

Thursday 14 June 2018

The President, **Mr Wilkinson**, took the Chair at 11 a.m., acknowledged the Mouheneenner people and read Prayers.

**CONSOLIDATED FUND APPROPRIATION (SUPPLEMENTARY
APPROPRIATION FOR 2017-18) BILL 2018 (No. 11)**

CONSOLIDATED FUND SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 2018 (No. 9)

CONSOLIDATED FUND SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 2018 (No. 10)

Third Reading

Bills read the third time.

MOTION

Gregory Raymond Hall MLC - Recognition of Service

[11.07 am.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) -
Mr President, I move -

That the Legislative Council recognises the service of the former member for Western Tiers/McIntyre, Greg Hall, from 2001 to 2018 and Deputy President and Chair of Committees from 2007 to 2012 and 2014 to 2018 and acknowledges his contribution to this House, the Parliament and the constituents of his electorate.

Mr President, I begin by formally recording my thanks to the honourable Greg Hall, member of the Legislative Council for Rowallan, Western Tiers and more recently McIntyre-West, for his years of service to his country, to Tasmania and to this Chamber. We are all here to serve our community and with our community's best interests at heart. In the honourable Greg Hall's own words, 'It is about continually striving to build better communities, to improve everyone's lifestyle'. Greg is a testament to this and his many years of service stand as a clear example to us all of someone willing to strive to improve the community and the outcome for all Tasmanians.

Greg Hall remains a proud northerner who was born in Launceston in 1948 to parents Arthur and Isobel. Growing up in the country and attending Deloraine primary and secondary schools, he left for Hobart to attend matriculation for years 11 and 12, subsequently staying in Hobart for work.

This was not to last, however, with the member being called up for military service in the Vietnam War in 1968. Greg served in B Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment and was sent to South Vietnam, where he served his country on a 12-month deployment. His military service did not cease at the end of his deployment. He continued to serve, remaining active in the Australian Army Reserve and rising to the rank of major as a commissioned officer. This is no mean feat. I was also an Army reservist in the 44th Transport Squadron; it seemed to take me ages to get through to the lance corporal stage. Greg remains an active supporter of the RSL and it is right that we acknowledge his service to his country.

Upon returning to Australia, the young Greg Hall went into partnership with his parents to work on the family farm at Dunorlan. He was a successful businessman and farmer, with the farm expanding into berry production and successfully exporting Tasmanian product interstate and overseas. At times the farm employed over 50 staff and was an integral part of the local economy, providing opportunities for employment to local and transient workers.

His service to his community did not end here. He contested and was successful in running for the then Deloraine council in 1990. He subsequently represented his community on the Meander Valley Council after its amalgamation, becoming mayor in 1997. While serving his local council as mayor he was successful in his tilt at the former division of Rowallan in 2001. He then continued to serve the people of regional Tasmania, across the redistribution into Western Tiers and, again, the people of McIntyre-West.

During this time the member was a tireless advocate for his community and a strong voice and presence in this Chamber. He personally sponsored and chaired committees inquiring into conservation issues on private land, the River Clyde irrigation scheme, the land use planning scheme and the Ashley Youth Detention Centre, just to name a few. He also served on numerous other committees and parliamentary work, including the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works, the Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development, the Joint House committee - as Chair of Committees - and the Joint House Select Committee on Gene Technology among others.

I take this moment to focus on the member's interests, and what he was passionate about and worked hard towards. As many of us know, Greg was a keen family man who raised four successful children - not an easy task - alongside his wife Kathy, whom we all know he could not manage or do without.

Beyond this, he was someone who also appreciated the outdoors and nature. From his work as a farmer to his hobby as an avid bushwalker, Greg appreciated the beauty of the world around us and was keen to get out among it as opposed to being stuck behind a desk. This love of the outdoors is what took him to explore the Himalayas, and I am sure one of his hiking highlights must have been his trip trekking in Nepal.

Alongside his hiking, Greg was, as we also know, an avid cyclist, competing in many cycling trips along with some of my other colleagues in this place. He went around the world and Tasmania. I must admit I look forward to hearing about some of those exploits, although I understand that what he said and did on the trip 'stays on the trip'. His heart always remained here in Tasmania, and his efforts were not just dedicated to things he personally enjoyed.

I will take a moment to reflect and highlight how his interest in improving the lot of disadvantaged Tasmanians was shown in the work he directly undertook when it came to the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

It is often said that the mark of someone is not how they interact with their peers but rather how they treat those less fortunate. The member took an active and keen interest in youth justice, most particularly in those who, he feared, would otherwise fall through the cracks and be left to flounder. Greg championed and chaired the Legislative Council Select Committee - Ashley, Youth Justice and Detention, which sought to enable parents to meaningfully contribute to the rehabilitation of at-risk children and to improve the outcomes of youth justice for those stuck in the system. This inquiry brought about a review into the law that had changed with the passing of the Youth Justice Act 1997 and the related Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1999.

Greg took his mandate as a member of the Legislative Council very seriously. It is with this role in the House of review that he approached the review into the effectiveness of the youth justice system in Tasmania. It is this dedication to improving the lot of disadvantaged Tasmanians that I think Greg can be most proud of, and something we as members can aspire to follow.

We all know that Greg was a master of pranks; many of us have been victims in the past - some more so than others - but I must admit I miss having that coffee cup left under my windscreen wiper every Tuesday morning when we are here in Hobart.

Personally he was a good sounding board, confidante and role model for me in my job as a politician, and I appreciate that.

Finally, as the Leader of the Government in this House, I, on behalf of the Government, pass on our thanks and sincere appreciation to the honourable member for his service - his service to his country, his service to the people of Tasmania, and especially for his service and dedication to those most disadvantaged in our society. I add my hope that he keeps striving to build better communities and continues his service to his community so that others may follow in his footsteps.

[11.15 a.m.]

Ms RATTRAY (McIntyre) - Mr President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognise the longstanding and invaluable contribution of the past member for Rowallan, then Western Tiers and, for a number of months, the member for McIntyre, the honourable Greg Hall. As we acknowledge his 17 years in this House, it is humbling to think I shared 14 of those years working and serving with Greg.

Through this motion I hope to express my genuine admiration for Greg, to put on the record my view of his achievements and to reflect on the significant contribution he has made to life in Tasmania.

Politics can be defined as a number of things: the art or science of government and the activities of power within a state. The word 'politics' originates from the Greek word 'politikos'. Politics is best expressed as the process of understanding, representing and communicating the needs and wants of constituents in a governmental system.

Greg Hall encapsulates a man with great personal experience and skills who has chosen politics as a career, or perhaps it chose him. Through politics, he has worked hard and effectively to represent the citizens of his electorate since 2001. His interest and motivation has been to represent his community to bring about the best for the people of Tasmania, and for the past 17 years as a Legislative Councillor he has done that.

Many of us are aware of Greg's background, including as a soldier, farmer and mayor, but titles do not adequately reflect experience, wisdom and common sense.

The first time I worked with Greg, I became aware of the breadth and depth of his wisdom and the importance of that knowledge for the workings of this Chamber. I have enjoyed the times I spent with Greg on a number of committees. I remember well as a new member in this House, on my first, the Joint House Environment, Resource and Development Committee, where the terms of reference often entailed the need to travel to other states to seek information. With Greg as a member of the container deposit inquiry, work always had an interesting and enjoyable side. He always made committees fun.

I particularly acknowledge Greg's contribution to the committee process through inquiries into the dairy industry, state planning schemes and, most recently, when he was Chair of the Legislative Council Select Committee on Tasmanian Irrigation.

Our parliament will be a lesser place without Greg's knowledge, experience and expertise.

Tasmania is, as we all know, a great state and a great place to live and work but it will only remain so through our continued efforts and vigilance. We are fortunate in Tasmania to have an upper House filled with people of different backgrounds, personalities and skill sets. It is the mix of our different life experiences and viewpoints that allow us to consider and direct important legislation. Greg has provided considered, wise and independent forward-thinking counsel on many important issues.

The world will undoubtedly continue to throw challenges in our path, and societies and individuals therefore need representatives who are able to listen to the people's needs, wants and fears and legislate and act in response.

As a Chamber we have been fortunate to have had the wisdom and wit of Greg over many years and his presence will be sorely missed. Greg should be genuinely proud of the impact he has had on this House and of the representation he has provided to his constituency and, on a broader landscape, to the current state of Tasmania with his significant and longstanding contribution.

Greg's commitment to his immediate community is well known and I feel sure he will continue to be involved in many aspects of community life, while enjoying spending some more time with his wonderful family at home on the farm at Dunorlan.

I wish Greg all the best for the future and again I thank him for his outstanding contribution during his time as a member of the Parliament of Tasmania. I support the motion.

[11.20 a.m.]

Ms ARMITAGE (Launceston) - Mr President, most of us have stories about the honourable Greg Hall MLC - Mr Gregory Raymond Hall or to me, 'Graymond'. As we all know, Greg had nicknames for us all. This is an unusual time, when we have not been able to acknowledge or farewell a member while he is still an active member of parliament. We cannot tell him while in his presence that he will be missed. We cannot tell him that he was a great asset to this House and we cannot tell him the Parliament of Tasmania will be very different without his knowledge, passion, experience and practical jokes.

Although Greg started in this House back in 2001 as the member for Rowallan, I only came to know him personally 10 years later when I was elected in 2011. On first impression he seemed wise, knowledgeable and a bit gruff. After a while I realised this perceived gruffness had no substance and he was a warm and friendly person. It did not take long for our friendship to grow enough for him to start with the practical jokes, with the first hint of him as a jokester being in assigning names to different people.

Most members were allocated a name over the years. Mine was Lois, my middle name; his last EA, Megan, was called Bogan. Ivan was called the Vicar and Ivan's EA, Lucy, was called Lucifer. The list is endless. All these names were given in fun with no nastiness or vindictiveness - they were all a reflection of Greg's fun attitude to the often overwhelming seriousness of life.

Every time Greg came into Henty House, it was time to batten down the hatches. You could always tell he had been in, whether it was sticky tape on your telephone speaker and receiver so no-one could hear the conversation, colouring your teeth yellow in photos, or turning the heaters up too high and then closing the office doors. No-one was safe from his jokes. We would always know when he came to the Henty office counter because he would continuously ring the doorbell until someone came out to him, all the time standing there with a silly grin on his face.

Among all this fun and frivolity there is a serious side to Greg, a man who fights for the little person, for the underprivileged, who is a proud Australian and Tasmanian, who is a huge supporter of agriculture in this state, who has an extremely extensive vocabulary and who often proudly wears his heart on his sleeve.

Tasmania and the community of Western Tiers and the greater Deloraine area has lost a strong supporter and advocate in this House. Greg has been very active on community issues and events over the past 18 years, such as the Ashley Youth Detention Centre, Agfest, the Deloraine Craft Fair and the Deloraine Street Car Show. Although it is Greg's intention to remain an active community member, this House will not be privy to his stories and anecdotes about the area.

Greg loathes injustice. He believes everyone should have control over their own destiny as no-one deserves to feel as though they have no control over their life decisions. It will always remain unknown whether he would have campaigned to be re-elected had his electorate not been taken from him in the electoral boundary changes.

After 18 years in the upper House, Greg deserves his retirement. His passion for farming, his family and cycling can now be focused on more heavily.

I know we will remain friends outside this place and I look forward to catching up with him into the future. He has given much to this country as a Vietnam veteran and to the state, and he will be seriously missed in this Chamber. Enjoy your retirement, Graymond.

[11.24 a.m.]

Mr VALENTINE (Hobart) - Mr President, my nickname was Rotten Rob, RR for short. I walked past his office and he said, 'How are you going, Rotten Rob?', and quick as a wink, I said, 'Not too bad, Grubby Greg'. It stood for the rest of the term and we always referred to each other as GG and RR. I am not quite sure why he called me rotten.

Ms Forrest - It is because it starts with R.

Mr VALENTINE - I thought it was because we sometimes voted on opposite ends of the spectrum - that is not always the way Greg Hall was. I found him an engaging member of parliament. I hope he is listening and watching today because he might get a little of what he deserves.

Mr Farrell - He was technically advanced. He was a great fan of committees being on the interweb machine, and he was very fond of that.

Mr VALENTINE - Yes, he is one of this Chamber's characters. And yes, he is conservative in nature and has been attacked on the *Tasmanian Times* by long-term foes for his position on forestry and other matters. He has obviously taken that on the chin.

We often disagreed on the various bills that came before this House, but there is one thing to be said about him - he was not a person to take that outside the Chamber. He did not play personality politics. When he was in this Chamber he stuck to the issue and debated it vigorously, but then you would go outside and have a friendly chat with him. You would then go to drive away and find a coffee cup on the back window of your car. At one time I could not understand why people on the other end of the phone could not hear me. I thought that was because the phone was old, but there was a bit of sticky tape right across the mouthpiece. On another occasion people could hear me but I could not hear them - I found a piece of sticky tape across the earpiece. I got my own back on him - I took his phone apart and put sticky tape on its inside. It took him a long time to actually find what the problem was. Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire.

We were both country lads at heart with the same way of looking at things - there was always a funny side. The coffee cups and the telephone were definitely pranks; another prank mentioned was the turning up of the heaters. If you had your office next door to his, it happened more often. I would come into my office some mornings and it would be absolutely boiling hot - he had turned the heating up. I tried to let him know it was not good for greenhouse gas emissions, but there you go. He would tell me that it was simply hydro and there are no greenhouse gas emissions in hydro-electricity.

I found it fascinating, as a farmer approaching the age of 70, Greg was also a cyclist. I will not steal the thunder of the member for Windermere because I am sure he has plenty of stories about Red Bull cans and suchlike.

I will miss Greg's banter. I always appreciated listening to his debates; when listening to the points he made, I took some on, but most I did not.

Mr Finch - He gave you plenty of ammunition.

Mr VALENTINE - He would give me plenty of ammunition, but I appreciated we were able to have those debates and points of difference. A cheeky high-school lad still lurked about a millimetre below the surface of Greg Hall.

I wish him well in his retirement - if I can say that because I know the circumstances of his retirement were not something that rested well with him. As someone else said, he liked to be treated justly and see that others were treated justly. I think he saw the way the redistribution worked as not quite just. It did not go down well with him. I can understand, in some part, the way he felt about almost being forced to retire. That is life; it happens with redistributions. I am sure it has happened previously. It was certainly unusual to have two members in the one seat as it turned out with McIntyre. We are not the ones who make those decisions and we probably do not have the fullest information to be able to comment on the rights or wrongs of that. I can understand why Greg might feel upset at the way his political career came to a sudden end.

I mark the retirement of Greg Hall. I am sure if I am ever around Deloraine, I will have the opportunity to be able to say, 'How're you going, Grubby Greg?'

[11.31 a.m.]

Mr FARRELL (Derwent) - Mr President, most of us are aware that during this last session of parliament a special something is missing from this Chamber - the experience, the warmth, the understanding, the modesty and the sensible attitude. We will get on without Majella; she made a tremendous contribution over many years.

Moving on to Greg Hall, who was with us for many years, I will refer to him as 'Ray'. He referred to me as 'Max', which was done on that very sophisticated line of giving people nicknames. He just used my second name, as he did with Lois. I was 'Bumper' for a while because he read a book in an airport waiting lounge about some rugby player called Bumper Barrel.

Mr PRESIDENT - New South Wales policeman as well.

Mr FARRELL - That is right. So, Bumper Farrell and that has continued. Some people think that is my name. Some of my colleagues in the lower House on your side of the Floor still call me that - it is bizarre, but that is the influence Greg Hall had.

When first elected to this Chamber everyone goes through a phase of thinking, 'My God, what have I landed in?' This Chamber has an interesting mix of characters, which is why it works so well. Ray was certainly one of the more unique characters, but as the member for Hobart mentioned, one of his strong points was that what happened in the Chamber stayed in the Chamber. As soon as we went out the door, we were all friends - particularly during the heady days when I was leader of the government and we had some pretty big stuff before us.

Mr Dean - We did.

Mr FARRELL - We did. There was a bunch of grumpy old men who could give us a difficult time during the session, but it was always done very professionally. It is something special to this place, and Greg understood that. He seemed very proud of the fact he was a Legislative Councillor and he represented his area very well over a number of years, even before he became a member of the Legislative Council.

He was always upfront; he never left you guessing. You knew days, months, years ahead of any legislation what his thoughts were and how he was going to go with it.

He had - I was going to say a 'taste', but I do not think that is the right word. He had a funny idea of fashion and always thought he was a bit of a spiv - in the old-fashioned term - with loud ties and loud socks -

Ms Rattray - What about the shoes?

Mr FARRELL - And the pointy shoes.

Ms Rattray - I thought his shoes were good.

Mr FARRELL - They were all right, if you are into that sort of thing. It was a contrast - the bloke who was a farmer, rode a bike and was comfortable in gumboots also wore crocodile leather shoes. Maybe the President will share why he had such an interest in shoes. It probably started as an interest in something else that led to an interest in shoes, but he certainly was not a practical man when it came to dressing. There was an underlying competition - not that he spoke about it - maybe it was generated during his years at The Friends' School - with certain parliamentary advisers who are still with us who are very good dressers; there was a bit of competition with the member for Mersey. When the member for Elwick joined us, you could see Greg check things out to see how he measured up to the young bloke.

It was always good working with him on committees. He took his role very seriously, but we always had good fun doing it.

Ms Rattray - He liked to shop.

Mr FARRELL - Yes, he did like to shop. I remember a red jacket - he had to have this red jacket even though it did not fit him. He took it home to 'the war office', as he likes to call Kath, that long-suffering lady, and she told him the truth about the red jacket. I do not know what he did with it; he probably wears it when he drives his tractor.

He probably thought he would leave parliament under different circumstances. It was a surprise to us all when his retirement was announced through the redistribution process. That was a surprise to Greg, too, in many ways. It is funny how many things came to an end, with Greg leaving, the demolition of 10 Murray Street, Majella retiring - it is a new era for our parliament.

I heard a story that, in his retirement, Greg is looking at taking on the postmaster role at Conara. He is often seen around Conara; it is a place in his electorate that he is very fond of. Conara is a particularly special place. Every time I drive past it now, I think of him; if I see him, he will be in big trouble.

Ms Rattray - It is in McIntyre, but it was in Apsley previously.

Mr FARRELL - We played on that line so much he began to think something was going on at Conara. It was good to get back at him because, as others have mentioned and will mention, his practical joking is legendary. It was another contrast to his grumpy old bloke persona. I remember a time - the President will too - at a function where he had a great deal of joy with an electronic whoopee cushion device. He was so good with his practical jokes, I think he convinced the person it was planted behind that it was them all the time.

Mr Finch - I think he stuck it in my chair.

Mr FARRELL - It was good fun. He knew when to be serious and he also knew most of the time when to have a bit of a joke. When I had the office in 10 Murray Street, the pews were stored under the stairwell. I would come out of my office to come down to the Chamber and they would be across my doorway. I became sick and tired of that because it was difficult to move them. They are about 14 foot long and it would not have been terribly elegant climbing over them. A few times I missed prayers because of Greg Hall's seat-moving.

I wish him all the best. It will be a challenging time for him. I am sure he will find lots to keep occupied. I worry for the welfare of Kath, his long-suffering war office, but I am sure she will sort him out. She will send him off to do something - he will have another adventure or he might just go for long drives to Conara late in the afternoon. All the best, Greg, and it was good working with you.

[11.40 a.m.]

Mr FINCH (Rosevears) - Mr President, I stayed back last night to put something together but ended up with bits and pieces, particularly of the media coverage he has gained since his retirement. Much of that reflects the impact he has had - how he felt about Tasmania, his job and his community. Greg has been a good communicator with the media and has always pursued good, strong issues. Greg probably counts the Meander Dam and the Lake Highway among his major achievements.

The latter, now called the Highland Lakes Road, used to be like an old goat track, and it was dangerous because of the amount of traffic on it. He kept on about it so much that Paul Lennon said, 'Get this bloke off my back and get it done'. Greg felt the Meander Dam needed to be built for the farmers and people in that area, and that was a long, drawn-out process.

Mr Dean - He was absolutely right; it has proved its value tenfold.

Mr FINCH - It is liquid gold.

There were issues recently about us combining to talk about the way ballot papers were presented to voters at election time. The member for Windermere might remember there was confusion because there was guidance at the top of the ballot paper and then a separate guidance at the bottom of the ballot paper. It was one of Don Wing's quibbles that we highlighted to the Electoral Commission, but to no avail.

Ms Forrest - Also the use of the term 'independent'.

Mr FINCH - Yes. To be able to use 'independent' on the ballot paper. There are probably other examples I could refer to. Mike Blake has flagged the possibility of changes being made to ballot papers; however, that has not happened yet.

Mr Valentine - The changes to ballot papers - the independents?

Mr FINCH - No, this is the other one about combining the two instructions - '1 to 20' on the ballot paper, but down the bottom, it says you must fill out five.

Mr Valentine - Take out the ambiguity.

Mr FINCH - An ordinary person would walk in, read the top instruction and by the time they are down to the last instruction say, 'No, I have already done that. I will not bother with all that'. For some people it is painful enough to go the booth without having to read all the details. Our idea was it should be moved to the top so people could read the information first.

Greg also felt that hundreds of primary industries department jobs should be moved. Jobs were moved - an election promise to move 65 jobs from the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment from Hobart to Launceston, with a further 35 to Devonport. He wanted that to go much further, arguing that the bulk of the department should be moved to Launceston. He often reflected strongly on that issue.

The other issue was the Ashley Youth Detention Centre, which the member for Launceston mentioned. Greg was always a strong advocate for his community in respect of that issue. He chaired the select committee inquiry into the centre's operations. With the suggestion that a new prison should be built, he advocated strongly that the prison should be in Deloraine, to support people from Deloraine employed at Ashley, as it is now. He also felt Deloraine was a strategic location for the prison, for people from the north and the north-west to access it and for families to visit to help prisoner rehabilitation. While that suggestion could be perceived as being self-interested, it was a strong suggestion and we will see what unfolds.

Greg would say we should not to worry about all the serious things and get down to the business. I wanted to reflect on his career because while he was a terrific fellow to be around - good-humoured - there was always a strong, serious side to his work. He did not let his guard down often, but you knew when he was on his feet here or talking to the media that strong issues were preying on his mind.

Another issue he had was the size of parliament, particularly in the other place. He was a strong advocate for the restoration of House of Assembly numbers to 35. In 2010 the state's main parties agreed to investigate restoring the size of the lower House to 35 members. The Liberals later abandoned the idea, saying it was no longer a priority. As far as Greg is concerned, we are more often seeing the situation in which that should come about, and I am in lock step with him on that issue.

We have talked about the redistribution process, and we know the problem he had with this change of electorates. I will not labour that, but he had a good hit out over that redistribution process, that it did not reflect the interest of the communities involved. My perception is that Apsley and Western Tiers could have been retained by a tweaking of numbers. I know that is simplistic; it might have been something the Electoral Commission gave a lot of thought to. I do not know what process the commission went through, but I thought simplicity might have been the key, without this discombobulation for Greg and the member for Apsley. I am sure the member for Prosser would disagree with me entirely because of the opportunity it created for her to become the representative here. It is what it is, but it was unfortunate that Greg's last months - almost a year - in this place were soured by that change of circumstances.

Ms Rattray - It was pretty much nine months of a really difficult time for Greg.

Mr FINCH - Absolutely, it was not a good process at all. Greg reflected on it and so have you, member for McIntyre, formerly Apsley. There will be more because it was such a disappointment for Greg. He will be out on the farm ploughing hard or riding his bike harder with the memory of that negative aspect in his life.

He also talked about the great divide, as far as people were concerned, in the Tasmanian community. It is a population out of kilter, with 70 per cent of the population dependent on income from the government, whether by way of benefits or working on government contracts. As a consequence, a large proportion of the community depends on the public purse rather than on the fruits of private enterprise and not making the connection between their standard of living and the source of wealth.

Greg, as has been acknowledged, was a great advocate for people on the land, in our rural community. That will be lost to a certain extent - no, I am getting around to the Leader. Greg took up the cudgels and drove those issues as deputy president, as chair of committees and as the member for Western Tiers and then McIntyre. He had that hands-on experience of the land.

Our Leader is also in the same situation, so I am sure those cudgels will be handed on and you will be able to represent that part of the Tasmanian community as strongly as Greg did over his career.

Mrs Hiscutt - I did hope that to be my intention.

Mr FINCH - Good on you. That is what we are here to do. We are here to give voice to the communities we represent. While we take a generalised picture of all that is happening, we have experience in those specifics.

The member for Mersey is here. He will notice I am wearing dots today. He did say when I first wore this tie, 'Some people have difficulty wearing dots and you are no exception.'

Mr Farrell - It doesn't stop him from wearing shower curtains, though, does it?

Mr Valentine - It is as wide as the Brooker Highway, though.

Mr FINCH - While there is a bit of frivolity, we were talking about the tricks he got up to - but nobody has mentioned the date rolls that used to drop on your head as you opened your office door. Had he got out of that habit before you arrived here?

Mrs Hiscutt - Yes.

Mr FINCH - Right. I copped many a date roll on the scone.

Ms Rattray - You were special.

Mr FINCH - I got special treatment. Some might remember that Greg and I spent eight or 10 years walking every morning. Generally it was from here over the Tasman Bridge. He would often suggest that it might be an easy way out for me when we were up on top of the bridge. I alerted the police to the fact that if I fell off the Tasman Bridge, they should investigate and interrogate Greg Hall first.

That time together, walking and talking, was very good. We shared many good thoughts and moments about families and those sorts of things. Greg never tried to influence my thoughts on the political process or issues. Of course, in some areas of discourse we might say, 'How are you going with this?' or 'What are you feeling about this?', but we never sought advice or instruction on how to go about things. Greg never talked about issues; it was quite refreshing and good for me not to have deal with that sort of discussion when we were only getting some recreation and some physical activity.

Nicknames - mine was Honk. I thought, 'What the hell is that all about? Where did he get "Honk" from?' On my office door was 'Hon.' followed by abbreviated 'K. Finch' - 'Honk Finch'. I said, 'Come on, give me something a bit more flamboyant - at least Honky-tonk', but, no, he did not waver so I was stuck with Honk, which, when we sat here next to each other, he wrote all over my material - all over my speeches and folders was 'Honk Finch', with an odd insult or two.

When I think back on the debates we had here, Greg was always a very strong contributor. He always looked to get that first possie to implement his thoughts on the issue. I appreciated that, because that would give me something to go on and you could build your arguments and presentations around either agreeing or disagreeing with him.

Other members will remember that on one of the best and interesting debates, we worked into the night. We were debating the Relationships Bill, which had three elements that were quite dramatic, with tough, groundbreaking decisions that were going to make history.

We had four cameras installed in the Chamber - one each from the ABC, SBS and the two commercial stations -

Mr PRESIDENT - You did not know which one to look at.

Mr FINCH - I stood about here both times.

The debate was very good and challenging, we worked into the night and it was gruelling. We were all very tired; the President happened to be caught in a moment where he had dozed off and the SBS cameraman swung his camera around and had a shot of him snoozing. A mate of mine, Phil Martin, was head of SBS News and Current Affairs in Sydney and I gave him a call and said, 'This is a very serious debate. While that might have been a good shot, I hope it does not appear in any sort of news story we might garner out of this process because it would have been a frivolous comment on what was going on here.'

In the voting process, there were three elements to the Relationships Bill; we agreed to two and voted unanimously against the third. It was controversial, but we voted strongly for two of the elements. Sue Smith, Greg Hall and I were the three votes needed to get those two elements across the line to support the Labor bloc then. Five were in the bloc at that stage. The three of us voted with Labor and were described as 'progressive conservatives'.

Member for Windermere, do you remember the progressive conservatives? Greg paid quite a price when he went back into his community. He was given a shellacking in his community for voting that way.

Ms Forrest - They re-elected him.

Mr FINCH - Yes, absolutely.

Mr Valentine - The percentage was 81.95.

Mr FINCH - No. Win some, lose some, but you have to have the courage of your conviction to vote the way you feel probably in your heart and with thoughts of your electorate in your mind - the bigger picture with Tasmania in mind; bigger again with Australia in mind. It was a good example of that process.

The third element was whether, if two women had a child using in vitro fertilisation, both mothers' names would go on the birth certificate. At that stage we could not accept that. I said to Michael Aird, 'Well, two out of three ain't bad', and he accepted that. That element was brought back two or three years later and passed unanimously.

Ms Forrest - And applied retrospectively.

Mr FINCH - Right. A very interesting process for this Chamber, with Greg strongly involved in the debate.

I do not want to go on with too much 'gibby-gobby' as Greg often referred to the contributions we sometimes made, but of course there is always the thought he was a Vietnam veteran. For some of the younger members, that occurred before you came into this House. That was a tough process but Greg bore it well, even though, as he said, he thought about it every day. He never laboured it

with us and we were not aware of the impacts. I have a brother who went through a similar situation, and that stuff stays with you. Greg dealt with it well. It never pervaded his work here.

Greg's sense of humour was always to the forefront. I appreciated the fact that when we walked out of here, it was a different thing altogether. It was about conviviality and being part of the Legislative Council team. It was a good reflection of Greg's personality and the way he conducted business here, which is the way we do. I appreciate the opportunity to reflect on some of those things.

The last one is the time of the powder. Greg Hall put talcum powder into the then member for Nelson's umbrella - that is the problem with being President, you are not referred to as the member for Nelson in this Chamber or as its representative - and on a very rainy day, out went the member onto the steps here, put up the umbrella -

Ms Forrest - After he got his shoulders wet.

Mr FINCH - Yes, it was the full bungler. Up went with his umbrella and down came the talcum powder, all over the aforementioned member for Nelson.

Payback did come. I was in Greg's office when it occurred. His office was downstairs where Mark Baily is now. The bells were ringing; he was checking his desk, opened the drawer to ensure nothing was left there, and a little talcum powder bomb - an apparatus that contains a lot of talcum powder on a trapdoor with a rubber band - flicked powder all over him. Puff! You little beauty! That was a great memory. He was late coming into the Chamber that day.

I salute Greg Hall. He was good fun and is a good friend. I hope his transition back into private life is a smooth one.

[12.03 p.m.]

Mr DEAN (Windermere) - Mr President, it is a sad time for me as Greg Hall was a good friend of mine, both here and outside. I am confident that friendship will not change and will continue.

The last nine months of his career here were a disappointment to him because of the boundary changes. He reflected on that a lot and made some comment in the media about it. He used the word 'bizarre' about the decision to change it. Greg may well have stood again had that not occurred. We do not know. It was a disappointing way in many respects for him to finish up in this place.

I relate to some of the stories and some of the practical jokes played. It was an important part of Greg's life. I do not think we will ever see the likes of Greg in this place again. I used to say that about some members in the police service, some of the members a lot older than me, that because of their attitude and nature we would never see their ilk in the police service again. I was right, not too many of that type come back.

I am not sure where to start in addressing the services of Gregory Raymond Hall, alias the 'Toad'. The member for McIntyre at the time of his resignation, previously Western Tiers and Rowallan, had seen a number of changes in his electorate.

Greg served his country and local government area well, both as a council member and as mayor for a time, and he served his electorate and Tasmania in this place. I cannot see him entirely hanging up his public life boots in the future; there will be other things he will be considering and

thinking about. He has ruled out going back into local government. He indicated he may have some committee work. I would be surprised if he entirely hangs up his boots from public life.

He wants to help people and do things for the community and state. He has been a stand-out member of the Legislative Council. Never backward in having his say, sometimes controversial and outspoken, but always fair and respectful of other members and respectful to those he might have referred to or about in his contributions. He was extremely measured and I do not recall him ever taking advantage of the privilege we enjoy in this place to advance any of his arguments. He did not malign anybody or any particular group, and went to lengths to be respectful in his contributions.

Members may recall that he went out of his way to protect people or groups he believed had been unfairly spoken of in this place. There is a good example of this in the debate on the Aboriginal constitution bill when a previous member for Rumney made some comments about farmers and the previous generation. Greg was quite incensed at some of those comments and made a speech in this place to right a wrong. He went public and that is the nature of Greg Hall - he is very protective of ensuring the right thing is done by all. I admire him for that.

However, that is not to say he was backward in coming forward. He always had his say and was well researched when presenting speeches. There were sayings he is well known for, some were borderline and humorous anecdotes he would frequently trot out. I listened with interest to some of his sayings and some of the words he used and wondered where they came from. I admired Greg. When I began my time here, he was an early mentor, as were the President and Paul Harriss. I took a lot of notice of those people.

I have a lot in common with Greg and that is where our friendship has probably developed. We both had Hobart schooling, were returned servicemen involved in active service and were involved in local government as alderman and mayor. We both have farming backgrounds and are avid bike riders. We have all of that in common.

There is more. I also bore the brunt of some of the escapades he is well known for. Only a few weeks ago I walked into my office; it was hot - and I mean really hot. I put up with it for a while until my EA, Lucy, walked in. I blamed the air conditioning because that is always on the blink at Henty House - it has been for the 15 years I have been there; it has never been right - and I was out of my mind. Lucy suggested I should take a look at my heater. It was on full blast. It is silent heating and you cannot hear it. I had not turned it on and I still did not twig as to who turned it on. Then I took a phone call. The caller kept asking me to speak up. I was virtually shouting into the phone and I finished up by saying we could not continue the call and that I would hang up and see what was wrong. Not long after I was told Mr Hall had been in during the day. By then I was quite pleased. I went straight to my phone and, sure enough, it had been tampered with. The phone receiver had been taped down. I picked up the handpiece and it kept ringing. I tried to figure what was wrong with it; I took some tape off and hoped it would stop ringing. Longstanding members here have all been caught out at some time or another by Greg. I will miss that and most of us will.

Innocent behaviour such as that helps to restore sanity in this place. However, some activity was not so innocent. I can remember a member or two threatening to call the police, threatening to do him an injury and doing all sorts of things because they were on the receiving end of some unusual activities, including Mr President. Of course, it was never Greg - he was absolutely innocent, wrongfully accused on all occasions.

Apart from creating some fun, Greg has been a responsible member here, responsible for change within the state. I do not want to overlook his other important work, particularly his achievements in the rural sector. As late as his last weeks in this place, he moved several motions including moving and sitting on the Tasmanian Irrigation Select Committee inquiry, which will continue in his absence. He worked up until the very last day he walked out of here. He was not going to give it away and rest. He did not see the need to do that.

This is what the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association said in a media release on 14 May 2018, titled 'Retiring MLC an "invaluable voice" for agriculture' -

Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) CEO Peter Skillern has thanked retiring Independent McIntyre-West MLC Greg Hall for his service to the State's rural communities.

'Mr Hall has been a strong, vocal and independent advocate for Tasmania's agricultural community during his 17 years in the Legislative Council,' Mr Skillern said.

'As a farmer himself Mr Hall was an invaluable voice for the sector, and a supporter of the long-term sustainability of agriculture in this State.

'On behalf of the TFGA and the broader agricultural community, we wish him well in his future endeavours.'

What an endorsement from the TFGA, which represents a lot of people in this state. One could say that comes from the whole of the TFGA membership.

The full list of motions and committees he moved, sat on and, in many cases, chaired is expansive. I have some research from the library on this. He gave 927 speeches and asked 535 questions in this place. He introduced three bills, and it is unusual in this place for members to introduce private member's bills. There are members here, and this is no criticism, who never will. I have not yet brought one in. I tried to and I may well -

Ms Forrest - You brought it in but it did not go anywhere. You brought it in.

Mr Armstrong - It is still there.

Mr DEAN - I brought it in; it is still there, and I may bring another one in shortly. It is unusual for members to bring private member's bills into this place and Greg brought three in.

Motions moved, 67. One I recall we should not mention was when Don Wing, the president at the time, heard a noise from Mr Hall's chair and called for the motion to be put. Members might recall that?

When I first entered parliament, Greg was quick to offer me advice and give direction. Much of it, had I taken notice of it, would have seen me dishonourably discharged from this place. You learn quickly what to do and what not to do - he was that sort of prankster.

Tony Fletcher remembers well, on an early function night in my career, being told by Greg that my wife's name was Jill. Greg refers to this a lot. Tony bowls up to Anne and says, 'Hello Jill, I am Tony Fletcher.' Anne was taken aback and corrected Tony while the offender stood back laughing his head off. He thought it was a great joke. As some might know, I was given the cold shoulder for some time after that and questioned about who this Jill was and what was going on.

Ms Rattray - Then he went home with Norma of a night.

Mr DEAN - He was always on about that, taking a different direction each time.

I did even the score during a committee briefing when I filled his lolly tin with water. He grabbed the tin and instead of tipping Minties out, he poured water all over his lap. It was not a good look because he was wearing a light-coloured suit at the time. I evened that score a bit.

Greg should write a book on the parliament; it would make for some interesting reading. I urge him to do that because there are many interesting things that should be written down.

Greg has been a bike-riding companion - as was Dr Vanessa Goodwin - also internationally. This year we are off to northern Japan, where we will cover the best part of 1000 kilometres. Again, the pranks will abound and I will continue to ride upwind of Greg.

There was the occasion where I stuffed socks in the groove of my bike seat in Vietnam, under the seat cover to help alleviate some bum and groin soreness. Greg removed the socks and replaced them with a small canister, similar to a Berocca canister. The next day, after riding 10 to 20 kilometres, I was that sore that I got off my bike, literally threw it down on the ground and said, 'I don't think I can ride anymore, I am that sore.' They all gathered around me and I wondered what the heck was going on. I then pulled my seat apart and there was this hard canister he had replaced my socks with. I was that sore I could not identify what it was when I was riding. Here he was, laughing his head off, taking photographs galore and recording it. Dr Goodwin had a good laugh, too, and could not believe what was going on. I was ready to kill him, I admit it. I chased him around and if I could have caught him, I probably would have, but that is what happens.

Last year on the ride in India I got a bit of a laugh back on him because he fell off his bike and I laughed my head off. It was dangerous, I might add. Twenty minutes later I catapulted over the handlebars of my bike. It was quite a spectacular crash, front handbrake rather than the back one, and he had the second laugh on me so I did not gain much from it.

It is not only the members of this place who were dragged into his jokes. His previous electorate assistants also have some stories. They enjoyed being involved in and pulling practical jokes on Greg. They have asked me to refer to two of those. On one occasion, Greg's long-time EA Dawn, with whom he had a great professional relationship, jumped into his car before Greg as a passenger, and turned the heater and the steering wheel heater up to maximum. Greg had only just received this car and did not know where all the bells and whistles were so he had no idea what was going on. They drove halfway to Deloraine before Greg, sweating like a trooper, realised some skulduggery had been played against him, and Dawn copped a bashing.

On another occasion at Henty House, Megan was involved in a practical joke against Greg. Greg came in for a meeting with me and the President. When the bell rang, Megan answered the door and under instruction from the President, told Greg the door was not working and that he would have to go through the fire escape and enter through the door on the other side. After some

time, Greg returned to the front counter saying he could not locate the second door into the office because the only door he could find was to outside. Those who know Henty House know there is only one entry door into the offices, so he was quite peeved at being the brunt of a practical joke. He was caught out.

I am not embarrassed to say that I am quite emotional here today realising that Greg, affectionately known to us as the Toad, has left us after such a brilliant, wonderful and entertaining period.

His achievements were many; he was committed to his work and he had the capacity to think quickly and turn a debate in another direction. He has had a wonderful career and is a great Tasmanian. He was a great deputy president and chair of committees. He was careful in those roles not to offside any member, was careful about managing things in the best way he could and was intent on giving all members a fair go. It was not and never about him - he was a team member and strong leader - it was about this place. I admire him for the way he carried out those roles for a long time.

You were a work colleague, a good friend, a person who has given 32 years, a big part of a lifetime, serving this state and country. Thank you, Greg - this place will miss you, we will miss you, I will miss you. Enjoy your retirement. I wish you good health, a happy and interesting next phase of your life, and a long, long retirement. Our friendship will continue, but my office will certainly be out of bounds to you. No more rubbishing of my suits. He always thought I was buying my suits from Coles and he reckoned Coles should not be selling suits.

Ms Armitage - I forgot to mention how he would put the toothpicks through your sleeves.

Mr DEAN - That is another one of the many pranks. My windscreen wipers will work now and I can put my signs back on my car again. They will read the right way and be the right way round; I can do all of that. The *Advocate* did a profile on Greg back in 2007 and asked him 10 questions - '10 things you did not know about Greg Hall'. I will relay a couple of those.

Question three was: 'what thing couldn't you live without?' If I were to ask that question in this place, one thing would come to your mind very quickly - 'mobile phone' - unfortunately as a politician that is the way it is. Greg must have had the highest mobile account of anybody; he was forever on the mobile phone. He loved his mobile and that is what he told the *Advocate*.

Question four was: 'who could you not sit next to on a long flight?' His answer was: 'Self-promoting former AFL football star Warwick Capper.' He was not impressed with Warwick Capper.

Question five was: 'what's your first memory?' - 'Being dropped down some stairs at home by my father. I'm told I was about three ... he was given a good talking to by my mother.'

Mr President - It explains a lot.

Mr DEAN - Yes, that is an expression of his; he was given a great talking to by his mother. He often said that in this place about certain things. Question eight, 'Most embarrassing moment?' - 'I arrived a day late for a school function once - the clue was that there were not too many cars around except mine.'

You might recall when Dr Goodwin's office was in 10 Murray Street, in the office the member for Derwent occupied. She had a whole list of things she was responsible for - do members remember the list on her door? I remember Greg changed things around and wrote 'A frightfully important person'. They were the words he used.

Kathy, if you are listening or watching, times are going to be really tough for you. You are going to have to teach Greg how to farm again. Kathy is a great person and deserves accolades for the way in which she supported Greg in this place with home life and so on. Behind a good man, there is always a greater partner like you. There is no doubt about that.

I look forward to our long bike rides across northern Japan soon. I will miss Greg. He is a great guy.

Recognition of Visitors Former Hobart High School Students

Mr PRESIDENT - Before I call on the next speaker, I welcome - and I have to say, believe it or not, when you look at the member for Rosevears and you look at the gentleman in the back of the room and in the front of the room - people who were in the same class as the member for Rosevears.

Mr Finch - They look much older.

Mr PRESIDENT - I understand it is the last class of Hobart High School that went through before Hobart High School became only for matriculation students. They are here today to join with the member for Rosevears, knowing the member is going to open up his wallet very deeply as a result of their appearance today in the Chamber.

[12.26 p.m.]

Ms FORREST (Murchison) - Mr President, I will not make a long contribution because much has already been said. I particularly reflect on and remember Greg as the parliamentarian and the role he undertook in this place, connected with his work and his role in the community. He was a well-respected member of parliament and local government, who was elected more than once. He had the support of the people of his electorate for many years, in local government as well as the state parliament.

He was well connected within the community, being a large rural community. Being a farmer himself he had great connections in that community and engaged with the community on a very personal level, understanding their needs. This is also the case in running a small business, when he had the raspberry business. He understood some of the challenges, the seasonality and the climate issues that can affect primary producers and the challenges those things brought. That gave him insight into those matters when they were raised in the parliament. He brought that agricultural background and knowledge and used it in this place, particularly at times such as budget Estimates, when we were looking at Primary Industries and Water, which he had a great interest and passion in as well.

He also was a great advocate for our House, particularly in his work at Agfest. Sometimes we did not manage to secure a site but when we did, which was a few years in a row -

Ms Rattray - We did, for a long time.

Ms FORREST - That is right, yes. He did all the work - he, Dawn and Kath - did all the work setting up the marquee, ensuring the roster was covered all the time. That was an important aspect of raising the profile of the Legislative Council in the rural community, although many townies go to Agfest, too. We call them townies because that is what they are. Some of them do not know much about the rural community. Some of them were not there to learn much either; they were there to buy things. It was an important thing to do.

The political parties had their representation, in the lower House predominantly, but it was important for the Legislative Council to have a presence. That was well supported by the independent members. Unless a member was away - I missed it one year when I was on the Frank MacDonald trip - we all took our turn and turned up on some of those freezing cold May mornings at Agfest when the ground was frozen solid. I thank Greg for his work on that as well as his wife, Kath, and his EA, Dawn, who put in an enormous effort. That was about promoting this place and the work we do. I am sure Greg will continue to contribute to his broader community in whatever he does.

He took on many leadership roles and he undertook a lot of committee work. I worked on many of those committees with him. He always took a dedicated approach.

He saw many changes in his time here. Another member mentioned the introduction of the cameras. They were not here when I came in, and it was the same for him. I do not believe it has changed the way we go about our business much at all, but it is interesting it gives the general public much more opportunity to see what we are doing. Some people watch quite a bit of it, which is surprising in many respects. I receive emails and messages saying something about the debate. They have been watching.

He also saw the number of women in parliament increase significantly. He missed the latest 50 per cent achievement for our parliament, but he saw much of that change and growth during his time.

The member for Rosevears has talked about some of the more challenging legislation he dealt with. We are all challenged by different legislation. It lives long with you, but you make your contribution. You represent your community as best you can, acknowledging there will not be unanimous agreement about your actions. I am sure Greg had to face that not everyone in his electorate agreed with his decisions. That is a situation we deal with in any decision where there is not unanimous agreement.

Greg was always a jovial person and very friendly. Many people have talked about his practical joking, but I want to remember him for the work he did as a parliamentarian. I also recognise and respect the life experience he brought to this place as a Vietnam veteran. That does impact on people's lives. Active service has to impact on a person's life, particularly if they were in Vietnam. While he did not talk about it much, he raised it at various times because it was something that had an impact on his life. I recognise and respect that.

Another memory is the camaraderie and the Thursday evening meals some of us would go out on if we were not driving home that night. The member for Rosevears was the host of many of our

meals and that was lovely. The last meal we had together like that was with Vanessa Goodwin, not long before she was diagnosed. Greg was at that dinner, too.

Other members have talked about his avid interest in cycling and keeping fit. I remember him turning up in his cycling gear on one occasion I was in Wynyard. I looked at him and thought, 'That is a really weird outfit to wear if you are coming to Wynyard.' He had ridden from Dunorlan. I thought, and still do, that I would not be up for that. That was, perhaps, four or five years ago and that is a long ride. All power to him for doing it and maintaining that fitness. I wish him well in his retirement.

Many members have mentioned the nicknames. Mine was Jane, my middle name, lacking in imagination as with Lois, but he was always the master of spoonerisms and he often used spoonerisms in his speeches. I am sure Hansard sorted it out because they are very good and would have done that. I am sure Majella did when she could not cope anymore. It was a part of Greg. I am sure it was deliberate but at other times it happened naturally.

He was a joker and a character but he also made a significant contribution in some of the leadership roles he took on in this parliament and on committees. I wish him well, and his wife, who has to now put up with him more than we do.

[12.34 p.m.]

Mr PRESIDENT - Honourable members, I support the motion recognising Greg's service to parliament over a 17-year period and acknowledge his contribution to this House, the parliament and the constituents of his electorate.

It is interesting because there has been a lot of comment about his work, about his personality, his character and his sense of humour. Last year somebody asked, 'Do you mind coming down and having a chat about what happened 50 years ago on a first cricket game between Hutchins and the Peninsula Grammar?'

Fifty years on, they are still playing prior to school going back. I wracked my brains to recall what happened on the cricket field. I rang three or four other members of the team and asked them the same question, 'Can you tell me what happened with the game? I have to speak about it.' There were about 120 or 130 people at this dinner. Nobody could remember. I rang up a couple of people at Peninsula Grammar and asked the same question, but nobody could remember what happened on the field. However, they could all remember what happened after the game.

When one listens to the comments today about Greg, one often remembers what happened after the parliament session, but not what happened in the parliament session. Everyone knows that in the parliament session, much good work went on thanks to Greg Hall. As the member for Murchison quite rightly said, we have to remember the work he did for this parliament because it was exceptional.

Greg was educated in the Deloraine area at both Deloraine Primary School and Deloraine High School. He went to the Friends' School for his last two years' matriculation. His ability to have fun began at school, I am told. There was a story about an overseas student who was not very conversant with the English language who came to Friends' School and stayed in the same boarding house room as Greg and another of his friends. An aged teacher used to come in for breakfast every morning and always would say, 'Good morning, boys'. I cannot tell you the words Greg and the

other fellow told the foreign fellow to say, but they were uttered by the fellow who didn't speak much English.

Ms Forrest - Is it unparliamentary?

Mr PRESIDENT - No, it is certainly not parliamentary. The teacher immediately, even at that stage, turned to Greg and the other fellow, and said, 'See me in my rooms after breakfast'. That was the start of his mischief-making apprenticeship.

On leaving school Greg went into the public service, and was then conscripted to Vietnam. Few people do not know of the help he has given Vietnam veterans struggling with the legacy of their service in Vietnam. He has been doing this for a number of years and will continue to do it so.

When one looks at what was written a while ago, it said -

Hall served in 1969 and 1970 as a conscript cavalryman driving armoured personnel carriers at the height of the Vietnam War. Amid the action in operations he ended up at the sharp end of the fighting based in the Australian held province of Phuoc Tuy. Out of the 16 men he deployed with, three were killed and many wounded before the tour was completed. This attrition rate led to Hall ending up with the job of the armoured equivalent of a forward scout. His vehicle was often the first through mine-strewn areas and facing the rocket-propelled grenades of the Viet Cong.

At one stage, Greg was blown out of his armoured carrier, which caused him to suffer injuries to his back and neck. He is still suffering from the legacy of that.

What concerned him was when he completed his tour of duty he arrived back in Sydney at 2 a.m. and was told to make his own arrangements for accommodation. He arrived back in Launceston at midday the following day to be greeted by his parents. He said that was surreal. Two days later, he had to report for a medical and discharge. There was no debriefing, nothing at all. Like all of them, he struggled with that. Some still do, as does Greg.

We should applaud the work Greg is doing and will continue to do for the Vietnam veterans. The treatment I have spoken of disappointed him and other Vietnam veterans, and Greg is doing all he can to right that wrong. As Governor-General Peter Cosgrove said -

It is a responsibility for us all to look after those who have suffered in the service of our nation, and we want you to be as well [as] possible, and to be able to go on to reach many more goals in the future ...

Greg has done that. We all know the work he has done in this parliament. I recall first meeting him in 2001 when he was the member for Rowallan. John Loone was sponsoring a tour of the Rowallan electorate. At that time Greg was mayor of Meander Valley Council and John was planning his retirement from parliament. John mentioned he was trying to persuade Greg to stand for Rowallan, because as he stated he 'would make a bloody good member and he is also a great bloke'.

At that stage he was a very successful farmer, especially with his raspberry and blackberry business. He was an accredited supplier to Coles and Woolworths. He employed up to 50 casual and three full-time employees. So you can see at that time of his working life, prior to coming to parliament, he was already a very successful farmer. From time to time he questioned whether to continue with farming, as opposed to driving the distance he did over 17 years to come into the corridors of this parliament.

When he did stand, it was a fairly hard-fought election. There was a Labor candidate whose signs were everywhere. I kept ringing John, 'How is Greg going? Do you think he will get up?' John would say, 'Yeah, look, he will get up - I am positive.' The independent Greg was victorious, and he has been a pleasure to work with since. Thanks to the Usher of the Black Rod, I have received a list of the committees Greg was involved with.

He was a member of the Clyde River water committee; a select committee in 2004 - island transport services; public sector executive appointments - a difficult committee, to say the least; and the Tasmanian Forest Agreement Bill 2012, another difficult period in this parliament. He was chair of committees on planning schemes; Ashley, Youth Justice and Detention; rural roads speed limit; Tasmanian poppy industry; growing Tasmania's economy; dairy industry in Tasmania; and Tasmanian irrigation. He was on joint select committees on gene technology in primary industries and ethical conduct. I will go back to ethical conduct in a short time.

He was also on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development and many other inquiries from 2002 onwards, including as chair. There were committees on alternative fuels, joint venture log supply deal, waste management in Tasmania, sale of the TOTE, competition and pricing in the dairy industry, coastal erosion, and shack sites. He was on the Joint Standing Committee of Public Works for 11 years between 2002 and 2013. He was a member of Government Administration Committee A and Government Administration Committee B, of the Legislative Council sessional committees, and of committees dealing with the Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill, Aboriginal Heritage Protection Consequential Amendments Bill, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, and Built Heritage Tourism in Tasmania. As I say, the list goes on.

In all those committees, he was not a passive member. He made sure his opinions were made known to the committee memberships and he was a strong advocate during the Committee stage. In his debates in this Chamber he was often the voice of common sense and a number of people made that comment to me.

He did not retire from parliament; in fact he had to resign from parliament as a result of personal issues, which many people did not know about because he did not want it publicised.

His speeches were well researched. They were delivered in a very professional way. They were worth listening to. They were eloquent, and there was always a touch of humour which often livened up debates that could either get a bit boring or alternatively a bit heavy. If there was any divisiveness in the debate, sometimes Greg's comments lightened everything up.

John Loone's comment on Greg being a great bloke was also relevant, because working with him was enjoyable, as everybody knows. It was also nerve-racking, as everybody knows. He was, as has been stated, a master of the practical joke. A couple of people here could not attend his seventieth birthday. He was 70 on 18 April last. I was lucky enough to say a couple of words at his party and I went to the *Examiner* newspaper to identify what happened on 18 April 1948. His birth notice was not in the newspaper, but 'On April 19, 1948', there it was, 'at the Queen Victoria

Hospital, to Ray and Isobel, of Dunorlan - a son (Gregory Raymond)'. There is nothing unusual about that, but if you turn the page and look under 'Lost and Found' - you might ask where this is going, I hope it is going somewhere - there is an entry, 'Lost - Two items lady's underwear (hospital patient). Reward. Cr. Amy, Penquite Rds., Newstead.' There was also an advertisement on the front page, which said, 'Ovaltine. It will build up your nerve strength for only 4/6d for a 16 ounce tin.'

I think those two articles, even though they had nothing to do with Greg Hall, are prophetic. Over the last 17 years in parliament, Greg has been a master of the practical joke and you might think the person who put that item in the Lost and Found section did it as some type of practical joke.

Ms Forrest - Maybe it was true.

Mr PRESIDENT - It could have been, but I would not have thought you would want the subject matter of the lost and found article back, and especially you would not be offering a reward for its return.

In relation to the reference to Ovaltine building up your nerves and strength, that was prophetic because Greg was the master of practical jokes. Those jokes had members of the parliament and the staff in the Legislative Council feeling very nervy indeed and they found that they were in constant need of that 4/6d, 16-ounce tin of Ovaltine to build up their nerve strength because Greg could strike at any time.

Unfortunately, I was the brunt of a number of his practical jokes. There was talk about the powder incident. That did happen. I had an appointment at 2.15 p.m. and it was raining. I left at around 2.05 p.m. to attend that appointment. I stepped outside, it was raining and I thought I had better put my umbrella up because my shoulders were already wet. I lifted the umbrella and powder came out from everywhere. The immediate reaction was to endeavour to brush the powder from my shoulders but in the wet that only made it worse. I rang him and all I heard was a chuckle. Only a fool makes the same mistake twice - I had two umbrellas in my room and two weeks later I did exactly the same thing.

One of the worst or best practical jokes as far as embarrassment is concerned was to do with the ethics committee. The committee decided to go to Queensland and New South Wales to look at their ethics committees and see whether Tasmania needed to install one. If you were a believer of everything written in the *Tasmanian Times*, corruption was rife in our state and we needed to do something about it. I left the committee room for a short time prior to leaving the Queensland parliament and I later picked up my bag and walked out. As I walked out of the parliament and through security the lights turned on, the bells started to ring and I thought, 'Gosh, what has happened?' I opened my bag and there were a number of pieces of Queensland parliamentary crockery and cutlery in the bag. I did not know what to do or say. I looked at Greg Hall; he gave that little sly grin and I knew who was the mastermind of the prank. Greg was always on the lookout for opportunities like that, which made coming to work fun and that really is what work should be. It is unfortunate when some people say they do not enjoy work. With people and characters such as Greg, you really enjoyed coming to work each day, because you were always awake to the fact that something might happen to you in the very near future.

But as I have said, you cannot take anything away from the work Greg did for his electorate. He was a fierce advocate for Rowallan, Western Tiers and then McIntyre, all the same electorate

with a couple of tweaks and a big tweak at the end. He was also a special voice when it came to anything country. You can see that in the words already mentioned by the TFGA.

Greg is in Melbourne at the moment seeing some of his family; he was babysitting when he rang this morning. As an aside I am positive he is sponsored by Telstra because nobody could afford to pay the bill he racked up as a result of the calls he made. In retirement Greg will spend plenty of time with his family, bike riding, keeping fit, and also, of course, farming.

I once stayed with Greg during one Agfest time. One morning he said, 'We've got a problem, a couple of the cattle have escaped from the paddock.' He immediately went upstairs, changed into a flannelette shirt with a few holes in it, an Adidas tracksuit and a pair of RM Williams boots, looking like a farmer who was about to put his shoulder to the wheel. Kath came downstairs and Greg said, 'Kath, a couple of the cattle have escaped from the paddock. Do you mind rounding them up and bringing them back in?' He then went upstairs, put his clothes on to go to Agfest and walked away.

Greg will be missed. Such characters do not come along as often as they should. He was and is a great character, a great friend and he made a great contribution to the Tasmanian parliament, to this House and also to his constituency.

[12.51 p.m.]

Mr ARMSTRONG (Huon) - Mr President, as you have already touched on, the former member for Western Tiers and McIntyre will be missed in this place for many years. We talked about nicknames earlier, and I am probably lucky in that he never gave me one.

Ms Rattray - You came with one.

Mr ARMSTRONG - Yes, I came with one and that is what he used to refer to me by. Even his grandson now has the same nickname as me, he told me. I do not know how he got the name 'Boggles', but he has it.

Members have spoken about Greg's contribution as a politician and a friend. When I was elected to this place and sat over there next to Greg, anything I was not too sure of, I could ask Greg. He was a wealth of knowledge and he could give you advice, but he would not tell you how to vote on anything. As a chair of committees, I thought he was always in control when he was sitting in that chair. He knew the processes and he was a great chair of committees. He helped me through many times.

I knew Greg in local government. Greg became a member of this place when I became mayor of the Huon Valley but I had met Greg on other occasions. I know he was very well respected in the local government scene. I am not sure how many years he was the mayor up there, but he was very well respected.

Most of us touched on the practical joking side of Greg. I remember the member for Derwent walking out of his office and the big long chair being there because my office was opposite. I came out one day and I saw the long chair there and I thought, 'Somebody has moved that there; I don't know if they realise the member for Derwent is in his office.' I went over and was about to move it, and the next minute a voice came, 'Don't touch that! I put that there,' and I said, 'There is someone in there.' He said, 'Yes, I know, just leave it.' Many a time I would walk out and see that pew up there.

Greg was a great advocate for the rural areas of Tasmania, and also for industries such as the forest industry. During the forestry debate, Greg was a staunch supporter of the forest industry.

There is so much you could say about Greg. Most people have already touched on that. His phone account would be high, I am sure. You would get a phone call out of the blue from Greg - it would be a Saturday night and he had just come home from the Deloraine football ground or something. The phone would ring and I would say, 'What can I do for you, Greg?', and he would say, 'Oh nothing, I am just ringing up to see how you are going', and things like that. It would just be a phone call out of the blue. I must say that as chair of committees or a member of this House, it was never about Greg, it was all about Tasmania and the Parliament. Losing Greg is a big loss to this place because he would always add common sense to a debate. He was a commonsense sort of bloke. Greg will be very much missed in this Chamber.

[12.55 p.m.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I might have one last bite of the biscuit. I thank all the members here for the walk down memory lane. It is wonderful. I remember that former president Sue Smith said that if the Toad gives you a nickname, you are right, you are in. My nickname of course was the Biscuit. That morphed into Monte Carlo at times, because of my electorate being Montgomery. When I was elevated to the position of Leader in this House, he said, 'We are going to have to give you a more upmarket name - we might have to think about Tim Tam.' As the Biscuit, Mr President, I am signing off.

Motion agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the sitting be suspended until the ringing of the division bells.

Motion agreed to.

Sitting suspended from 12.56 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS

TasTAFE - Vocational Education

Ms FORREST question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.30 p.m.]

Regarding the successful extension of high schools to include years 11 and 12 in many high schools around the state -

- (1) What plans does the Government have to work with TasTAFE to provide outreach services to offer courses to increase capacity and access to vocational education and transition into the workforce in regional areas?
- (2) Has the Government considered an option of high schools partnering with TasTAFE to enhance opportunities for students to vocational education options and transition to employment?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Murchison for her question.

- (1) Over the last four years 38 schools have extended to years 11 and 12, leaving 19 high schools to be extended by 2022. The future extension of all high schools will provide greater access for young people in rural and regional Tasmania to complete their education to year 12. TasTAFE will continue to work with the Department of Education and directly with schools to increase opportunities for vocational education and training.
- (2) TasTAFE works with trade training centres to deliver skill sets and full qualifications based on regional needs. These training centres include the Huon Valley Trade Training Centre, adjacent to the Huonville High School; Southern Central at Bridgewater; George Town Trade Training Centre; and the West Coast Trade Training Centre in Queenstown.

TasTAFE partners with a range of schools for vocational education and training, such as St Patrick's College in Launceston. Partnership arrangements are also in place with extension schools, providing support for teaching staff and expertise on resources and assessments.

Emergency Accommodation Fund

Mr WILLIE question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.32 p.m.]

This question was sent to the Leader's office on 17 May, nearly a month ago. I re-sent the question last week. In March, the state Government announced \$500 000 to support immediate emergency accommodation options.

- (1) Can the Government please update the House regarding how many people have been assisted?
- (2) What is the current balance of the \$500 000 Emergency Accommodation Fund?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Elwick for his question and I apologise to him because we are struggling to receive it, even today. I am sorry, member for Elwick, we do not have the paperwork here at the moment. I apologise twice because you have had to wait so long for the answer and we cannot find it here in the paperwork.

Housing - Public Sector Dwelling Approvals

Mr WILLIE question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.34 p.m.]

According to the Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of Tasmania, there were 24 public sector approvals for 2016-17 and 104 for 2017-18. According to the latest update from the Government, no freehold titles have been transferred under the Community Housing Stock Leverage Program. The Government has argued that the properties need to be transferred to community housing organisations so they can use the equity to construct 172 homes.

- (1) How many public sector approvals is the Government seeking for 2018-19?
- (2) With 37 of the 430 social homes completed according to the Government's latest Quarterly Housing Report, will the Minister for Housing guarantee the Government will achieve its target by June 2019?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Elwick for his question. I apologise for the earlier mix-up. Something is happening with the paperwork in my office. For it to be waiting so long, I can only presume it was previously lost in the system. I apologise on both accounts, but I have an answer for your most recent question.

The number of dwellings being constructed in Tasmania continues to rise, according to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics report on building activity. The number of public sector dwelling approvals also increased by a massive 248 per cent in the last year.

It should also be noted this measure does not provide a full picture of social housing supply. Social housing supply includes emergency accommodation, transitional accommodation, supported accommodation, micro-housing, private developer constructed social housing, community housing provider-constructed social housing, public housing construction - and only some of this will be captured by the Australian Bureau of Statistics - and public sector dwelling approval measures.

Additionally, the social housing graph of the most recent quarterly report of the Affordable Housing Action Plan provides a measure of the listed actions completed as at 31 March 2018. The next quarterly update is due at the end of June 2018.

More specifically -

- (1) The Tasmanian Government is expected to obtain approval for approximately 173 units on land owned by the Director of Housing in 2018-19.
- (2) Progress on all actions in Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2015-2019 can be found in the quarterly reports available on the Department of Health and Human Services website.

TasTAFE - Credit Card Use - Audit

Mr WILLIE question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.36 p.m.]

The data provided by TasTAFE to auditors Wise Lord and Ferguson - WLF - on all credit card transactions made between July 2015 and July 2017 indicates a total spend of just over \$4 million. During that period, there were 210 card holders - seven executives and 203 non-executives. The audit revealed breaches of Treasurer's Instruction TI705 relating to fuel purchases, entertainment transactions, gift vouchers, payments of fines and possible personal transactions.

- (1) How many credit cards are currently issued at TasTAFE?
- (2) How many credit card holders have renewed their card acknowledgements since the audit?
- (3) Will TasTAFE require employees to renew their card acknowledgement every 12 months, as required by other agencies?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Elwick for his question. I am pleased to be able to offer a succinct answer to every question.

- (1) As at 22 May 2018, TasTAFE had 184 credit cards issued.
- (2) All credit card users have renewed their card acknowledgement.
- (3) Yes. TasTAFE is also planning refresher training for card holders every 12 months.

TasTAFE - Recruitment Processes

Mr WILLIE question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.38 p.m.]

The Wise Lord and Ferguson independent audit of TasTAFE was kept under wraps by the Government until after the election, despite assurances to the contrary. The investigative audit noted a number of serious compliance exceptions relating to compliance with the State Service Act and the Employment Directions.

The audit also noted a number of instances where best practice recruitment processes were not undertaken, resulting in principles of equity and fairness being undermined.

The auditors also stated that because the Department of Education was unable to provide an accurate listing of the appointments made from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2017, the scope of the investigation was limited.

- (1) Of the identified appointments during this period, how many did not comply with the State Service Act and its Employment Directions?
- (2) How many employees recruited under this process remain in their positions?
- (3) How many operational managers responsible for recruitment processes have been, or will need to be, retrained in the new policy and procedure?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Elwick for his question. I hope he will be satisfied with this answer also.

- (1) The WLF audit identified eight potential noncompliances with the State Service Act and Employment Directions. WLF noted potential noncompliance did not reflect on the suitability of the candidates who had been appointed to those roles, but rather on the processes undertaken.
- (2) Four of the employees identified remain employed by TasTAFE. WLF noted potential noncompliance did not reflect on the suitability of the clients who had been appointed to those roles, but rather the processes undertaken.

Mr Willie - How many?

Mrs HISCUTT - Four. I started with that; you might have missed it.

- (3) A review of TasTAFE recruitment and selection processes is currently underway. Managers responsible for recruitment processes will be made aware of the requirements, once this work is finalised. Measures have already been introduced to address compliance, including requirements for all selection reports to be quality-assured by the senior human resources consultant to ensure compliance with policy and legal requirements.

Assault on Police Officer Offences

Mr DEAN question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.41 p.m.]

My question relates to assaults on police. What were -

- (1) The number of assaults on police in the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?
- (2) The number of serious assaults where bodily injury was caused to police during the same financial years referred?
- (3) The number of cases falling within the mandatory sentencing regime since enactment of the legislation?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Windermere for his question.

- (1) I have a table here providing statistics on the number of assault on police officer offences recorded in Tasmania in the requested period. This includes assault on police officer offences under both the Criminal Code Act 1924 and Police Offences Act 1935. This does not include other types of assault offences where the victim was a police officer, aggravated assault or wounding of that sort. According to this table, the number of assault on police officer offences in 2014-15 was 191; in 2015-16, it was 253; and in 2016-17, it was 236.
- (2) For the reporting period no recorded assault offences were identified as resulting in serious bodily harm to a police officer as per section 16A of the Sentencing Act 1977.
- (3) As per the response to question (2), no cases of recorded assault offences have been identified as falling within the mandatory sentencing regime since the enactment of the legislation.

Passenger Transport Industry - Review of Regulatory Requirements

**Mr DEAN question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Mrs HISCUTT**

[2.43 p.m.]

My question relates to the taxi industry and Uber. During the debate on the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industry Amendment Bill 2016, the then leader of the government, Dr Vanessa Goodwin said -

Within the next two years, the Government will be undertaking a wholesale review of the regulatory regime that applies to taxis, hire cars and ride-sharing services to ensure that the regulations appropriately accommodate contemporary and emerging business models while adequately protecting public safety and consumers' interests. The review will be aimed at improving outcomes for all classes of service providers and consumers by reducing the overall compliance burden for the industry as a whole, as well as encouraging further innovative commercial activity in the passenger transport industry.

The two-year period will expire on or near 18 August 2018.

Will the Leader please advise -

- (1) Has the review been completed?
- (2) If it has, where is the report and will it be released publicly and to stakeholders?
- (3) What were the findings and recommendations from the review?
- (4) What is the next step in the process regarding any findings and recommendations?
- (5) If the review is not completed, what stage is it at?

- (6) If applicable, why will the review period not be met?
- (7) If applicable, when will it be complete?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Windermere for his question. The answers are -

- (1) No, the review is ongoing.
- (2) to (4) As the review is ongoing, questions (2), (3) and (4) are not applicable.
- (5) The review has so far comprised a stakeholder round table; a broad consultation based on a consultation paper; independent market research; targeted consultation; detailed research and analysis of information from the local, national and international context; regular industry updates; and regular informal meetings with stakeholders. A series of proposals have emerged as a result of this work and these proposals will be the subject of consultation in the near future.
- (6) The Government's priority is to take the time required to undertake meaningful consultation and develop a robust and considered regulatory framework.
- (7) It is anticipated a new framework will be implemented during 2019.

Mr DEAN - Mr President, I will ask a supplementary question relating to this because that undertaking was given to this House when that legislation was discussed and debated. Some of those statements have encouraged members to support it. I did not support it, but it may have enticed others. What has gone wrong inasmuch as that report has not and cannot comply with the statements made in this place when that legislation was debated two years ago? Should the Government not come back to this place with a statement or an apology?

Mrs HISCUTT - I look forward to your supplementary question.

Community Housing Stock Leverage Program - Transfer of Freehold Titles

Mr WILLIE question to LEADER of the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Mrs HISCUTT

[2.46 p.m.]

I do not believe there is an answer available for this, but I will ask this question anyway. In the context of the quarterly report, I am sceptical as to whether the Government is avoiding scrutiny. On 16 November 2017, the Government confirmed it had not transferred any freehold titles as part of its commitment under the stock leverage housing program.

- (1) Can the Government provide a breakdown of the freehold titles transferred to community housing providers by suburb?
- (2) Can the Government provide a breakdown of the freehold titles transferred to each community housing provider and the types of properties, including the number of bedrooms?

- (3) Can the Government confirm how many new homes have been constructed since the freehold titles were transferred and the program commenced?
- (4) Can the Government confirm how many homes have been refurbished since the freehold titles were transferred and the program commenced?
- (5) Can the Government explain how the delays will impact on affordable housing strategy time lines and deliverables?

ANSWER

Mr President, I thank the member for Elwick for his question. Has the member submitted that question to my office?

Mr Willie - Yes, it went last week.

Mrs HISCUTT - Would the member please see me when we are finished?

Mr Willie - Okay.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the sitting be suspended until the ringing of the bells.

Sitting suspended from 2.48 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.

TABLED PAPERS Budget Papers 2018-19

[3.50 p.m.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council)(by leave) - Mr President, I lay upon the Table of the Legislative Council Budget papers for 2018-19 titled Budget Speech; the Tasmanian Budget - Budget Paper No. 1; Government Services - Budget Paper No. 2, volumes 1 and 2; Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2018, and Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2018.

MOTION Government Business - Precedence

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council)(by leave) - Mr President, I move -

That Government business have precedence on Tuesday 19 June 2018 and Tuesday 10 July 2018.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION
Note Papers - Budget Papers 2018-19

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council)(by leave) - Mr President, I move -

That the Budget papers and the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2018 be noted.

Motion agreed to.

Debate adjourned.

MOTION
Estimates Committees - Establishment

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council)(by leave) - Mr President, I move -

That the Legislative Council establish two Estimates Committees and that Committee A shall consist of six members and Committee B shall consist of seven members;

And that -

Mr Finch, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney, Ms Lovell, Mr Valentine and Mr Willie be of Committee A;

and

Mr Armstrong, Ms Armitage, Mr Dean, Mr Farrell, Ms Howlett, Ms Rattray and Ms Siejka be of Committee B;

That the Estimates Committee report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) and budget papers by no later than Friday, 6 July 2018;

And that the schedule emailed to members on Wednesday 13 June 2018 be adopted as the Estimates Committees timetable.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION

Leave for Ministers to Appear Before Legislative Council Estimates Committees

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council)(by leave) - Mr President, I move -

That the Legislative Council, having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government ministers' portfolio responsibilities, request 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.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That a message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that House accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

[3.53 p.m.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That at its rising the Council do adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday 19 June 2018.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the Council do now adjourn.

The Council adjourned at 3.54 p.m.