



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2018

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

2 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.— The President said — “I would like to draw to the attention of Honourable Members the presence in the President’s Reserve of Mr Tshering Dorji of the National Assembly of Bhutan and Mr Tarshi Dargay of the National Council of Bhutan”.

3 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT – PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WITH PARLIAMENT OF BHUTAN.— The President said —

“Honourable Members, before proceedings to the business of the day it is with pleasure that I formally and very warmly welcome to this Chamber Mr Tshering Dorji of the National Assembly of Bhutan and Mr Tashi Dargay (pron: Tar-shi Dar-gay of the National Council of Bhutan, who the Parliament of Tasmania is hosting as part of a Parliamentary Fellowship Program.

The Fellowship Program is conducted in collaboration with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. The Institute is an international organisation, made up of member states including Australia, with a mandate to advance democracy worldwide.

Mr Dorji and Mr Dargay are here to learn about how our Parliament operates. They have been here for one week and have observed proceedings and practice in the other place, met with various officers and areas of the Parliament including the Clerks and their Deputies, the Library and Research Service, Hansard and other officers outside the Parliament including the Chief Parliamentary Counsel, the Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner and the Ombudsman.

This week they will spend some time observing our practices, as well as looking at other parts of the Parliament such as Parliamentary Computer Services, Legislature-General and the Parliamentary Education Office. They will also meet the Auditor-General and the Tasmanian Protocol Office.

As part of the visit, they have also had a chance to experience our hospitality and culture and do some sight-seeing.

We wish them well with their visit and extend our sincere welcome.”

4 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Comparison of Australian Standing Offer Energy Prices. July 2018.
- (2) Heavy Vehicle (Registration) National Regulation.
- (3) Heavy Vehicle National Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018.

5 BILL NO 4.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — “A Bill for An Act to amend the Constitution Act 1934”, to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 23 August 2018

S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

6 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Huon, (Mr *Armstrong*) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this day's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

8 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of six Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —

- (1) Ms *Howlett* – Freycinet Marine Farm;
- (2) Ms *Forrest* – Acoustic Life of Sheds;
- (3) Ms *Rattray* – Tassie Scallop Fiesta;
- (4) Mr *Valentine* – 20th Anniversary Brain Injury Association of Tasmania;
- (5) Mr *Finch* – Tasdance; and
- (6) Ms *Siejka* – Business East.

At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

9 BILL NO. 7. — The Natural Resource Management Amendment Bill 2018 was read the Third time and passed.

10 BILL NO. 7.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to the Bill intituled, ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Natural Management Resource Act 2002*.

Legislative Council, 28 August 2018

J.S. WILKINSON, *President*

11 GENDER PAY GAP. — A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council notes —

- (1) The gender pay gap remains as a major impediment to gender equality.
- (2) The gender pay gap negatively impacts on the well-being of women, particularly the financial and social wellbeing, from the commencement of employment to well beyond retirement.
- (3) Progress made in gender equality and equity has contributed to making the world a better place across all well-being measures and it is critically important to our future that we all do much more to address and eliminate the gender pay gap.
- (4) The gender pay gap has narrowed over time but still exists.
- (5) The gender pay gap is the average difference between a man's and a woman's remuneration.

- (6) According to research undertaken by the Commonwealth Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) using any measure the gender pay gap exists;
 - (a) The national gender pay gap is 15.3%, with women earning on average, \$253.70 a week less than men;
 - (b) The total remuneration gender pay gap is 22.4%; (80)
 - (c) There is a gender pay gap favouring men in every industry and occupational level, regardless of whether they are male or female-dominated;
 - (d) As soon as women graduate they earn less than men in 17 out of 19 fields of study and across 9 out of 13 industries;
 - (e) Technicians and trades positions have the highest gender pay gap at 26.7%, while clerical and administrative roles have the lowest at 8.4%; and
 - (f) There is a 24.9% pay gap between male and female key management personnel.
- (7) Employers are continuing to act on pay equity with 155 Australian business leaders publicly signing on to the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) Pay Equity Ambassador program, 38% of employers are analysing their pay data and more than half of those are acting on the results, however greater awareness and more direct action is required

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

12 TASMANIA'S THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY.— A Motion was made (*Ms Howlett*) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Acknowledges the importance and potential of Tasmania's thoroughbred industry.
- (2) Recognises that locally bred horses are vitally important to the growth of Tasmania's racing and associated primary industries.
- (3) Notes that boosting the breeding industry will in turn increase the volume and investment in local racing and will ensure the Tasmanian breeding industry can continue as the major supplier of racing stock for Tasmania, encouraging more people to buy horses locally.
- (4) Further notes that, importantly, a healthy breeding industry has flow on effects for generating employment opportunities in associated primary industries, particularly in rural and regional areas.

A Debate arose thereupon.

13 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

14 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were three Questions asked.

15 TASMANIA'S THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY — The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Legislative Council —

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And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

16 LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT.— A Motion was made (*Mr Gaffney*) and the Question was proposed, That the Law Society of Tasmania Annual Report 2016-2017 be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

17 BILL NO. 24.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Water and Sewerage Corporation Amendment (Crown Involvement Facilitation) Bill 2018.

A Motion was made (*Mrs Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (*Mrs Hiscutt*)

18 SITTING SUSPENDED.— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells for the purpose of a briefing. (*Mrs Hiscutt*).

The Sitting was suspended at 3.18 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 4.29 o'clock p.m.

19 BILL NO. 24— The Council, according to Order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Water and Sewerage Corporation Amendment (Crown Involvement Facilitation) Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (*Ms Armitage*)

20 BILL NO. 28.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to adopt the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018 of the Commonwealth and to refer certain matters relating to the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse to the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the purposes of section 51(xxxvii) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth’,

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

House of Assembly, 28 August 2018

S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (*Mrs Hiscutt*)

21 BILL NO. 22.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Titles Act 1980*’, to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 28 August 2016

S. HICKEY, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
(Mrs *Hiscutt*)

22 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was put, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock am on Wednesday, 29 August 2018. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 4.53 o'clock pm.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.

Briefing:

- *Water and Sewerage Corporation Amendment (Crown Involvement Facilitation) Bill 2018*