



## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Sport and Minister for Parks, Hon Nic Duigan, M.L.C., on Monday, 1 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Sport and Minister for Parks, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### Energy and Renewables:

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Energy allocation framework
- Prioritisation of industrial users versus households
- Energy security and available generation
- Decision-making criteria (jobs, emissions, sovereign capability)
- ReCFIT staffing levels
- Machinery of Government impacts on energy policy capability
- Energy pricing
- Fuel security
- Boyer Paper Mill
- Liberty Bell Bay
- Bell Bay Aluminium
- Firmus
- Hydro
- Aurora
- Transmission
- North West Transmission
- Marinus Link
- Major Industrials

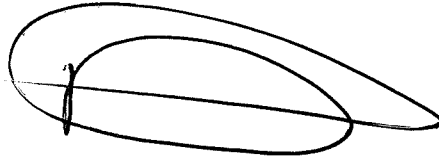
- Price Vulnerability
- Operational Efficiencies
- Knowledge of Supreme Court Action, Ministerial legal fees and misleading parliament
- Hydro Tasmania's reducing water inflows and increasing dividends
- Project Marinus and 'Battery of the Nation'
- Battery technology
- End of the Energy Saver Loan Scheme
- Concessional financing terms for transmission developments
- Government underwriting the Hampshire to Burnie transmission line
- Firmus Data Centres power demand and business case
- Energy supply to the Macquarie Point Stadium
- Energy bill relief
- Renewable energy dividends

#### **Sport:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Macquarie Point Stadium
- UTAS Stadium
- Kingston High Performance Centre
- Sporting infrastructure
- Major events funding
- Community sport funding
- Ticket to Play
- Knowledge of Supreme Court Action, Ministerial legal fees and misleading parliament
- Transfer of Macquarie Point Stadium Debt
- Head injury and concussion

#### **Parks:**

- Mt Field funding
- Halls Island lease failings
- Heritage listed Halls Hut deterioration
- Daniel Hacketts boat removal
- RAA reform transparency
- Aboriginal cultural heritage programmes in the TWWHA
- McCall Road upgrades
- Compliance Officer work loads
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Pioneer Dam
- Kate Reed Reserve
- Parks infrastructure backlog



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## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs, Hon Guy Barnett, M.P., on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 6 – Department of Justice

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Bill No. 19: -

Division 2 – Integrity Commission

Division 5 – Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Division 7 – Office of the Ombudsman

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Attorney-General Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### **Attorney-General:**

- Integrity Commission funding
- Integrity Commission investigations
- Investigations of MPs
- Ministers' legal fees
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Community legal assistance sector
- National Access to Justice Partnership Agreement
- Increased demand in justice system
- Court backlogs
- Solicitor's Guarantee Fund
- Astria Justice Connect
- Staff vacancies – Justice
- Staff vacancies – correctional officers
- Integrity Commission matters
- DPAC guidelines for legal assistance to public officers
- Workers' compensation legislation and coverage for psychosocial injury

### **Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Community Corrective Services
- Prison population
- Prison capacity
- Costs of Prison Services
- Reoffending rate
- Out of cell times
- Reintegration programs
- Community corrections programs
- Prison services programs
- Cuts and efficiencies
- Lockdowns
- Northern Prison Farm

### **Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs:**

- Firmus AI factories and other data centres
- Rental rights and bond dispute processes
- AI 'brain fry' and workers compensation
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Small business insolvencies
- Business confidence and costs
- Workforce shortages
- Trade and export support
- Workers compensation reform
- WorkSafe Tasmania
- Refrigerated air conditioning certification
- CBOS
- Staff turnover
- Builders
- Insurance



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## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Minister for Education, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Children and Youth, Hon *Jo Palmer*, M.L.C., on Wednesday, 3 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 2 – Department of Education, Children and Young People

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Education, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Children and Youth, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### Education:

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Recruitment and retention challenges
- Efficiencies and job cuts
- Definition of 'back office' vs 'front line' jobs
- Tasmanian Assessment Standards and Certification job cuts
- Aboriginal Education and vacant manager position
- 26TEN funding and adult literacy
- Disability access to schools
- Adult Literacy Strategy
- Future-year funding for educational adjustments
- Thriving kids funding

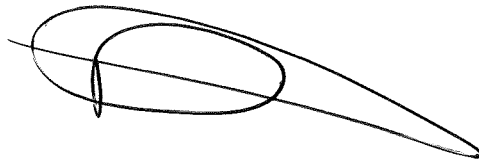
### Disability Services:

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Funding for Thriving Kids, including federal/state split
- Foundational Support funding and planning
- P-CEP project
- MLAKs
- Interim disability parking permits

- Foundation supports for those exiting the NDIS

#### **Children and Youth:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Child safety staffing shortages
- Children without key workers
- Advice & Referral Line new model
- Commission of Inquiry reforms
- ARCH - CSS presence
- Ashley closure and Pontville plans - why did model change
- Outsourcing of services, including transport for children in Ashley Youth Detention Centre
- Cuts and efficiencies
- Use of force at Ashley Youth Detention Centre
- Training of staff at Ashley Youth Detention Centre
- Children in adult watch-houses
- Response to carers Alan and Joanne Shreeve
- Out-of-home-care funding
- Child-safety workforce shortages
- Child-safety officers on workers compensation
- Proposed tougher bail and 'adult time' settings



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## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, and Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Hon Gavin Pearce, M.P., on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, and Minister for Veterans' Affairs, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### Primary Industries and Water:

- Florfenicol
- Salmon farming
- Managing invasive rainbow lorikeets & deer
- Water management
- Strategic directions for healthy waterways project
- River health 'drivers of change'
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Agriculture
- Biosecurity
- Aquaculture
- Wild Fisheries
- Sardines
- Recreational Fishers
- Irrigation
- Winnaleah
- Tamar Scheme/Bell Bay
- Rushy Lagoon
- Operational Efficiencies
- Natural Values Assets Atlas

## **Veterans' Affairs:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Federal funding veteran employment service
- Veterans support
- Education programs
- Royal Commission into Veterans recommendations
- Legacy funding
- Drop in funding in forward estimates
- Federal cap on allied health support
- Veterans' wellbeing vouchers

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## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Minister for Racing, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence, and Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Hon *Jane Howlett*, M.P, on Wednesday, 3 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Division 12 – Tourism Tasmania

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for Racing, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence, and Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### Racing:

- Minister Howlett legal fees
- Integrity
- Ministerial Code of Conduct
- Greyhound racing welfare issues
- Review of greyhound racing rules and standards
- Launceston greyhound racing track
- Greyhound welfare: tail grabbing
- Greyhound deaths and injuries
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Racing governance and integrity
- Racing industry funding deed
- Long-term funding certainty for racing
- Greyhound racing phase-out
- Greyhound transition package
- Greyhound participant support arrangements
- Tasracing funding
- Racing industry governance

- Racing industry sustainability
- Integrity Commission investigation and ministerial conduct
- Potential Supreme Court matters
- Ministerial transparency and correction of the parliamentary record
- Greyhound racing phase-out policy and legislation
- Proposal to “defund” greyhound racing
- Legal consistency of defunding without legislative change
- Mental health impacts on greyhound industry participants
- Racing Industry Funding Deed
- Reduction in race meetings and impacts on industry participants
- Governance of racing (working groups and industry representation)
- TasInsure communications and caretaker convention issues
- Selinger reports (status, scope and timing)
- Race club structure
- Consideration given to mandatory stand down periods following greyhound fall
- Issues with TRAB delays
- Greyhound welfare code
- Funding for greyhound rehoming during transition
- Government response to Harness Racing Inquiry
- Delay in swab analysis

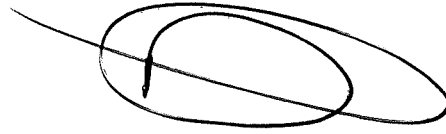
#### **Women and the Prevention of Family Violence:**

- \$900k for ARCH centres
- Housing plans
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Housing for women escaping family violence
- Crisis accommodation capacity
- Need for a specific housing plan for women and children
- Whole-of-government response to family violence
- Family and Sexual Violence Team transfer to Justice
- Rapid Rehousing Program

#### **Tourism, Hospitality and Events:**

- Scott Roth appointment process
- ‘Influencer’ selection and contractions of public funds
- Islander way project replication
- Bruny Island Master Plan
- Climate risk to the tourism industry
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Spirit preparedness fund
- Machinery of Govt changes
- Bike packing

- Aviation fund

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## REPORT

Estimates Committee 'B' examined the Estimates of the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, and Minister for the Arts and Heritage, Hon *Eric Abetz*, M.P, on Thursday, 4 June 2026, as follows:

Bill No. 18: -

Division 3 - Environmental Protection Authority

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Division 11 - Department of State Growth

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends the outputs contained in the Estimates of the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, and Minister for the Arts and Heritage, and notes there was concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of:

### Environment:

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Climate Report
- EV roll out Gov fleet
- EV charging infrastructure
- Salmon farming
- EPA monitoring of salmon farms
- Ministerial responsibility for climate change
- Regulation of florfenicol antibiotic
- Unauthorised reclamation of land with contaminated fill
- Private land conservation program and funding
- Increased habitat protection on public land
- Draft Threatened Species Strategy
- Land spreading of processed salmon waste and mortalities

## **Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy:**

- Firmus business case
- AI and data facility regulations
- New subsea cable
- AI roll out in the public service
- Transparency register for AI in the public service
- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- AI
- Firmus
- Digital divide
- Firmus firefighting capacity for the 3 data centres
- Back-up power – generator fuel
- Data breaches for government departments
- Website location for the Cyber-security Strategy 2024-28 and the seriousness of these breaches
- No new funded initiatives for digital inclusion

## **Community and Multicultural Affairs:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Neighbourhood House Needs Analysis
- Digital Ready for Daily Life
- Libraries Tasmania and digital inclusion initiatives
- Community Connector
- Emergency relief and financial counselling services
- Housing and homelessness service
- Support for volunteering and volunteer organisations
- Regional and rural access to community services
- Workforce shortages and staff retention
- Frontline community services
- Tasmanian Multicultural Advisory Council
- Interaction with Australian Multicultural Council
- Breakdown of budget allocations and line items
- Multicultural Action Plan
- Funding cuts
- Efficiencies in Community Service Organisations and Neighbourhood Houses
- Funding allocated to Northern Suburbs Community Centre
- Pensioner Heating Allowance
- Funding agreements for community services
- Funding for Fair Work Commission SCHADS Award pay and classification increases
- Longer funding cycles and indexation still 'under review'

## **Arts and Heritage:**

- Ministerial legal and court matters
- Budget cuts
- Departmental restructure
- Redundancy and vacancy control
- Integrity processes for employment
- Transparency about initiatives, grants and programs
- Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery funding and public engagement targets
- TMAG 'monetisation of assets'
- Strategic plan to boost arts and culture in Tasmania
- Breakdown of \$10m creative industries allocation
- Funding of high-profile film vs grass roots arts organisations
- Heritage arts building maintenance
- Aboriginal remains and cultural objects repatriation

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