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Friday 14 June 2024

The President, **Mr Farrell**, took the Chair at 9.30 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Assent to Bills

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$82 050 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2024

Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24) Act
(Bill No 3 of 2024; Act No. 1 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$3 499 617 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025

Supply Act (No. 1)
2024 (Bill No 4 of 2024; Act No. 2 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$20 139 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government in respect of Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025

Supply Act (No. 2) 2024
(Bill No 5 of 2024; Act No. 3 of 2024)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 7 June 2024

**SENTENCING AMENDMENT (ALCOHOL TREATMENT ORDER)
BILL 2024 (No. 7)**

First Reading

Bill received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.

**STATE LITIGATOR (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)
BILL 2024 (No. 8)**

First Reading

Bill received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.

SURVEYORS AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (No. 12)

First Reading

Bill received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.

**TAXATION LEGISLATION (AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT) BILL (No. 13)**

First Reading

Bill received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.

CHILD SAFETY REFORM IMPLEMENTATION BILL 2024 (No. 14)

First Reading

Bill received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

**Joint Select Committee on Recommendations of Final Report of the
Commission of Inquiry - Resolution Agreed to**

Mr PRESIDENT - The following message was received from the House of Assembly:

Mr PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024: -

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of both Houses, and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon matters related to the Recommendations made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, including:

- (a) the Tasmanian Government's response and plan to implement the Recommendations;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government's progress in implementing the Recommendations;
 - (c) outcomes related to implementation of the Recommendations, both partially and fully implemented;
 - (d) monitoring progress reports provided to Parliament, as provided for by Recommendation 22.1 by the independent Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor (when appointed);
 - (e) overseeing the performance and proper execution of functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, as provided for by Recommendation 18.9;
 - (f) any other relevant matters that either House may refer to the Sessional Committee; and
 - (g) any other matters incidental thereto; and
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Wednesday 19 June at 9.15 o'clock a.m. as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker
House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

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

That the message be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality - Resolution Agreed to

Mr PRESIDENT - The following message was received from the House of Assembly:

Mr PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 21 May 2024: -

That a Joint Sessional Gender and Equality Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon -

- (1)(a) Any bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
 - (b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
 - (c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and
- (2) That Notice of any own Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
 - (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

with the following Amendment: -

After paragraph (3) inserting

- “(4) That the Committee be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament”

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday, 20 June next at 9.15 o'clock a.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker
House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

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

That the message be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

**Joint Sessional Committee on Workplace Culture Oversight -
Resolution Agreed to**

Mr PRESIDENT - The following message was received from the House of Assembly:

Mr PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 21 May 2024: -

- "(1) That a Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).
- (2) That the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be 4."

with the following Amendment:-

- "(3) After paragraph (2), inserting '(3) That the Committee be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament'"

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday, 20 June next at 1.10 o'clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker
House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

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

That the message be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters - Resolution Agreed to

Mr PRESIDENT - The following message was received from the House of Assembly:

Mr PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024: -

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed for the term of the 51st Parliament with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon -
 - (a) Such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister, or established by the Committee's own motion that relate to:
 - (i) the Electoral Act 2004;
 - (ii) the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023;
 - (iii) provisions of the Constitution Act 1934 that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; and
 - (iv) the administration, operation, and practices associated with, the aforementioned electoral laws, and any other law relating to electoral matters; and
 - (b) Any Bill relating to the electoral laws referred to in paragraph 1(a) and any other law relating to electoral matters as may be referred to it by either House of Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make;
- (3) The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry pursuant to paragraph (2) within 18 months of the date of this Resolution being agreed to by both Houses;
- (4) Notice of any own motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and

- (5) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday 20 June next at Two o'clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker
House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

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

That the message be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

**Joint Select Committee on Energy Prices and Related Matters -
Resolution Agreed to**

Mr PRESIDENT - The following message was received from the House of Assembly:

Mr PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024: -

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon energy prices and related matters in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference -
 - (a) Factors that impact energy prices for Tasmanian household and small and medium business customers, with particular reference to energy generation, distribution and retail costs.
 - (b) The challenges related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including -
 - (i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - (ii) energy requirements;
 - (iii) expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;

- (iv) private energy generators;
 - (v) energy generation, storage and transmission capacity;
and
 - (vi) energy security considerations.
- (c) Opportunities related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including -
 - (i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - (ii) energy requirements;
 - (iii) expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - (iv) private energy generators;
 - (v) energy generation, storage and transmission capacity;
and
 - (vi) energy security considerations.
- (d) Tasmania's past, current, and future participation in the National Electricity Market with a focus on impacts for Tasmania, including matters related to the national renewable energy transition:
 - (i) Current and future energy demand;
 - (ii) Costs, risks and benefits; and
 - (iii) Resource opportunities.
- (e) Marinus Link Pty Ltd and associated energy power developments (Battery of the Nation and North West Transmission Development) including -
 - (i) likely beneficiaries;
 - (ii) funding arrangements, including the potential for private sector contribution;
 - (iii) impact on Tasmanians' energy bills and concessional pricing arrangements; and

- (iv) alternative options and associated costs and/or benefits to Tasmania including costs and cost of a 'do nothing approach'.
- (f) Any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions received by the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration 'A' Inquiry into Energy Prices in Tasmania from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
- (3) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
- (4) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Friday, 28 June 2024 at Two o'clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker
House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

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

That the message be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That at its rising the Council does adjourn until 11 a.m. Tuesday
18 June 2024.

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 9.50 a.m.