



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 19

Tuesday 17 March 2026

The Council meets at 11.00 am

### Notices of Motion

#### 1 Deaths and Injuries from Quad Bikes or ATV use in Tasmania

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes with concern the high rate of deaths and injuries from quad bike or ATV use in Tasmania, with more than 20 deaths since the year 2000.
- (2) Further notes more than 1400 Australians are seriously injured in quad bike accidents each year.
- (3) Expresses its sincere condolences to grieving loved ones, including the devastated parents of 14 year old Jocelyn Daguman who died in an ATV accident at Boyer in February 2023.
- (4) Recognises the findings of both Coroner Cooper in 2017 and Coroner Webster in 2024, who recommended stronger regulation of quad bike use to save lives.
- (5) Agrees with Coroner Cooper's recommendations, following his investigation into seven quad bike deaths between 2012-2015, to provide for increased community education promoting the use of helmets and seatbelts, and legislation that:
  - a) Requires mandatory training and licensing of all persons using quad bikes
  - b) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating adult quad bikes
  - c) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating youth-sized quad bikes other than in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
  - d) Prohibits children under the age of 6 from operating any quad bike under any circumstances
- (6) Recognises there has been a substandard response to the Coroners' recommendations by the Rockliff Government.
- (7) Calls on the Rockliff Government to act to prevent such tragedies in the future and implement all the Coroner's recommendations to strengthen quad bike and ATV safety in Tasmania.

## **2 Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24**

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24, and recent public statements of Custodial Inspector Richard Connock, be considered and noted.

## **3 Tasmania's Forest Carbon 2025 Update Report**

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 12 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the release of the report 'Tasmania's Forest Carbon – 2025 Update', a co-sponsored project by the Tasmanian Climate Collective, the Tree Projects and the Wilderness Society, and authored by internationally respected scientist, Dr Jen Sanger.
- (2) Accepts the scientific fact that unlogged forests are the reason Tasmania can claim to be one of the first jurisdictions in the world to become net zero, evidenced by the State's greenhouse accounts from 2012 onwards.
- (3) Notes the report finds Tasmania's forests currently draw down an estimated 22 million tonnes of carbon each year, which would more than triple by 2050 if native forest logging ceases and forests are managed for climate, biodiversity, recreation and tourism.
- (4) Recognises the report finds that ongoing native forest logging and burning is also the State's single biggest emitter, with industrial scale forestry burns accounting for the emission of an estimated 1.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>e) each year.
- (5) Notes with concern federal and state government moves to facilitate the further burning of native forest for biomass, including at Goliath Cement in Railton.
- (6) Agrees that the single most effective step Tasmania can take to reduce emissions is to end native forest logging and burning – the necessary and ethical response to accelerating global heating which will impact on our communities, environment and economy with increasing intensity in the decades ahead.

## **4 Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction**

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 23 September 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes:
  - a) The State Government's Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction (No. 1) 2022 requiring a mandatory cashless card system for poker machines in Tasmanian hotels, clubs and casinos, including loss limits, breaks in play and optional commitment for time spent playing be developed and implemented;

- b) The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission undertook extensive public consultation on the implementation of the proposed poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card;
  - c) The proposed mandatory pre-commitment card was originally scheduled to be implemented by the end of 2024, and intended to cap losses at \$100 per day, or \$5,000 per year;
  - d) The State government announced on the 16 October 2024, that the Department of State Growth had engaged Deloitte Access Economics to undertake an analysis of the social and economic impact of the Government's poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card policy; and
  - e) That the terms of reference or contract provided for the Deloitte Access Economic review have not been released publicly; and
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes:
- a) In November 2024, the Premier announced an indefinite pause on proceeding with the proposed mandatory pre-commitment card; and
  - b) In June this year, the Premier further stated a mandatory pre-commitment card will not be introduced in Tasmania unless there is a national approach on the issue;
- (3) That the Legislative Council also notes with concern the state annual poker machine losses for 2024-25 which totalled \$193,908,165, a decade high level of losses from the Tasmanian community; and
- (4) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to release immediately the 2024 Deloitte Access Economics' social and economic impact review report of the poker machine pre-commitment card policy.

**5 Tasmanian Planning Commission Final Integrated Assessment Report**

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 24 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Tasmanian Planning Commission Final Integrated Assessment Report, released on 17 September 2025, into the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance be considered and noted.

**6 Report of the Office of the Custodial Inspector: Custody – Reception to Release Inspection Report 2025**

Given by: Ms Armitage

Date: 4 November 2025

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector's Custody: Reception to Release Inspection Report 2025, be considered and noted.

## 7 Parkinson's Disease in Tasmania

Given by: Ms Forrest

Date: 4 November 2025

To be moved:

(1) That the Legislative Council notes:

- a) Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition globally, and Tasmania has among the highest prevalence in Australia, creating a critical public health challenge;
- b) Parkinson's is a complex and progressive neurological condition characterised by diverse physical and cognitive symptoms requiring multidisciplinary care;
- c) The total economic impact of Parkinson's in Australia, estimated at \$10 billion annually, underscores the urgent need for investment in prevention, care, and support;
- d) The inequities in government support exist across Australia, with Tasmania's funding and service access lagging behind, placing added burdens on Tasmanians with Parkinson's;
- e) Evidence shows exposure to certain pesticides and industrial solvents increases the likelihood of Parkinson's, placing Tasmanians in agricultural regions at greater risk;
- f) Critical gaps in service provision exist across Tasmania, including Parkinson's clinics, neurological and gerontology services, in-home care, and early diagnosis support;
- g) The need to enhance education and training programs for General Practitioners and allied health professionals to support early Parkinson's diagnosis and ongoing, evidence-based care;
- h) Despite challenges, Tasmania has a world-class cohort of Parkinson's experts and research institutions, including the University of Tasmania, Menzies Institute, and Wicking Dementia Centre, pioneering innovative care strategies, education, and multidisciplinary approaches that significantly improve outcomes; and
- i) Volunteer organisation Parkinson's Tasmania plays a critical role within the cohort as a "leading voice" for Tasmanians living with Parkinson's, providing essential support, education, advocacy, coordination and cost savings to the State.

(2) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to:

- a) Support the delivery of newly diagnosed Parkinson's clinics and centres of expertise across the State, offering integrated and holistic care throughout all stages of the condition;
- b) Work with the Australian Government to develop and implement multidisciplinary, patient-centred care models involving neurologists, allied health professionals, psychologists, and other specialists to provide healthcare to patients with Parkinson's;
- c) Support research bodies to examine the links between pesticides and industrial solvents and Parkinson's prevalence, and take the necessary action to protect Tasmanians;
- d) Work with the Australian Government to introduce process improvements to integrate State and Federal care systems, repairing fragmented links between inpatient, outpatient, and community care;
- e) Support the development of a local workforce trained in in-home care, enabling Tasmanians to remain in their homes longer and alleviating an escalating financial burden on Tasmania's health system and Budget; and

- f) Provide targeted Government support to Parkinson's Tasmania as the central advocacy body for Tasmanians living with Parkinson's, ensuring all those affected can access the high-quality services, education, and support they deserve.

## **8 Getting Back on Track: Independent Review of Tasmania's Right to Information Framework**

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 4 November 2025

To be moved:

That the *Getting Back on Track: Independent Review of Tasmania's Right to Information Framework*, undertaken by Professor Tim McCormack and Adjunct Associate Professor Rick Snell, and released on 29 September 2025, be considered and noted.

## **9 Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25**

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 6 November 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes the Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25, particularly statements made regarding;
  - (a) Previous recommendations made by the Ombudsman that the Tasmanian National Preventative Mechanism (NPM) be established as a specialised institution separate from the Ombudsman, and that the person appointed as Tasmanian NPM concurrently serve as Custodial Inspector, which is also to be separated from the Ombudsman, have not been acted upon;
  - (b) The need for the proposed new joint Tasmanian NPM-Custodial Inspector entity to come under the administrative umbrella of a department other than the Department of Justice, given that so many of the facilities which are inspected are also under Justice's purview.
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes that:
  - (a) The *OPCAT Implementation Act 2021*, which was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament and received Royal Assent on 29 November 2021, establishes an NPM for Tasmania as a new, permanent monitoring body to undertake regular, unannounced inspections of places of detention in order to strengthen protections against torture and ill treatment;
  - (b) On 1 December 2023, the Tasmanian NPM released its first implementation project report *Preventing torture and ill-treatment in Tasmania*, which includes the results of extensive community and expert consultation to establish the Tasmanian NPM, with a focus on custody, detention, and secure mental health settings;
  - (c) On 26 November 2024, the Tasmanian NPM released its second, supplementary implementation project report focusing on the Tasmanian NPM's mandate in community-based aged residential care and disability support services.
  - (d) The combined Tasmanian NPM 2023 and 2024 Implementation Reports provide 12 overarching recommendations to successfully establish an independent and accountable office that is most suitable for Tasmania and best placed to prevent

torture and ill-treatment, designed to complement and work with existing oversight bodies, engage actively with civil society, and ensure appropriate Parliamentary scrutiny of its activities;

- (e) On the 19 November 2024 the Legislative Council passed a motion which called for the 12 implementation recommendations to be accepted in full.

- (3) That the Legislative Council also notes the following statement by the outgoing Ombudsman Mr Richard Connock in the 2024-25 Annual Report:

*“Unfortunately, the report, and the 2024 Supplementary Implementation Report, have not been formally responded to though both have been tabled in parliament. In addition, whilst government provided generous funding for the implementation phase of the NPM, it has not provided sufficient ongoing funding for the NPM to perform its functions. This is disappointing, and means that Tasmania will not meet its international obligations.”*

- (4) And that the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian government to:
  - (a) Provide a formal response in the Parliament to both the *Preventing torture and ill-treatment in Tasmania 2023 Report* and the 2024 Supplementary implementation report;
  - (b) Commit to the full funding and implementation of all 12 overarching TNPM recommendations and provide an implementation timetable; and
  - (c) Report back to the Legislative Council prior the delivery of the 2026-27 State Budget.

## **10 Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings**

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 11 November 2025

To be moved:

That this House notes:

- (1) The independent review established in November 2023 and undertaken by former Australian Public Service Commissioner Peter Woolcott AO, known as the *Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*; and
- (2) The Independent Review’s findings and recommendations.

## **11 Tasmanian Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission Annual Report 2024-25**

Given by: Mr Gaffney

Date: 11 November 2025

To be moved:

That the Tasmanian Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission Annual Report 2024-25 be considered and noted.

## **12 Florefenicol Use in Tasmania**

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 2 December 2025

To be moved:

- (1) Notes evidence presented to Parliament during the Budget Estimates process confirming more than 800 kilograms of the antibiotic, Florfenicol, was used by salmon companies in South East waters in just three weeks following its recent federal approval for use in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that data about the quantity of antibiotics used by salmon corporations is not made public as a matter of course, and the fact that 815 kilograms of Florfenicol was used in Tasmanian fish farms in such a short period of time is only known to the public due to Parliamentary scrutiny.
- (3) Further notes the ongoing use of Florfenicol in SE waters has led to Public Health advice to swimmers and recreational fishers, and the temporary closure of the rock lobster fishery.
- (4) Notes an application has been made by Tassal to use Florefenicol at Okehampton Bay, in the rich recreational and fishing waters of the Mercury Passage.
- (5) Agrees the use of Florfenicol and other increasingly strong antibiotics is a matter of significant public interest and concern.
- (6) Understands there is little available science to support such intensive, widespread use of Florfenicol and limited to no understanding of its residual properties and impact on marine ecology.
- (7) Accepts the evidence that antibiotic resistance is a significant global public health threat and that the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in humans, animals and plants is the major driver of antimicrobial resistance.
- (8) Agrees the long-term use of antibiotics by industrial salmon farms is not supported by science or sustainable for marine ecologies.
- (9) Calls on the Government to establish a publicly accessible portal detailing in real-time where, when, and in what quantities antibiotics are being used in Tasmanian fish farms so the public, recreational and other commercial fishers can make safe, informed decisions.

## **13 Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025**

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the *Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025* published by the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania on 2 December 2025, be considered and noted.

#### **14 Commission of Inquiry – Susan Neill-Fraser Conviction**

Given by: Mr *Gaffney*

Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes there is no Criminal Cases Review Commission in Australia to enable the independent review of convictions post appeal, as is the case in other countries including the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand;
- (2) Notes the cases of Lindy Chamberlain, Kathleen Folbigg, Andrew Mallard and Henry Keogh, all of whom had their convictions for murder quashed following significant concerns being raised by supporters regarding miscarriages of justice having occurred in their respective cases;
- (3) Notes the body of evidence and material that has emerged since the conviction of Sue Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell in 2010 that may raise doubt on the soundness of that conviction; and
- (4) Calls on the government to establish a Commission of Inquiry to enquire into and report on the correctness of the conviction of Susan Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell.

#### **15 Honouring the Willow Court Historic Site**

Given by: Mr *Gaffney*

Date: 10 December 2025

To be moved:

That the Paper 'Honouring the Willow Court Historic Site: Realising the Potential of a World-Class Tasmanian Asset' by Dr Richard Benjamin be considered and noted.

## 16 Tasmanian Human Rights Act

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 10 December 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes the resolutions of this House passed on the 22 November 2022 and on the 26 November 2024 requesting the Tasmanian Government commence work on developing a Tasmanian Human Rights Act in accordance with the recommendations made by the 2007 Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's *A Charter for Human Rights for Tasmania Final Report*, and again in the TLRI's Update Report of 2024;
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes that 10 December 2025 is the annual International Human Rights Day which commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, and that the 2025 theme is "Our Everyday Essentials";
- (3) That the Legislative Council further notes that:
  - (a) Human Rights Acts have been enacted in the Australian Capital Territory for the last 21 years, Victoria for the last 19 years, and Queensland for the last 6 years;
  - (b) In April 2025 the South Australian Parliamentary Social Development Committee formally recommended the enactment of a Human Rights Act for that state;
  - (c) In October 2025 a Bill for a Human Rights Act and to also establish a NSW Human Rights Commission was tabled in the New South Wales State Parliament;
- (4) And that the Legislative Council also notes with disappointment that the Tasmanian government has still failed to heed the previous resolutions of this House to progress a Tasmanian Human Rights Act for the protection of the "Everyday Essentials" crucial for all Tasmanians.

## 17 Banning the Use of Character References During Sentencing

Given by: Mr Edmunds

Date: 6 March 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes:
  - (a) Announcements and reforms in other states and territories to ban the use of character references during the sentencing of convicted criminals;
  - (b) The calls by advocates to follow the lead of other Australian jurisdictions such as Victoria, ACT and NSW; and
  - (c) The 'Your Reference Aint Relevant' campaign which has driven these changes; and
- (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to introduce legislation in Tasmania to ban the use of character references in sentencing in this state.

## Orders of the Day

### Government Business

#### 1 **Bondi Beach Condolence Motion**

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Message received and made and Order of the Day on 6 March 2026

Status: Message to be considered

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution, begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein—

“That the House of Assembly:—

(1) Express Tasmania’s heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the 15 innocent people murdered at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025;

(2) Condemn the atrocity which stole their lives, an act of terrorism deliberately targeted at Australia’s Jewish community gathering to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah;

(3) Unequivocally condemn the evil of antisemitism and vows strong action to prevent extremism and keep our state safe, resilient and united;

(4) Honour the courage, composure and quick action of all the police officers, first responders, healthcare workers and everyday people whose dedication and skill saved lives;

(5) Acknowledge the trauma of the men, women and children injured physically and psychologically, including those who witnessed the horror; and

(6) Affirm every Tasmanian’s fundamental right to live, work, worship and learn in peace and safety; to participate fully and freely in public life and to gather in community without fear or hindrance, proud of who they are and the contributions they make to our state and our way of life.”

*House of Assembly, 4 March 2026*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

#### 2 **[Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments \(Phasing Out Reform\) Bill 2025 \(66 of 2025\)](#)**

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 4 December 2025

Status: On 10 December 2025 the Bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition for consideration and report

#### 3 **[Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 49\)](#)**

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

#### 4 **[University of Tasmania \(Protection of Land\) Bill 2025 \(58 of 2025\)](#)**

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 4 December 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

#### 5 **Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence: Establishment of Joint Standing Committee**

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Message received and made an Order of the Day on 12 September 2025

Status: Message to be considered

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution, begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein—

*Resolved,*

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence be appointed with the 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 –
  - (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine family, domestic and sexual violence impacts, and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
  - (b) Any matter related to family, domestic and sexual violence referred to it by either House; and
  - (c) Any matter related to family, domestic and sexual violence, initiated by its own motion.
- (2) That Notice of any 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 House of Assembly be 3.

*House of Assembly, 9 September 2025*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

**Bill Pro forma (Pursuant to Standing Order 6)<sup>1</sup>**

**6 Partition Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 35)**

Mover: Ms Rattray  
Date: Introduced on 19 August 2025  
Status: Read a First time

C.L. VICKERS, Clerk of the Council

## Awaiting Government Response

### Questions on Notice

#### 15 Housing Connect System Reform Project

Asked by: Ms Forrest

To: Minister for Housing and Planning

Date: 3 December 2025

Question:

With regard to the operations of Homes Tasmania and the Housing Connect System Reform project:

- (1) What was the original tender value approved for the Housing Connect System Reform project?
- (2) What procurement method was used for the initial contract (open tender, selective tender, or limited tender) in accordance with Treasurer's Instruction PP-2 Market Approaches?
- (3) What was the original approved project scope, and has this scope been altered or expanded since contract award?
- (4) How many contract variations have been issued, and what is the total value of those variations?
- (5) What is the total amount spent to date, including all committed expenditure, on the Housing Connect System Reform project?
- (6) By what percentage has the project exceeded the original tendered cost, and what are the primary drivers of the financial blowout?
- (7) (a) Has Homes Tasmania undertaken any value-for-money assessments during project delivery, as required by Treasurer's Instruction PF-1 Procurement Principles; and  
(b) if so, please table those assessments?
- (8) When did the project formally commence, and what was the original delivery date?
- (9) How many revised delivery dates has Homes Tasmania approved, and what reasons were provided for each revision?
- (10) What is the principal cause of both the cost escalation and the delays in project delivery?
- (11) How many consultants, subcontractors or third-party providers have been engaged in this project since its commencement?
- (12) Were all consultants and contractors engaged under written contracts, as required under the Treasurer's Instructions?
- (13) Were any consultants or contractors engaged through:
  - (a) contract extensions or rollovers, rather than open procurement;
  - (b) urgent or emergency procurement provisions; and
  - (i) if so, what was the justification?
- (14) Has Homes Tasmania complied with all relevant Treasurer's Instructions, including but not limited to:
  - (a) PF-1 Procurement Principles;

- (b) PF-2 Policies Impacting Procurement;
  - (c) PP-1 Procurement Valuation;
  - (d) PP-2 Market Approaches;
  - (e) PP-4 Works Procurement (if applicable); and
  - (f) PF-5 Accountability and Reporting?
- (15) If any non-compliance was identified, when was this reported, to whom, and what corrective action was taken?
  - (16) Has Homes Tasmania complied with its obligations under the Financial Management Act 2016, including the requirement for the proper, efficient and effective use of public resources?
  - (17) (a) Given the scale of the project, is the project subject to oversight under the Public Works Committee Act 1914; and  
(b) if not, why not?
  - (18) (a) Was a Risk Management Plan developed at project commencement; and  
(b) if so, how frequently has it been updated?
  - (19) At what stage did escalating project risks relating to cost, scope, and schedule become apparent, and were these risks formally documented and escalated?
  - (20) How frequently was the Minister for Housing briefed on project performance, including cost and timing risks?
  - (21) (a) Has any internal assurance review, gateway review, ICT governance review, or external audit been undertaken; and  
(b) if so, will the Minister table the findings?
  - (22) Has Homes Tasmania issued any performance notices, improvement notices, breach notices or similar actions to the principal contractor or subcontractors during the project?
  - (23) Why did the CEO/Director of Homes Tasmania direct that the Housing Connect System Reform be rolled out despite the new ICT system not being operational, and what assessment was made of the risks this posed to community service providers?
  - (24) What assessment was undertaken of the operational impact on service providers, before requiring the sector to adopt the new program without a functioning data system?
  - (25) Were Service providers, including Colony 47/ Home Base, consulted about the impact to their ability to delivery the new Housing Connect program without the data system in place?
  - (26) Did Homes Tasmania receive advice from service providers warning that the rollout was premature or unworkable, and how was this advice acted upon?
  - (27) Was a formal risk assessment undertaken before directing implementation of the new Housing Connect model without the accompanying data system, and will the Minister table that assessment?
  - (28) Did Homes Tasmania's executive or board approve the decision to proceed with rollout, and what advice was provided to them regarding service-delivery risks?
  - (29) Were any alternative options considered, such as staged rollout, delay, or maintaining existing contracts, until the data system was functional?
  - (30) Did the early rollout breach any contractual obligations owed to service providers, including obligations around systems readiness, data access, and operational continuity?

- (31) (a) Was the termination or non-renewal of contracts (including Colony 47/Home Base) made before the ICT system was confirmed as operational, and
  - (b) if so, why?
- (32) When was the Minister first briefed that the system was not ready for use, and did the Minister approve or endorse the decision to proceed regardless?
- (33) Did the Minister or Department receive any warnings from Homes Tasmania, consultants, or community providers about the risks of proceeding with the changed model without a functional system?

## 16 Project Marinus Line Upgrade

Asked by: Mr *Gaffney*  
 To: Minister for Energy and Renewables  
 Date: 9 December 2025

Question:

With regard to the proposed North West Transmission Line upgrade for Project Marinus and a reply during Estimates from TasNetworks CEO Mr Seán Mc Goldrick, through you Minister, highlighting that there are 10 public landholders, and 271 affected private landowners in the proposed North West Transmission Line upgrade.

Of these, Mr Mc Goldrick said seven out of the 10 public landholders have signed option agreements. He also stated that 17% of the 271 private landowners had not yet signed, meaning that at least 46 private landowners had not signed option agreements at that time.

The TasNetworks CEO also highlighted that 4%, or over 10 private landowners had not let the Hydro on their land to even start negotiations:

- (1) What defines the 10 public landholders:
  - (a) Does it mean the Crown, Federal, State, local councils, and/or publicly listed companies/corporations; and
  - (b) Can you please disclose the identity of the 10 public landholders?
- (2) Of the 271 private landowners, how many individual properties/titles are owned by:
  - (a) Forico;
  - (b) UniSuper;
  - (c) Publicly listed companies;
  - (d) Mainland corporations and mainland institutional investors;
  - (e) Tasmanian corporations and Tasmanian institutional investors; and
  - (f) Overseas investors, including (but not limited to) foreign-owned superannuation and/or pension funds?
- (3) Of the 281 total of both private and public landholders:
  - (a) include all properties affected by all stages of the North West Transmission Lines development or just stage 1; and
  - (b) If only stage 1, then how many affected properties in total will there be in all stages?

## 17 TasPorts Operations

Asked by: Ms Forrest

To: Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Date: 9 December 2025

Question:

With regard to TasPorts operations:

- (1)
  - (a) How many marine pilotage services have been provided annually over the last 5 years; and
  - (b) How many marine pilots have been employed each year for the last 5 years, by year?
- (2) How many marine pilots have left TasPorts employment in the last financial year and in the current financial year to date?
- (3) Listed separately for the 2025/25 financial year and the current financial year to date, provide the:
  - (a) dates of each marine pilot's departure;
  - (b) locations of the port(s) they were operating; and
  - (c)
    - (i) whether any who left employment were still undergoing training; and
    - (ii) If so, how many were in training?
- (4)
  - (a) If any marine pilots left during training did this result in a delay to the training and recruitment pipeline; and
  - (b) If not, how did TasPorts avoid delays to marine pilotage services?
- (5) What is the current number of qualified marine pilots at:
  - (a) Burnie and Port Latta, listed separately if required
  - (b) Devonport; and
  - (c) Hobart.
- (6) What is the required number of marine pilots at each port to maintain service standards without delays?
- (7) With regard to shipping delays attributable to marine pilot availability in the 2024/25 financial year and in the current financial year to date, provide data that shows the:
  - (a) number of delayed vessel movements;
  - (b) hours and/or days of delay;
  - (c) relevant ports impacted;
  - (d) actual vessels affected including the number of petrol tankers; and
    - (i) the length of delay for each vessel; and
    - (ii) the products each vessel is carrying.
  - (e) number of complaints received and details of which companies have raised complaints or concerns regarding delays;
  - (f) statements as to whether TasPorts prioritises traffic to or in and around TasPorts owned berths when there is a shortage of marine pilots; and

- (g) the costs to customers from any pilotage delays or shortages?
- (8) Provide detail regarding the workforce planning model used by TasPorts for marine pilots including:
  - (a) how TasPorts determines required staffing levels; and
  - (b) the acceptable delay threshold?
- (9) With regard to Berth 4 in Burnie:
  - (a) when did TasPorts first receive advice that Berth 4 was unsafe for use;
  - (b) how long did TasPorts continue operating Berth 4 without restrictions after receiving the first safety report advising it was unsafe;
  - (c) did TasPorts seek a second engineering opinion and if so why;
  - (d) when was the deterioration of material beneath Berth 4 first identified in in TasPorts monitoring systems; and
  - (e) what was the timeframe between an adverse safety audit identification and remedial action in TasPorts safety protocols?
- (10) Noting our ports can be an entry point for illegal drugs, what is TasPorts Drugs and Alcohol Policy:
  - (a) when was it last reviewed;
  - (b) when was it last updated;
  - (c) if any changes were made;
    - (i) what were the changes; and
    - (ii) why were the changes made?

## 18 Evictions from Public Housing

Asked by: Ms O'Connor

To: Minister for Housing and Planning

Date: 10 December 2025

Question:

With regard to eviction from public housing:

- (1) For each of FY2016-17, FY2017-18, FY2018-19, FY2019-20, FY2020-21, FY2021-22, FY2022-23, and FY2023-24, can you please provide the number of evictions from public housing tenancies broken down by:
  - (a) Vacant possession after termination notice;
  - (b) Vacant possession after Court order; and
  - (c) Vacant possession after Sheriff/Bailiff/Police attends to enforce order.
- (2) Of those households evicted from public housing, for each of the years specified in Question 1,
  - (a) How many had at least one household member who was a child?
    - i) How many children were listed as household members for each of these households?
  - (b) How many households included at least one tenant who disclosed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on application or rent review forms?

- i) How many children were listed as household members for each of these households?
- (3) For each of the years specified in Question 1, how many public housing tenancies were managed by Homes Tasmania in total?
- (4) For each of the years specified in Question 1, what was the total number of public housing tenancies with a tenant who disclosed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on application or rent review forms?

**19 Renumeration of Senior State Servants**

Asked by: Ms Thomas  
To: Leader for the Government  
Date: 11 December 2025

Question:

Can the Government detail the number of and total remuneration figure for (cost of) senior state servants in the public service, including:

- (a) Heads of Agency;
- (b) Senior Executive Service positions, at each classification level (SES 1, 2, 3, 4);
- (c) Equivalent Specialist roles (with included roles described);
- (d) Equivalent Specialist other (with included roles described); and
- (e) Prescribed office holder/statutory positions (with included roles described),

for the point in time as at the last pay period in November 2025, for all such positions substantiated in the payroll list for each Agency and State Authority?

**20 Macquarie Point Toxic Soil Management**

Asked by: Ms O'Connor  
To: Leader for the Government  
Date: 11 December 2025

Question:

The Macquarie Point site has unknown and known contaminants, including asbestos and potential acid sulphate soils. It is unknown exactly which contaminants exists in which locations on the site. Considering the potential hazards from excavation on the site, including the release of toxic gases, and exposure to toxic dust, can the Minister please advise:

- (1) When will the Site Suitability Statement be complete and which agency will be responsible for this body of work?
- (2) Has the EPA developed a detailed Environmental Management Plan that deals with these hazards? If not, when will it be prepared?
- (3) How will Macquarie Point Development Corporation prevent health and safety risks to workers onsite and the general public?

- (4) What mitigation strategies are being put in place to prevent risks to onsite workers, Hobart residents and visitors to Sullivans Cove from contaminated soils?
- (5) What level of monitoring and oversight of contaminated soil excavation, treatment and removal is currently being undertaken and planned over the course of the stadium development?
- (6) How will level 4 contaminants be dealt with when disturbed and exposed?
- (7) Does MPDC expect contaminated soils which have been excavated to be stored on site, and if so, what measures will be taken to prevent any risk to public health from dispersal of this material?
- (8) Where will contaminated soils be disposed of and how will the safety of people be assured once disposed in these locations?
- (9) If there is a release of contaminants exposing workers and /or the public, what is the plan for notifying people?

## **21 Climate Change Action in Tasmania**

Asked by: Ms O'Connor

To: Leader for the Government

Date: 11 December 2025

Question:

- (1) How many public submissions were made for the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008? And when is the government planning on releasing a summary of submissions and a response to them?
- (2) What is the timeline for the Climate Act Review? When does the government plan to release any proposed amendments?
- (3) Given 2035 is just 10 years away, how is the Tasmanian Government plan to contribute towards the new Commonwealth Government emissions reduction target (62-70% by 2035)?
- (4) Tasmania's net zero status relies almost entirely on carbon sequestration by our forests, with little-to-no absolute emissions reduction in other sectors. Does the government have access to, or any plans to fund modelling of the changes in Tasmanian forests carbon carrying capacity against future climate scenarios? Is there planned modelling on their future impact on the State's emissions profile and net zero status?
- (5) The Government's Forestry Climate Action Plan states its Priority Area 1 is Information and Knowledge – It says, "We will ensure our businesses, industries, governments and communities can make informed decisions by providing up-to-date, high quality and user-friendly information about Tasmania's emissions, our future climate, and emissions reduction, sequestration and adaptation opportunities."  
If this is the #1 priority where are the figures on the emissions from regeneration burns from Forestry Tasmania?  
How much carbon is being emitted by regeneration burns in the forestry sector?
- (6) In relation to Tasmania's industrial plans for burning biomass from Tasmanian Forestry operations, and particularly its use in energy production such as for Cement Australia's

Railton Facility, what will be the source of this biomass for current projects and others planned in the future – plantation, native forests, private forests?

Is it coming from State Forests – from Sustainable Timbers Tasmania?

- (7) Has the government considered the increased demand for biomass and reliance on biomass for emissions reduction transition and how that might contrast with the decreased ability of Tasmanian forests to sequester carbon AND the federal government’s reliance on forests for the national 2035 target?
- (8) Tasmania’s Risk Assessment for Climate Change notes a clear pathway for action is required to support a just transition to a low carbon economy which include Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs).
  - a) What are the government’s plans to roll out ZEBs once the trial period has ended?
  - b) Has the government factored in costs associated with transition to an electric bus fleet? (Including but not limited to; charging networks installation, fleet updates, workforce training)
- (9) Does the minister have any plans for getting the government back on track for delivering 100% of the government vehicle fleet converted to electric by 2030?

Petition <sup>1</sup>	Member	Date Tabled	Response Due
<a href="#">Increased regulation of Quad Bikes to improve safety and reduce injuries and deaths</a>	Ms O’Connor	13 November 2025	27 March 2026

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<sup>1</sup> Standing Order 44(8) provides that the Leader of the Government table the Government’s response to a petition within 15 sitting days.

## Summary of Bills

### Read First Time

No. 35	Partition Amendment Bill ( <i>pro forma</i> )
No. 49	Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill
No. 58	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill
No. 66	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill

### Second Reading Negatived

No. 57	Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill
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### Agreed to by Both Houses

No. 36	Government Business Governance Reforms Bill	Act No. 18 of 2025
No. 37	Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information) Bill	Act No. 19 of 2025
No. 38	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 17 of 2025
No. 40	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets) Bill	Act No. 22 of 2025
No. 41	Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Bill	Act No. 33 of 2025
No. 42	Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill	Act No. 20 of 2025
No. 43	Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill	Act No. 31 of 2025
No. 44	Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill	Act No. 27 of 2025
No. 45	Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill	Act No. 26 of 2025
No. 46	Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill	Act No. 23 of 2025
No. 47	Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) Bill	Act No. 32 of 2025
No. 51	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill	Act No. 21 of 2025
No. 52	Terrorism Legislation (Extension) Bill	Act No. 25 of 2025
No. 54	Commission for Children and Young People Bill	Act No. 30 of 2025
No. 60	Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment Bill	Act No. 24 of 2025
No. 63	Appropriation Bill (No. 1)	Act No. 28 of 2025
No. 64	Appropriation Bill (No. 2)	Act No. 29 of 2025

## Current Committees and Membership

### Standing Committees

[Committee of Privileges](#): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Armitage, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray

[Standing Orders Committee](#): Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest (The Chair of Committees), Ms Armitage, Ms Rattray and Ms Thomas

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works \(Joint\)](#)<sup>1</sup>: Mr Harriss and Ms Rattray

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation \(Joint\)](#): Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss and Mr Hiscutt

[Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts \(Joint\)](#): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest and Ms Thomas

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity \(Joint\)](#): Ms Armitage, Ms O'Connor and Ms Webb

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Electoral Matters \(Joint\)](#): Mr Gaffney, Ms O'Connor, Ms Thomas and Ms Webb

[Greyhound Racing Transition \(Joint\)](#): Ms O'Connor, Ms Webb and Ms Rattray

### Sessional Committees

[House Committee \(Joint\)](#): Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest and Ms Rattray

[Library Committee \(Joint\)](#): Ms Armitage, Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Rattray

[Final Report of Commission of Inquiry \(Joint\)](#): Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Webb

[Workplace Culture Oversight \(Joint\)](#): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Lovell and Ms Rattray

[Gender and Equality \(Joint\)](#): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss and Ms Thomas

[Government Administration A](#): Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas

[Government Administration B](#): Ms Armitage, Mr Edmunds, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Webb

### Select Committees

[Energy Matters \(Joint\)](#): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harris and Ms Lovell

[Government Business Scrutiny Committee A](#): Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas

[Government Business Scrutiny Committee B](#): Ms Armitage, Mr Edmunds, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Webb

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Committees are made up of Members from both Houses. For House of Assembly Members of these Committees please see the House of Assembly Notice Paper.

## Dates of Meetings of the Legislative Council

The following are the Council's proposed sitting dates for 2026. These dates are indicative only and subject to change.

<b>March</b>	6 (QC), 17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
<b>April</b>	14, 15, 16, 17 (QC)
<b>May</b>	19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
<b>June</b>	19 (QC), 23, 24, 25
<b>August</b>	11, 12, 13, 14 (QC), 18, 19, 20, 21 (QC)
<b>September</b>	1, 2, 3, 4 (QC), 8, 9, 10, 11 (QC)
<b>October</b>	27, 28, 29, 30 (QC)
<b>November</b>	17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
<b>December</b>	1, 2, 3

The sitting schedule is available at:

[https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0037/98569/52nd-Parliament\\_Combined-sitting-schedule-2026-FINAL.pdf](https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0037/98569/52nd-Parliament_Combined-sitting-schedule-2026-FINAL.pdf)

## Meetings of the Legislative Council (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

<b>11.00 am</b>	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Special Interest Matters [ <i>Tuesdays only</i> ] Motions and Orders of the Day [ <i>Government Business takes precedence on Wednesdays and Thursdays</i> ]
<b>1.00 pm</b>	Break
<b>2.30 pm</b>	Question Time
<b>3.00 pm</b>	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day
<b>4.00 pm</b>	Break [ <i>Tuesdays and Wednesdays only</i> ]
<b>4.30 pm</b>	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day Adjournment

## Quorum Calls of the Legislative Council (Fridays)

When the Legislative Council sits on a Friday it is called a Quorum Call. This sitting is primarily for the purpose of receiving Messages from the House of Assembly, and the Council does not conduct any substantive business.

<b>9.30 am</b>	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Adjournment
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## Standing and Sessional Orders of the Legislative Council

The work of the Legislative Council is governed by its Standing and Sessional Orders, as agreed by the Council. The Council's Standing Orders are available at:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/legislative-council/lcstandingorders>