



# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

WEDNESDAY, 22 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 commenced.
- 5 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms *O'Byrne*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 7 PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industry and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Fee Units Act 1997: Schedule of Fees - Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment – Primary Industries and Water.
  - (2) Land Acquisition Act 1993: Dated 20 November 2018, land situate in the Parish of Carlton, Land District of Pembroke, Municipality of Sorell, Lots 100, 101 on Plan of Survey 175931, registered in the name of Hazelwood Pty. Ltd. for road purposes.
- 8 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Health have leave to make certain Motions without Notice. (The Minister for Health)
- 9 APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS 1 AND 2) 2019: ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DEBATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed:-
  - (1) That Government Business take precedence from such time as the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019 are introduced, until the House has dealt with all business associated with the Budget.
  - (2) That:
    - (a) all stages of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019 shall have allotted a maximum total of 97 hours as follows:
      - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 16 hours;

- (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 63 hours; and
- (iii) in Committee of the whole House and Third reading: Maximum 18 hours;
- (b) on the Second reading, the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition have unlimited speaking time and other Members speak for not longer than 30 minutes each;
- (c) when the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2019 have been read the Second time in the House of Assembly, the Bills be referred to Estimates Committees A and B of the House of Assembly.

Such Committees may not vote on, but may examine and report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Bills by no later than 11 June 2019, with such expenditures being considered on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to House of Assembly Estimates Committee A:—

Date	Minister	Portfolios
Monday, 3 June		
0900-1300: Premier (4 hours) 1400-1630: Parks (2.5 hours) 1630-1830: Tourism, Hospitality and Events (2 hours) 1830-1930: Trade (1 hour) 1930-2000: Heritage (0.5 hour)	Hon. Will Hodgman MP	Premier Tourism, Hospitality and Events Trade Parks Heritage
Tuesday, 4 June		
0900-1300: Treasurer (4 hours) 1400-1600: Local Government (2 hours) 1600-1800: State Growth (2 hours)	Hon. Peter Gutwein MP	Treasurer Local Government State Growth
Wednesday, 5 June		
0900-1100: Human Services (2 hours) 1100-1300, 1400-1500: Housing (3 hours) 1500-1600: Planning (1 hour)	Hon. Roger Jaensch MP	Human Services Housing Planning
Thursday, 6 June		
0900-1130: Attorney-General & Justice (2.5 hours) 1130-1300, 1400-1430: Corrections (2 hours) 1430-1700: Environment (2.5 hours) 1700-1730: Arts (0.5 hour) 1730-1800: Racing (0.5 hour)	Hon. Elise Archer MP	Attorney-General & Justice Corrections Environment Arts Racing

House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:—

Date	Minister	Portfolios
Monday, 3 June		
0900-1300, 1400-1600: Health (6 hours) 1600-1900: Police, Fire and Emergency Management (3 hours) 1900-1930: Science and Technology (0.5 hour)	Hon. Michael Ferguson MP	Health Police, Fire and Emergency Management Science and Technology
Tuesday, 4 June		
0900-1200: Education and Training (3 hours) 1200-1230: Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries (0.5 hour) 1400-1800: Infrastructure (4 hours)	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP	Education and Training Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries Infrastructure
Wednesday, 5 June		
0900-1000: Building and Construction (1 hour) 1000-1300: Resources (3 hours)	Hon. Sarah Courtney MP	Building and Construction Resources
1400-1500: Aboriginal Affairs (1 hour) 1500-1530: Women (0.5 hour) 1530-1600: Sport and Recreation (0.5 hour) 1600-1700: Disability Services and Community Development (1 hour)	Hon. Jacqui Petrusma MP	Aboriginal Affairs Women Sport and Recreation Disability Services and Community Development
Thursday, 6 June		
0900-1300: Primary Industries and Water (4 hours) 1400-1500: Veterans' Affairs (1 hour) 1500-1700: Energy (2 hours)	Hon. Guy Barnett MP	Primary Industries and Water Veterans' Affairs Energy

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

- (1) Estimates Committee A consists of the following Members:  
The Chair of Committees (Chair);  
Mr *Tucker* (Deputy-Chair);  
One member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and  
Ms *O'Connor*.
- (2) Estimates Committee B consists of the following Members:  
Mrs *Rylah* (Chair);  
Mr *Tucker* (Deputy-Chair);  
One member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and  
Dr *Woodruff*.
- (3) The Chair of a Committee has a deliberative and a casting vote.
- (4) During sittings, substitute Members may be allowed.

- (5) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of a Committee, the Speaker may nominate a Member in substitution, but in so doing has regard to the composition of the Committee as appointed by the House.
- (6) A Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.
- (7) The quorum of a Committee is a majority of the Committee.
- (8) If at any time a quorum is not present, the Chair will suspend proceedings of the Committee until a quorum is present or adjourn the Committee.
- (9) Any time lost for lack of a quorum shall be added to the time allocated to that session.
- (10) Members of the House who are not Members of the Committee may participate in proceedings by asking questions, but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.

#### SITTING TIMES

- (1) Each Estimates Committee meets only in accordance with the abovementioned timetable adopted by the House or as varied by the Chair.
- (2) Estimates Committees may sit only when the House is not sitting.

#### OPEN HEARINGS

All hearings of the Estimates Committees are open to the public.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF AN ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

- (1) Consideration of proposed expenditures in an Estimates Committee follows as far as possible the procedure observed in a Committee of the whole House.
- (2) A Committee will consider expenditures on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.
- (3) A Committee may ask for explanations from a Minister relating to the outputs.
- (4) The Minister who is asked for explanations may be assisted where necessary by officers in the provision of factual information.
- (5) Officers may answer questions at the request of the Minister but shall not be required to comment on policy matters.
- (6) Time limits of one minute for a question and three minutes for an answer shall apply in Estimates Committees.
- (7) Questions may be asked on a ratio of three Opposition, one Government and one other Member or in such form as the Committee determines.
- (8) A Minister may advise an Estimates Committee that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of the Minister will be given later to the Committee, where possible that Committee sitting day.
- (9) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.
- (10) Additional information -

- (a) is to be written;
- (b) is to be given by a time decided by the Committee; and
- (c) may be included in a volume of additional information laid on the Table of the House by the Committee.

(11) If any Member persistently disrupts the business of an Estimates Committee, the Chair-

- (a) names the Member;
- (b) if the Member named is a Member of the Estimates Committee, suspends the sitting of the Estimates Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; and
- (c) if the Member named is not a Member of the Estimates Committee, orders that Member's withdrawal from the sitting of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker;

as soon as practicable, the Chair advises the Speaker who then gives notice that the Member of the Estimates Committee be replaced.

(12) If any objection is taken to a ruling or decision of the Chair -

- (a) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;
- (b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, advises the Speaker who makes a ruling on the matter; and
- (c) the Estimates Committee may continue to meet but may not further examine the output then under consideration.

(13) Television coverage will be allowed, subject to the same conditions that apply to televising of the House of Assembly.

#### HANSARD REPORT

An unedited transcript of Estimates Committee proceedings is to be circulated, in a manner similar to that used for the House Hansard, as soon as practicable after the Committee's proceedings.

#### REPORTS OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

- (1) A report of an Estimates Committee is presented by the Chair or Deputy Chair of that Committee to a Committee of the whole House, such reports containing any resolution or expression of opinion of that Committee.
- (2) When the reports of the Estimates Committees are presented they may be taken into consideration at once or at a future time.
- (3) The following time limit applies to consideration of reports of Estimates Committees on each portfolio unit on the question "That the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the resolutions or expressions of opinion agreed to by the Committees in relation to those expenditures be noted."

One Minister, the Leader of the Opposition or Member deputised by the Leader - 20 minutes, any other Member - 10 minutes. A maximum period for consideration of 2 hours for each Minister.

- (4) When the consideration of reports of Estimates Committees A and B has been completed, the question is proposed and put forthwith without debate “That the remainder of the Bills be agreed to.”
- (5) When the Bills have been agreed to by the House, the Third reading of each Bill may be taken into consideration at once or made an order of the day for the next sitting day. (The Minister for Health)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Mr *O’Byrne*, in the part titled “Membership of Committee – House of Assembly Estimates”

To leave out Clause 1 and 2 and insert instead:

- (1) Estimates Committee A consists of the following Members:

The Chair of Committees (Chair)  
Mr *Tucker* (Deputy Chair)  
One Member nominated by the Leader of Government Business;  
Two Members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and  
Ms *O’Connor*

- (2) Estimates Committee B consists of the following Members:

Mrs *Rylah* (Chair)  
Mr *Tucker* (Deputy Chair)  
One Member nominated by the Leader of Government Business;  
Two Members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and  
Dr *Woodruff*

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

AYES 10

NOES 14

Mr *Bacon*  
Dr *Broad*  
Ms *Butler*  
Ms *Haddad*  
Ms *Houston*  
Mr *O'Byrne*  
Ms *O'Byrne*  
Ms *Standen*  
Ms *White*  
Ms *Dow* (Teller)

Ms *Archer*  
Mr *Barnett*  
Ms *Courtney*  
Mr *Ferguson*  
Mr *Gutwein*  
Mr *Hodgman*  
Mr *Jaensch*  
Ms *O'Connor*  
Mrs *Petrusma*  
Mr *Rockliff*  
Mrs *Rylah*  
Mr *Shelton*  
Dr *Woodruff*  
Mr *Tucker* (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**10** ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR BUDGET PROCEEDINGS. – *Ordered*, That the House of Assembly requests all Members of the Legislative Council to attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2019 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2019-20. (The Minister for Health)

**11** ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR BUDGET PROCEEDINGS. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having passed the following Resolution begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council and to request its concurrence therein: -

The House of Assembly requests all Members of the Legislative Council to attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2019 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2019-20.

*House of Assembly, 22 May 2019*

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker*.

**12** SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, That for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock. (The Minister for Health)

**13** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: STATE BUDGET. - Mr *Bacon*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

State Budget.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

**14** PAPERS. –The Minister for Health laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Graph titled “Tasmanian Government Debt” with annotation.

**15** PAPERS. – Mr *O’Byrne, by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Graph titled “Tasmanian Government Debt”.

**16** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: STATE BUDGET. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**17** BILL NO. 15. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 - That the Biosecurity Bill 2019 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Ordered*, That the speaking time of Dr *Broad* be extended by 5 minutes. (Ms *O’Connor*)

The House resumed the debate.

And Ms *O’Connor* was addressing the Chair.

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

**19** CLIMATE EMERGENCY. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the world is in a state of climate emergency.
- (2) Recognises the critical work of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- (3) Agrees that global temperature rise must be limited to 1.5 degrees to minimise the worst impact of global heating.
- (4) Commends the United Kingdom, Ireland, the ACT Assembly and the five hundred and twenty eight Councils that have recognised the climate emergency.
- (5) Further agrees that Australia and Tasmania must take stronger, sustained action to lower our emissions and adapt to the reality of a world in a state of climate emergency.
- (6) Declares a climate emergency and calls on the Tasmanian Government to adopt strong targets backed by effective measures to reduce Tasmania's emissions and ensure that strong climate adaptation measures are implemented. (Ms *O’Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Question was proposed by the Attorney-General to leave out paragraphs (1) to (6) and insert instead the following new paragraphs:



- “(1) Acknowledges that climate change is a serious and urgent challenge that requires immediate and practical action from local, national and international Governments;
- (2) Notes that Tasmania must continue to be a leader in responding to climate change, especially in the areas of climate science and research, and renewable energy;
- (3) Recognises that Climate Action 21: Tasmania’s Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 sets the Tasmanian Government’s agenda for action on climate change and articulates how Tasmania will play its role in the global response to climate change;
- (4) Notes that Tasmania was the first jurisdiction in Australia to achieve zero net emissions in 2016 and the Government’s Tasmania-First Energy policy is on target to deliver full self-sufficiency in renewables by 2022, with the Tasmanian Government investing up to \$30 million for the Battery of the Nation project and, with support from the Federal Government, \$56 million to progress a second interconnector.
- (5) Notes that the Tasmanian Government has committed \$3 million in funding to support the delivery of Climate Change Action Plan and that these actions include:
- (a) establishing a long-term emissions reduction target of zero net emissions by 2050;
  - (b) supporting the rollout of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Tasmania;
  - (c) delivering a business resource efficiency program that will assist small and medium-sized businesses to reduce their emissions and operating costs through resource efficiency initiatives, and building industry capacity;
  - (d) funding for the Power\$mart Home and Businesses programs, which provides financial support over two years to conduct energy audits for small and medium-sized businesses to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency, and to reduce power bills and emissions, and helping low income households reduce their energy costs through support and education, energy efficiency audits and low cost upgrades; and
  - (e) working with local government and regional bodies to embed climate change consideration into strategic and financial decision making.
- (6) Notes that the \$3 million in funding builds on over \$400 million already invested by the Tasmanian Government to support action on climate change, including:
- (a) a comprehensive targeted fuel reduction burning program;
  - (b) the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme;
  - (c) modernising and upgrading our renewable hydro-electricity assets;
  - (d) investing in our irrigation infrastructure to provide greater surety for farmers in a changing climate;
  - (e) nationally accredited training related to climate change issues; and
  - (f) supporting businesses and households to improve their energy efficiency.”

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed by Dr *Broad*

To leave out paragraphs (1) to (6) and insert instead:

- “(1) Acknowledges that the world is in a state of climate emergency.
- (2) Recognises the critical work of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- (3) Agrees that global temperature rise must be limited to 1.5 degrees to minimise the worst impact of global heating.
- (4) Commends the United Kingdom, Ireland, the ACT Assembly and the five hundred and twenty eight Councils that have recognised the climate emergency.
- (5) Further agrees that Australia and Tasmania must take stronger, sustained action to lower our emissions and adapt to the reality of a world in a state of climate emergency.
- (6) Acknowledges that scientific evidence of climate change is overwhelming.
- (7) Notes that forestry will play a vital role in replacing carbon intensive products like concrete and steel while also acting as carbon sinks.
- (8) Notes that Tasmanian mineral resources like zinc, nickel, tin and copper will be increasingly important for transitional technologies like batteries, solar panels and electric cars.

- (9) Agrees there is a responsibility for Government to ensure there is a just transition for working people that rely on carbon intensive industries for their livelihoods.
- (10) Rejects political stunts that divide our community for example the car convoy during the Federal election that enraged and polarised communities and delivered a political victory for those that oppose any action on climate change.
- (11) Calls on the Government to report twice yearly to the Parliament on progress to meet strong targets backed by effective measures to reduce Tasmania's emissions and ensure that strong climate adaptation measures are implemented."

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment to the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

AYES 10

*Mr Bacon*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Houston*  
*Mr O'Byrne*  
*Ms O'Byrne*  
*Ms Standen*  
*Ms White*  
*Ms Dow (Teller)*

NOES 14

*Ms Archer*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Ms Courtney*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Mr Gutwein*  
*Mr Hodgman*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Ms O'Connor*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mrs Rylah*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Mr Tucker (Teller)*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

## AYES 12

*Ms Archer*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Ms Courtney*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Mr Gutwein*  
*Mr Hodgman*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mrs Rylah*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Tucker* (Teller)

## NOES 12

*Mr Bacon*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Houston*  
*Mr O'Byrne*  
*Ms O'Byrne*  
*Ms O'Connor*  
*Ms Standen*  
*Ms White*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Ms Dow* (Teller)

**SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE.** – The Speaker said: “The result of the division is 12 Ayes and 12 Noes. I therefore have to use a casting vote.

I have to say I am extremely disappointed that we have not had more time to thrash out this extremely serious issue. I do think it is an issue of our time and it is something that needs to be dealt with. Had I still been in council I would have supported the Greens' motion without doubt, but I am not. I am in the Parliament. I am a member of the Government and there are bigger issues at play. I thought there were some very good points made in the Labor amendment but I could not agree with all of them.

I want to place on the record that climate change is an issue that I am personally very passionate about. I want to put this on the public record because I believe the threat of climate change is real and immediate. I believe that if the present generation fails to handle climate change threat as boldly and swiftly as possible then we risk leaving our coming generations with catastrophic damage that could be irreparable.

However, I also believe that governments must be careful not to create an unnecessary sense of fear, panic and alarm in relation to climate change.

I believe that this approach only plays into the hands of the climate change sceptics who will use any overreach such as narrowly missed climate projection targets as an excuse to claim climate change is not real. Instead, I believe it is far better for governments to focus on explaining the impact of climate change in a calm and measured way. This must include governments explaining the real actions they are taking on climate change.

I also believe that everyone must do their bit in the fight against climate change and I intend to use my time in this place to be a champion for change. I will do this by focusing on ensuring the Government delivers on practical and tangible actions to address climate change, including those in the Climate Change Action Plan, which I have been assured is under constant review.

I also believe the Government can and should do more to promote the work it is doing to address climate change, particularly those actions included in the action plan. I urge the Government not to be afraid to champion climate change because no political party - Greens, Labor or Liberal - should have a monopoly on good environmental policies.

I believe climate change actions must begin at home and for this reason I will be bringing forward a range of practical changes to the operations of the Tasmanian Parliament as of today that will help address climate change. These changes will be discussed at the next joint House committee meeting which I have already called for.

Finally I want to say that I respect the Greens' passion and commitment to the issue of climate change and I acknowledge this Motion has been brought forward for debate today in good faith and with genuine concern. I would like to place on the record that the Greens, in my time in the Town Hall, taught me a lot and I am very grateful for that.

However, for the reasons that I have outlined I will be supporting the Government's amendment to the motion and cast my vote with the Ayes."

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Main Question, as amended, be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the House: —

- (1) Acknowledges that climate change is a serious and urgent challenge that requires immediate and practical action from local, national and international Governments;
- (2) Notes that Tasmania must continue to be a leader in responding to climate change, especially in the areas of climate science and research, and renewable energy;
- (3) Recognises that Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 sets the Tasmanian Government's agenda for action on climate change and articulates how Tasmania will play its role in the global response to climate change;
- (4) Notes that Tasmania was the first jurisdiction in Australia to achieve zero net emissions in 2016 and the Government's Tasmania-First Energy policy is on target to deliver full self-sufficiency in renewables by 2022, with the Tasmanian Government investing up to \$30 million for the Battery of the Nation project and, with support from the Federal Government, \$56 million to progress a second interconnector.
- (5) Notes that the Tasmanian Government has committed \$3 million in funding to support the delivery of Climate Change Action Plan and that these actions include:
  - (a) establishing a long-term emissions reduction target of zero net emissions by 2050;
  - (b) supporting the rollout of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Tasmania;
  - (c) delivering a business resource efficiency program that will assist small and medium-sized businesses to reduce their emissions and operating costs through resource efficiency initiatives, and building industry capacity;
  - (d) funding for the Power\$mart Home and Businesses programs, which provides financial support over two years to conduct energy audits for small and medium-sized businesses to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency, and to reduce power bills and emissions, and helping low income households reduce their energy costs through support and education, energy efficiency audits and low cost upgrades; and
  - (e) working with local government and regional bodies to embed climate change consideration into strategic and financial decision making.
- (6) Notes that the \$3 million in funding builds on over \$400 million already invested by the Tasmanian Government to support action on climate change, including:
  - (a) a comprehensive targeted fuel reduction burning program;
  - (b) the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme;
  - (c) modernising and upgrading our renewable hydro-electricity assets;
  - (d) investing in our irrigation infrastructure to provide greater surety for farmers in a changing climate;
  - (e) nationally accredited training related to climate change issues; and
  - (f) supporting businesses and households to improve their energy efficiency.

**20**      **DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES.** – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that there are 1 in 5 people living with disability in Tasmania, the highest rate of any State in Australia.
- (2) Recognises in Tasmania there are currently over 10,000 people who are eligible for support for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), leaving upwards of 90,000 Tasmanians with disability who are not eligible for NDIS and who rely on services provided by Tasmanian disability support service organisations.
- (3) Understands that under the Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, the Hodgman Liberal Government has a clear and undeniable responsibility to provide services for Tasmanians living with a disability and who are not eligible for support under the NDIS.
- (4) Notes that State funding contracts for 18 disability service organisations that provide vital services for people living with disability, their families and carers will expire on 30 June 2019, leaving 90,000 Tasmanians without crucial support.
- (5) Further understands the specialist and critical nature of the work of these organisations, which rely on core funding from the State Government, to do this work.
- (6) Calls on the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development, Hon *Jacquie Petrusma* MP, to commit to continued funding for these 18 disability support organisations in the State's Budget and provide certainty for people living with disability who rely on these services. (Ms *Standen*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Question was proposed by the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development by leaving out all words after "Australia" in paragraph (1) and inserting instead:

"...due to our ageing population, with a large proportion aged over 65 years of age.

- (2) Acknowledges that an estimated 10,600 Tasmanians under 65 years of age, will be eligible for individual support plans under the NDIS and that all Tasmanians with disability are eligible to access support and services offered by organisations that are funded through the NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building programs.
- (3) Understands that under the Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, that state and territory governments retain responsibility for providing continuity of supports, and mainstream services such as health, education, housing, transport and safety for people with disability.
- (4) Acknowledges that as per the Agreement signed by the previous Labor-Green Government, from 1 July 2019 the provision of specialist disability services, and ILC type services in Tasmania will be a function of the NDIS and the administrative responsibility of the National Disability Insurance Agency and that the Tasmanian Government invested \$878.7 million in the 18-19 budget and forward estimates, towards the Scheme.
- (5) Recognises the critical nature of the work disability services and support organisations provide and that the Government will continue to advocate for and to work closely with Tasmania's organisations in accessing the new and larger ILC funding streams available through the NDIS.
- (6) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's work in successfully securing 'bridging' funding from the Commonwealth to provide additional support to organisations seeking to transition and commission to the new ILC model."

Question put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

AYES 14

Ms Archer  
Mr Barnett  
Ms Courtney  
Mr Ferguson  
Mr Gutwein  
Mr Hodgman  
Mr Jaensch  
Ms O'Connor  
Mrs Petrusma  
Mr Rockliff  
Mrs Rylah  
Mr Shelton  
Dr Woodruff  
Mr Tucker (Teller)

NOES 10

Mr Bacon  
Dr Broad  
Ms Butler  
Ms Haddad  
Ms Houston  
Mr O'Byrne  
Ms O'Byrne  
Ms Standen  
Ms White  
Ms Dow (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Main Question, as amended, be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the House: —

- (1) Acknowledges that there are 1 in 5 people living with disability in Tasmania, the highest rate of any State in Australia due to our ageing population, with a large proportion aged over 65 years of age.
- (2) Acknowledges that an estimated 10,600 Tasmanians under 65 years of age, will be eligible for individual support plans under the NDIS and that all Tasmanians with disability are eligible to access support and services offered by organisations that are funded through the NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building programs.
- (3) Understands that under the Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, that state and territory governments retain responsibility for providing continuity of supports, and mainstream services such as health, education, housing, transport and safety for people with disability.
- (4) Acknowledges that as per the Agreement signed by the previous Labor-Green Government, from 1 July 2019 the provision of specialist disability services, and ILC type services in Tasmania will be a function of the NDIS and the administrative responsibility of the National Disability Insurance Agency and that the Tasmanian Government invested \$878.7 million in the 18-19 budget and forward estimates, towards the Scheme.
- (5) Recognises the critical nature of the work disability services and support organisations provide and that the Government will continue to advocate for and to work closely with Tasmania's organisations in accessing the new and larger ILC funding streams available through the NDIS.
- (6) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's work in successfully securing 'bridging' funding from the Commonwealth to provide additional support to organisations seeking to transition and commission to the new ILC model.

**21** 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed —  
That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Prime Minister Hon. Scott Morrison MP and the Federal Liberal Party for the outstanding result in the Australian Federal election held on 18 May 2019.
- (2) Further congratulates, subject to final confirmation, the election of Tasmanian Federal Liberal representatives in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (3) Notes the strong relationship between the Hodgman and Morrison Governments, working together to deliver a stronger economy, real investment in infrastructure and better health and education services for all Tasmanians. (Mr *Shelton*)

A debate arose thereupon.

Mr *Shelton*, *by leave*, withdrew the indication that a vote on the Motion would be required that day.

The House resumed the debate.

And Dr *Woodruff* was addressing the Chair

**22** BILL NO. 51 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 amend the Security and Investigations Agents Act 2002".

*Legislative Council, 22 May 2019.*

C. M. FARRELL, *President.*

**23** BILL NO. 52 of 2018. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

MADAM SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendment, to a Bill, intituled – "A Bill for an Act to amend the Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932",

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

*Legislative Council, 22 May 2019.*

C. M. FARRELL, *President.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message be taken into consideration tomorrow. (The Minister for Human Services)

**24** BILL NO. 15. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 - That the Biosecurity Bill 2019 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;  
*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

**25** BILL NO. 15. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to provide for the protection and enhancement of Tasmania’s biosecurity status for the benefit of Tasmania’s industries, environment and public wellbeing by providing for the prevention, detection and control of animal and plant disease, pests and biosecurity matter”,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*House of Assembly, 22 May 2019.*

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

**26** BILL NO. 65 of 2018. - The Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment Bill 2018 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

*Ordered,* That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

**27** BILL NO. 65 of 2018. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013”,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*House of Assembly, 22 May 2019.*

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

The House adjourned at six minutes past Eight o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day.