



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2019

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 STATEMENT BY SPEAKER. – The Speaker said:-

“Honourable Members, quite recently I wrote to the Premier, pointing out that there was no access for Members of the House of Assembly to a Parliamentary Counsel or Lawyer, to guide and assist Members in drafting Bills for consideration and amendments that they wish to raise.

It is often forgotten that Members can propose a Bill for a law, or an amendment to a law, in their own right. It is my duty to maintain and facilitate this right of Members, as an issue of equity.

Following the report I received from the Parliamentary Research Service, I confirmed to the Premier Hon. *Will Hodgman* MP, this need for Members to be better supported in this regard.

In the Budget presented to Parliament last week funds for a Private Members drafting service have been made available by the Premier, and I thank him for this consideration.

A sum of \$150,000 per year has been added to the Parliamentary budget for the appointment of a new Parliamentary Counsel, who will now work for all Members of the Parliament.

I will meet shortly with my colleague the Hon. *Craig Farrell* MLC President of the Legislative Council, in regard to this matter to ensure that Members of the Legislative Council have the same access.

This matter will shortly be discussed by the Joint House Committee, and a program of access arranged.

I expect that this service, after determination by the Joint House Committee, will be constituted in the next 6 – 8 weeks.

I commend the Premier for his agreement to assist all Members of the Parliament, and look forward to working with him on further improvements to the facilities for the Members of the Parliament and Tasmanians who visit us.”

- 6 PAPERS. – The Minister for Planning laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Housing Land Supply Act 2018: Housing Land Supply Order (Newnham) 2019 – Ministerial Report pursuant to Section 9.

7 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Tasmanian Audit Office: Report of the Auditor-General No. 11 of 2018-19, Performance of Tasmania's four major hospitals in the delivery of Emergency Department services May 2019.

8 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has made the following appointments to the Joint Committee of both Houses to control Parliament House and grounds and other matters:-

Mr *Farrell*; and
Mrs *Hiscutt*.

Legislative Council, 23 May 2019.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

9 BILL NO. 66 of 2018. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to assist in enabling the enforcement of certain permits under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, and the collection and use of information, in relation to short stay premises, and for related purposes".

Legislative Council, 23 May 2019.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

10 BILL NO. 7. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 in relation to post-traumatic stress disorder".

Legislative Council, 23 May 2019.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

11 BILL NO. 9. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Request and without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled – "A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the financial year ending on 30 June 2019 for the purpose of making contributions to Division 1, Department of Communities Tasmania, Division 3, Finance-General, Division 4, Department of Health and Division 5, Department of Justice, of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2018".

Legislative Council, 23 May 2019.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

12 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having passed the following Resolution now transmits the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein:-

Resolved, that the Legislative Council having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, requests that the House of Assembly give leave to all Ministers to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Council Estimates Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

Legislative Council, 23 May 2019.

C.M. FARRELL, *President.*

Ordered, That the abovementioned message be taken into consideration forthwith (The Minister for Health).

Resolved, That the Resolution of the Legislative Council be agreed to. (The Minister for Health)

13 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly doth agree to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2019.

Resolved, That the Legislative Council having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, requests that the House of Assembly give leave to all Ministers to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Council Estimates Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

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SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

14 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: NET DEBT. - Mr *O'Byrne*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Net Debt.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

15 BILL NO. 21. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Thursday 23 May 2019 - That the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

16 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair. At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

17 BILL NO. 21. - And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And Ms *Haddad* was addressing the Chair.

18 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at thirty-four minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.