. Evans St; and
  - ii. North Access Road?
 b) Of these, how many are unable to access the Port via the North Access Road because they are 'over mass' and unable to pass through the Tasman Highway underpass because of swept paths or height or weight constraints?  
 c) Of these, how many are constrained by height, length/turning ability or weight? (Mr *Bayley*)
12. When were you first made aware that TT-Line needed another bail out in the budget? (Ms *Dow*)
13. a) What percentage of the government fleet is electrified (report both the Plug Hybrid and Battery electric vehicles separately) and are you on track to meet your target?

b) A total of \$4.55 million has been allocated to transition the government vehicle fleet to electric by 2030. How much has been spent and how much of the funding is left?

c) Why haven't you set any other targets to electrify our other transport – isn't now the time to be setting those targets, as our reliance on oil leaves Tasmanian drivers hopelessly exposed to the international oil price volatility? (Ms Burnet)

14. Will the Minister outline the full forward estimates funding required to deliver all 6 terminals and indicate when the remaining 3 locations will receive funding? (Ms Butler)
15. According to the Infrastructure Tas website – the Better Active Transport in Tasmania website, \$17.5 million was committed by your government for the Better Active Transport in Tasmania and Better Active Transport in Greater Hobart. Only 2 rounds of those grant programs have been offered. The most recent closed in 2024. The total amount disbursed through these grants was only \$9 million, or around half the amount. Minister, why isn't your government delivering on the funding you committed to this important program? (Ms Burnet)

At 3.30 p.m. the Committee adjourned till 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 4 June next.

Confirmed:

Date: 16/06/2026

Chair: HBurnet

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Thursday, 4 June 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 9:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr Vermey (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Badger (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Ms Butler (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Ms Johnston (substitute for Ms Burnet)

Also at the Table

Dr Broad  
Mr Di Falco  
Mr Jaensch

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES, MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND JOBS, AND MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**DIVISION 9: DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### WITNESSES:-

Hon. *Felix Ellis* MP

#### Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management:

Donna Adams, Commissioner of Police, Secretary, State Controller  
Jonathan Higgins, Deputy Commissioner of Police  
Adrian Bodnar, Assistant Commissioner Operations  
Robert Blackwood, Assistant Commissioner Specialist Support  
Doug Oosterloo, Assistant Commissioner Capability

#### State Fire Commission:

Jeremy Smith, Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner

Overview of Agency activities commenced.

At 10.40 a.m., Dr Broad withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 10.40 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Vermey (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Badger (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Ms Butler (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Ms Johnston (substitute for Ms Burnet)

Also at the Table

Mr Di Falco  
Mr Jaensch

Overview of Agency activities continued.

At 10.56 a.m., Dr Broad took a seat at the Table.

At 11.26 a.m. Dr Broad withdrew.

At 11.26 a.m., Mr George took a seat at the Table.

At 11.51 a.m. Mr George withdrew.

Overview of Agency activities

The time for the examination of this Division having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 12.05 p.m. to 12.08 p.m.

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR SKILLS AND JOBS**

**DIVISION 11: DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr Vermey (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Badger (substitute for Dr Woodruff)  
Mr Di Falco (substitute for Ms Burnet)  
Mr Willie (substitute for Mr Winter)

Also at the Table

Mr Jaensch  
Mr Mitchell

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Felix Ellis* MP

Department of State Growth:

Alex Paterson, General Manager, Skills and Workforce

Stuart Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Economy and Jobs Strategy

TasTAFE:

Tim Gardner, Chair

Dr Norman Baker, Chief Executive Officer

William McShane, Chief Financial Officer

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Skills and Jobs commenced.

At 1.06 p.m. Mr *Willie* withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 1.08 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr *Vermey* (Deputy Chair)

Mr *Mitchell* (substitute for Mr *Winter*)

Ms *Rosol* (substitute for Dr *Woodruff*)

Also at the Table

Mr *Jaensch*

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Skills and Jobs continued.

At 2.22 p.m. Prof *Razay* took a seat at the Table.

At 2.50 p.m. Prof *Razay* withdrew.

At 2.52 p.m. Dr *Broad* took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division in relation to Skills and Jobs having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 3.00 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms *Burnet* (Chair)

Mr Broad (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)  
Dr Woodruff

Also at the Table

Mr Di Falco  
Mr Garland  
Mr Mitchell

**ESTIMATES OF THE MINISTER FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES**

**DIVISION 11: DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH**

**WITNESSES:-**

Hon. *Felix Ellis* MP

Department of State Growth:

Shane Gregory, Acting Secretary  
Dennis Hendriks, Acting Coordinator-General  
Michael Mogridge, Deputy Secretary, Economic Development  
Vanessa Pinto, Deputy Secretary, ReCFIT and Resources  
Sarah Russell, Director, Policy  
Anne Chuter, Chief Forest Practices Officer, Forest Practices Authority  
Alastair Morton, Director, Mineral Resources Tasmania  
Dennis Hendriks, Acting Coordinator-General  
Andrew Crane, Project Director, Office of the Coordinator-General  
Elizabeth Pietrzykowski, Chief Executive Officer, Private Forests Tasmania

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Business, Industry and Resources commenced.

At 3.41 p.m., Mr *Garland* withdrew.

Suspension of sitting 4.26 p.m. to 4.33 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Mr Broad (substitute for Mr Winter)  
Mr Jaensch (substitute for Mr Vermey)  
Ms Badger (substitute for Dr Woodruff)

Also at the Table

Mr *Mitchell*

Overview of Agency activities in relation to Business, Industry and Resources continued.

At 4.38 p.m. Mr *Mitchell* withdrew.

At 5.03 p.m., Mr *Vermey* took a seat at the Table.

At 5.04 p.m., Mr *Vermey* withdrew.

At 5.12 p.m., Ms *Johnston* took a seat at the Table.

At 5.30 p.m., Ms *Johnston* withdrew.

At 5.31 p.m., Ms *Badger* withdrew.

At 5.31 p.m., Dr *Woodruff* took a seat at the Table.

The time for the examination of this Division in relation to Business, Industry and Resources having expired.

The witnesses withdrew.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following additional information was requested:

Hon. *Felix Ellis* MP

#### Police, Fire and Emergency Management:

1. Police Commissioner to table letter/advice provided to NRE re: recreational shooting and deer hunting on public land. (*Ms Badger*)
2. What accountability measures has the Minister put in place to investigate how a fully endorsed reform program – with dedicated funding and staffing – was allowed to collapse after key personnel departures were not replaced? (*Ms Butler*)
3. With regard to the Respect 360 Culture review within TFS/SES:
  - a. What has been achieved since the review was announced?
  - b. How is it being measured? What metrics used?
  - c. How is it being resourced? (*Ms Johnston*)
4. Please confirm percentage of police in Southern Command on compensation or permanent impairment leave. Has this left 20% fewer police in Southern Command than advertised? If not, what percentage? What are the costs to police command of all forms of rentals for officers sent to replace them? (*Mr George*)

Skills and Jobs:

1. What is the completion rate of cert 3 in commercial cookery for 2025 and how does this compare nationally? (Mr Di Falco)
2. Can you provide the enrolment numbers for the past 3 years in the Diploma of Nursing and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. If the numbers are associated with Cert III numbers please individually breakdown the numbers for both Cert III and the Diplomas. (Mr Mitchell)
3. Please itemise the net gain/(loss) of the non-financial assets at Devonport campus and the childcare centre in Launceston, as per 18:1 "Statement of Comprehensive Income", p 340, Budget Paper No 2. (Mr Mitchell)

Business, Industry and Resources:

1. Is the Department or STT proposing to remove any force majeure or similar clauses from the wood supply contracts being negotiated? (Dr Woodruff)
2. Has the Minister approved the transfer of the Nelson Bay River Mine mine lease to Newcam Metals? (Ms Badger)
3. What is the current estimated cost of rehabilitating the site? (Ms Badger)
4. Why is there a discrepancy between the revised \$1.2M revised RSD and the \$827K Catalina claims is to be released? Has Catalina already had the increased \$466k released or forgiven? (Ms Badger)
5. Could you please confirm if Mr Limkin will be appointed as Head of Agency of the new arts/creative industries department? (Ms Burnet)
6. The annual report of the Tasmanian Reserve Estate Areas, as at 30 June 2025, records the PTPZ informal reserve land reducing by 2200ha from the preceding year. What is the reason for this reduction? How have those hectares been reclassified? (Dr Woodruff)
7. Could the Minister please provide the amount of Tasmanian taxpayer money towards various green Hydrogen projects to date? (Ms Burnet)
8. RTI documents show the Government started a new process related to the FPPF area within the Resources portfolio. What is the nature of these plans? Is it a policy based around protection of key forests or further expansion of native forest logging? (Dr Woodruff)

At 6.12 p.m. the Committee adjourned till 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, 16 June next.

Confirmed:

Date: 16/06/2026

Chair: H Burnet

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 'A'

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

The Committee met in the Long Room, Parliament House at 9:02 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms Burnet (Chair)  
Mr Vermey  
Mr Winter  
Dr Woodruff

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 28, and 1 to 4 June 2026, were read and confirmed, as amended, as a true and accurate record. (Ms Burnet)

### DRAFT REPORTS

The Chair brought up draft reports on the estimates of the:-

- Premier,
- Treasurer, and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal;
- Minister for Ageing, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing;
- Minister for Housing and Planning, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and Minister for Local Government; and
- Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and Minister for Skills and Jobs.

The reports were adopted. (Mr Winter)

At 9.10 a.m. the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Date:

16/06/2026

Chair:

J Burnet