



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2021

(At 11.00 o'clock a.m.)

NOTICES OF QUESTION

2 Ms *Webb* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard to delivery riders for food delivery services in Tasmania:

- (1) (a) What actions are being taken by the Government to assess issues that affect the safety and working conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania; and
(b) what actions are being taken to address these issues?
- (2) Which findings and recommendations of the New South Wales Joint Taskforce on Food Delivery Safety does the Government consider to be relevant to the conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania?
- (3) Which findings and recommendations of the report into On-demand Platform Work in Australia by the Senate Select Committee on Job Security does the Government consider to be relevant to the safety and working conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania?

(asked 30.06.21)

3 Ms *Armitage* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard to the proposed Calvary co-located hospital slated for Launceston:

- (1) Given that it has been three years since the unsolicited bid was made by Calvary Health Care, when will all stakeholders have an opportunity for an open and transparent conversation regarding what services Calvary Health Care intend to provide in order to cater for the future needs of the region's population?
- (2) Does the Government acknowledge that, in order to achieve the best outcomes for the state's north, a significant and detailed public consultation will be required?
- (3) (a) How extensive will the public consultation process be; and
(b) will the Government ensure transparency during this process by allowing public submissions?
- (4) Given that Calvary Health Care has already ruled out an accident and emergency department for this facility, does the Government believe that it is acceptable to forgo this service requirement as part of its proposal – noting this service is provided by Calvary Health Care to patients in the state's south and given the pressures that the Launceston General Hospital Emergency Department finds itself under?
- (5) Can the Government give any indication about what services the proposed facility will offer, understanding that there is a significant public demand for pregnancy, post-natal, mental health services, palliative care, pain management services and elective surgery capabilities?

- (6) Can the Government guarantee this co-located hospital will not simply be a combination of both St Luke's and St Vincent's campuses on one site with no additional services?
(asked 01.07.21)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 Justice Miscellaneous (Increasing Judicial Retirement Age) Bill 2021 (No. 15): Second reading.
- 2 Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Advance Care Directives) Bill 2021 (No. 14): Second reading.
- 3 Report of the Legislative Council Government Administration Committee 'A' Inquiry into the Impact of the Commonwealth Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation System as assessed by the Commonwealth Grants Commission as it applies to Tasmania's expenses and delivery of services: Consideration and noting. (Ms Forrest)
- 4 Partition Bill 2021 (No. 2): Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 Ms *Forrest* to move — That the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts report No. 14: "Office of the Ombudsman and Health Complaints Commissioner" be considered and noted.
- 2 Ms *Forrest* to move — That a Joint Sessional Gender and Equality Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon —
 - (1)
 - (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts;
 - (b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
 - (c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and
 - (2) That Notice of any own Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
 - (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.
- 3 Ms *Webb* to move — That Statutory Rules 2019, No. 63, Fisheries (Abalone) Amendment Rules 2019 dated 23 September 2019 made under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* and laid upon the Table of the Council on 19 November 2019, be disallowed as provided by Section 47 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.
- 4 Ms *Webb* to move —
 - (1) That the Legislative Council notes:
 - (a) The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child requires countries to establish a minimum age below which children are presumed not to have the capacity to breach the criminal law, and that countries should work towards a minimum age of criminal responsibility of 14 years or older; and
 - (b) the global median minimum age of criminal responsibility is 14, while the minimum age of criminal responsibility in all Australian jurisdictions is 10 years.
 - (2) That the Legislative Council further notes:
 - (a) Groups including, but not limited to, Amnesty International, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, Australia's National Children's Commissioner, the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians have called on governments to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14;
 - (b) in Tasmania, groups including the Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Law

Society of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TASCOSS) agree that the minimum age of criminal responsibility should be raised to at least 14 years;

- (c) evidence demonstrates that, at the age of 10, a child's brain is still developing, particularly as to reasoning, impulsivity and consequential thinking;
 - (d) evidence shows that many children involved in the criminal justice system come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have complex needs better addressed outside the criminal justice system through a developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed and culturally safe early intervention model that supports children in their families and communities; and
 - (e) evidence also indicates that the younger children are when they first encounter the youth justice system, the more likely they are to reoffend.
- (3) That the Legislative Council further notes:
- (a) The Council of Attorneys-General initiated a Working Group on the minimum age of criminal responsibility in November 2018, but have not reached a nationally agreed way forward; and
 - (b) notwithstanding the national Working Group discussions, the age of criminal responsibility is entirely a matter for the state, and there is no reason why Tasmania cannot proceed to raise the age of criminal responsibility in this state.
- (4) That the Legislative Council call on the Tasmanian Government to:
- (a) Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14; and
 - (b) commit to the principles of justice reinvestment, divert young people – particularly those under the age of 14 – away from the youth justice system into programs and services that address the underlying causes of their behaviour, and implement a program for Aboriginal youth led by Indigenous people.

5 Mrs *Hiscutt* to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the undertaking made by the Tasmanian Government at the last election to implement all commitments under its first 100 Days in Office plan;
- (2) Notes that all elements of that 100 Day Plan have now successfully been met and more, within the identified time frame; and
- (3) Urges the State Government to maintain the momentum now established and to continue implementation of its long-term strategic plan for improving the lives of all Tasmanians and securing Tasmania's future.

6 Mr *Duigan* to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the importance of trout fishing as a way of life for thousands of Tasmanians;
- (2) Notes that the Tasmanian trout fishery is regarded as one of the best in the world;
- (3) Acknowledges the significant economic, tourism and social benefits for Tasmania and Tasmanians arising from the operation of the Tasmanian trout fishery; and
- (4) Urges the Tasmanian Government to continue its strategies to implement best practice recreational trout fishery management and the development of appropriate infrastructure, facilities and access to support the trout fishing experience for all Tasmanians.

7 Mr *Duigan* to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes that Hydro Tasmania was named as a finalist for the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards in the Community Engagement category for their COVID-19 Recovery Program to assist Tasmanian communities in overcoming the challenges associated with the pandemic;
- (2) Notes that Hydro Tasmania's program had two phases: the Sustain phase reassuring Tasmanians

that essential energy generation would continue, while the Recovery phase partnered with community organisations to deliver initiatives to assist hard-hit sectors and vulnerable groups;

- (3) Acknowledges that the program enabled community organisations to help more people affected by the pandemic and delivered a range of positive community initiatives across Tasmania; and
- (4) Urges Hydro Tasmania to continue its endeavours to fully engage with the Tasmanian community as it develops its ongoing responses to deal with the COVID pandemic.

8 Ms Palmer to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the importance of the Tasmanian wine industry and that Tasmanian wines are highly regarded both nationally and internationally;
- (2) Notes the key role in Tasmania's agri-food sector that wine continues to play with a contribution of more than \$200 million to the State's economy and provision of over 2000 FTE positions representing 10% of total employment in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors in Tasmania;
- (3) Notes the continuing efforts by the Government to support the Tasmanian wine industry including a \$50 000 grant from Biosecurity Tasmania for enhanced biosecurity preparedness; and
- (4) Acknowledges that the efforts of Wine Tasmania complement Biosecurity Tasmania's strategy to keep Tasmania free from unwanted pests and diseases.

9 Ms Palmer to move — That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes that the Tasmanian Government has established its law and order credentials with its extensive law reform agenda, prioritising victims and community safety;
- (2) Notes that the Tasmanian Government's policy to modernise Tasmania's bail laws to better reflect community expectations is an important measure to ensure community safety from high-risk offenders;
- (3) Notes that legislating a presumption against bail in circumstances when offenders are accused of committing a crime such as murder or serious drug trafficking, or deemed a high risk, is the right thing to do; and
- (4) Further notes that these changes now being prioritised by the Government are needed to restore community confidence in the justice system.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.

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SUMMARY OF BILLS

Read First Time

Bill No. 2	Partition (<i>pro forma</i>).
Bill No. 14	Guardianship and Administration Amendment (Advanced Care Directives).
Bill No. 15	Justice Miscellaneous (Increasing Judicial Retirement Age).

Agreed to by Both Houses

Bill No. 10	Supply (No. 1) (<i>Act No. 5 of 2021</i>).
Bill No. 11	Supply (No. 2) (<i>Act No. 6 of 2021</i>).
Bill No. 12	Treasury Miscellaneous (Cost of Living and Affordable Housing Support) (<i>Act No. 8 of 2021</i>).
Bill No. 13	Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Modification) (<i>Act No. 7 of 2021</i>).

STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Committee of Privileges: Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* (Chair of Committees), Mr *Gaffney*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Standing Orders Committee: The President (Mr *Farrell*), The Chair of Committees (Ms *Forrest*), Mrs *Hiscutt*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint): Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Ratray* and Ms *Webb*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Webb* and Mr *Willie*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer* and Mr *Valentine*.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

House Committee (Joint): The President (Mr *Farrell*), Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt*.

Library Committee (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Ratray*, Dr *Seidel* and Mr *Valentine*.

Government Administration A: Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Gaffney*, Ms *Lovell*, Dr *Seidel* and Ms *Webb*.

- Rural Health Services.
- Finfish Farming in Tasmania: Mr *Valentine* (substitute member with leave from Government Administration B).
- The Roy Fagan Centre – Short Inquiry Process (SIP).

Government Administration B: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer*, Ms *Ratray*, Ms *Siejka*, Mr *Valentine* and Mr *Willie*.

- Disability Services.

SELECT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Greater Hobart Traffic: Ms *Siejka*, Mr *Valentine* and Ms *Webb*.

TasWater: Ms *Lovell*, Ms *Palmer* and Ms *Ratray*.

Road Safety in Tasmania: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer*, Ms *Ratray* and Dr *Seidel*.