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NOTICES OF MOTION

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- 100** Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that during the election the Premier, The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, promised that ‘TasInsure’ would:—
 - (a) be established as a new government business;
 - (b) provide home and contents insurance, workers compensation insurance, small business insurance, community and event insurance, and regional insurance to farmers;
 - (c) save Tasmanians \$250 a year on their premiums;
 - (d) save Tasmanian businesses 20 per cent on their premiums;
 - (e) make groceries cheaper; and
 - (f) not cost Tasmanians a cent.
 - (2) Further notes:—
 - (a) the Treasury costing submission during the election listed the cost to taxpayers as \$0; and
 - (b) the Premier repeatedly told the House that TasInsure would be established as a government business, including on 25 September 2025.
 - (3) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) the Premier has already spent \$100,000 on a consultant to tell him what insurance experts, the RACT and several economists already made clear: TasInsure would not work and exposes the state to significant financial risk; and
 - (b) the Government has committed at least \$4.2 million to a bureaucracy that:—
 - (i) won’t sell insurance;
 - (ii) won’t reduce premiums; and
 - (iii) will duplicate services already available for free through brokers and comparison websites.
 - (4) Condemns the Premier for:—
 - (a) breaking his signature election promise;
 - (b) falsely claiming TasInsure was backed by modelling and a business case; and
 - (c) taking advantage of Tasmanians struggling with a real cost of living issue for electoral gain.
 - (5) Calls on the Premier to apologise for misleading Tasmanians during the election. (19 May 2026)
- 102** Ms *Brown* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania’s Secure Foundations Report found families with dependent children seeking housing support were 3.4 times more likely to be escaping domestic and family violence than people without dependent children; and
 - (c) the Report found 4,237 Tasmanian children were part of families seeking housing support through Housing Connect in 2025.
 - (2) Acknowledges:—

- (a) housing is safety for women and children escaping family violence, and the lack of housing is forcing too many to stay in, return to, or remain trapped by violence;
 - (b) the North West Tasmania Women’s Shelter reports it cannot assist four out of five people seeking support, with children making up two thirds of those affected; and
 - (c) the Government paid for the study into the Shelter’s 26-unit core and cluster proposal, but women and children are still waiting for it to be funded.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
- (a) fund family violence crisis accommodation based on evidence, data and demand;
 - (b) treat children as victim-survivors in their own right and fund services accordingly;
 - (c) deliver safe housing pathways so crisis shelters are not forced to become long-term housing; and
 - (d) stop leaving women and children fleeing violence with nowhere safe to sleep, nowhere safe to heal, and nowhere safe to rebuild. (19 May 2026)

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

- (1) Notes that after years of questioning, the Greens have exposed important public interest information about taxpayer money used to pay legal costs for Liberal MPs, including:—
- (a) \$300,000 - Minister for Racing;
 - (b) \$120,000 - Minister for Environment; and
 - (c) \$15,000 - Member for Lyons, Mr Mark Shelton MP.
- (2) Accepts there are circumstances where the provision of taxpayer funds for legal costs is appropriate.
- (3) Understands the guidelines for legal assistance also set boundaries of when it is not appropriate – for example when a Minister is not acting in “good faith” or a backbencher is not “lawfully directed to act on behalf of a Minister”.
- (4) Recognises the Premier broke his promise to provide more information about Mr Shelton MP’s legal fees and in doing so also misrepresented his own commitment.
- (5) Acknowledges there has been no explanation for why any of these legal costs were paid.
- (6) Questions whether the Rockliff Government has followed its own rules in agreeing to pay for these legal costs, especially given they can’t explain why.
- (7) Agrees the Tasmanian public is owed transparency over the use of their money.
- (8) Calls on the Premier to appoint an independent legal expert to review legal assistance decisions for MPs to ensure they are within the rules.
- (9) Orders the Premier to table by 26 May 2026 a breakdown of all taxpayer money provided to Liberal MPs for legal costs since 1 January 2023, including a breakdown of expenditure per MP per quarter. (19 May 2026)

105 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) the Stanley and Tarkine Forage Festival was held in Stanley from 13 to 17 May 2026;
 - (b) the Festival is recognised as north west Tasmania’s flagship winter food festival, celebrating the produce, people and hospitality of the Stanley and Tarkine region;
 - (c) the region is home to world-class producers, including beef, crayfish, oysters, abalone, honey, cheese and a growing micro-distillery sector; and
 - (d) the Festival is an initiative of the Circular Head Tourism Association, a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community organisation dedicated to promoting north west Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
- (a) the work of the Circular Head Tourism Association, including President Valentino Surjan, the organising committee, volunteers, sponsors, partners, participating producers and hospitality operators;
 - (b) that the Festival remains deeply community-focused and celebrates the growers, makers, fishers, farmers, distillers, workers and hospitality operators who help shape Tasmania’s visitor experience; and
 - (c) the important role regional events play in encouraging visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in regional communities.

- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
- (a) recognise the importance of regional events in driving visitation, local spending and regional dispersal;
 - (b) support tourism operators and regional communities facing rising cost pressures; and
 - (c) back events that encourage visitors to travel further, stay longer and spend more in Tasmania's regions. (19 May 2026)

106 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes:—
- (a) May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month;
 - (b) Anglicare Tasmania has identified the north west as a domestic and family violence hotspot, with its Unsafe and Unhoused Report finding people seek housing assistance because of family violence at a rate 3.75 times higher than in the south; and
 - (c) recent engagement in Smithton, Ulverstone and Burnie with frontline services, police, local government and community stakeholders highlighted the urgent need for more crisis accommodation, safe housing, transport support and regional service access.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
- (a) the critical work of the North West Tasmania Women's Shelter across Braddon;
 - (b) concerns raised by the Burnie Mayor that housing developments are ready to proceed and apartments are sitting empty, while planning and regulatory barriers delay practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) women and children in regional communities face additional barriers to safety, including limited transport, limited service access, housing shortages and geographic isolation.
- (3) Calls on the Rockliff Government to:—
- (a) deliver equitable family and domestic violence funding based on data, demand, geography and regional need;
 - (b) remove the unnecessary barriers to practical housing solutions; and
 - (c) ensure women and children escaping violence in Braddon can access safe housing, crisis accommodation and frontline support. (19 May 2026)

107 Ms Haddad to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that more than half a million dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent on legal fees for Liberal Members of Parliament, including:—
- (a) \$14,958 for Mr Mark Shelton MP;
 - (b) \$303,800 for Hon. Jane Howlett MP;
 - (c) \$120,494 for Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP; and
 - (d) more than \$300,000 for former Deputy Premier, Mr Michael Ferguson MP.
- (2) Notes that:—
- (a) unlike the legal fees paid for Mr Ferguson, the Government has failed to explain what the legal fees for Mr Shelton, Ms Howlett and Ms Ogilvie were for; and
 - (b) there are at least two long-running Integrity Commission investigations involving sitting Members of Parliament, including:—
 - (i) Investigation Loyetea, accepted in May 2022, relating to an allegation that a politician failed to declare and manage a conflict of interest and misused information; and
 - (ii) Investigation Olegas, listed in July 2022, relating to allegations of improper expenditure of public funds and failure to declare and manage conflicts of interest.
- (3) Agrees that taxpayers are entitled to transparency about the expenditure of public money.
- (4) Calls on Liberal MPs who have had taxpayer-funded legal bills paid on their behalf to explain, to the fullest extent possible, what those legal bills were for.
- (5) Calls on the Premier to:—
- (a) explain when Members of Parliament can access taxpayer-funded legal assistance or indemnity; and

(b) disclose the legal fees accrued by each Government MP on a bi-annual basis. (19 May 2026)

110 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania, like all jurisdictions, is facing increased economic uncertainty, persistent cost-of-living pressures and growing demand for essential government services.
- (2) Recognises that responsible governments must make prudent decisions to strengthen the state's finances while continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure Tasmanians rely upon.
- (3) Acknowledges that a strong economy is essential to funding health, education, housing and community services.
- (4) Supports responsible measures in the 2026-27 Budget to improve the sustainability of the state's finances and return the Budget to balance over time.
- (5) Respectfully requests Members of this House to support responsible budgeting that balances fiscal discipline with continued investment in a strong economy and caring community. (19 May 2026)

111 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the bipartisan position that greyhound racing will no longer receive public funding beyond 2029.
- (2) Recognises that a clear legislative framework is necessary to ensure an orderly transition, certainty for participants, appropriate compensation arrangements and strong animal welfare outcomes.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) that in the recent Legislative Council elections in the divisions of Huon and Rosevears, candidates supporting the phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania were clearly preferred by voters over those opposing it; and
 - (b) that, despite supporting the end of public funding for greyhound racing, the Tasmanian Labor Party has not proposed an alternative transition framework or implementation plan.
- (4) Further recognises that ending public funding without transition legislation would create uncertainty for participants and risk poorer animal welfare outcomes.
- (5) Further notes that the Government has introduced legislation providing transition arrangements, participant compensation and animal welfare protections.
- (6) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition to clarify the Tasmanian Labor Party's position in order to support the orderly phase-out of greyhound racing in Tasmania. (19 May 2026)

112 Mr *Vermey* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the surplus Commonwealth defence land at Dowsing Point represents one of the most significant opportunities to increase housing supply in Greater Hobart.
- (2) Recognises that the site has the potential to deliver a master-planned community with social, affordable and private housing, as well as open space and supporting infrastructure.
- (3) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's call for the Commonwealth to transition the land into productive community use to help address Tasmania's housing needs.
- (4) Calls on:—
 - (a) the Australian Government to work cooperatively with the Tasmanian Government to transfer the Dowsing Point site on terms that maximise the public benefit for Tasmanians.
 - (b) all Members of this House to support efforts to unlock Dowsing Point as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver more homes and improve housing affordability. (21 May 2026)