



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 5

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 2022

(At 9.30 o'clock a.m.)

NOTICE OF QUESTION

1 Mr *Valentine* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard Human Resources statistics, detailed by region – South, North, North-West as at 23 August 2022 in the following categories:

- (a) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) establishment;
- (b) total vacant FTEs;
- (c) total FTEs that are subject to an absence, that is an absence being for a period of more than 5 consecutive working days including planned and unplanned leave, leave without pay, suspension or workers compensation; and
- (d) total FTEs subject to an active recruitment process —

can the Government provide the requested FTE information for the following occupations:

- (e) Department of Education
 - (ea) Speech and Language Pathologists.
- (f) Department of Communities Tasmania
 - (fa) Child Safety and Wellbeing Workers;
 - (fb) Child Safety Officers;
 - (fc) Advice and Referral Line Officers;
 - (fd) Child Safety Practice Leaders; and
 - (fe) Support Workers.
- (g) Department of Justice
 - (ga) Community Corrections Probation Officers; and
 - (gb) Diversion Officers.
- (h) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
 - (ha) Parks and Wildlife Officers; and
 - (hb) Field Officers.

(asked 23.08.22)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1** Family Violence Reforms Bill 2022 (No. 10): Third reading.
- 2** Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2022 (No. 19): Second reading.
- 3** Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts “Review of Selected Public Works Committee Reports 27 of 2015: Midland Highway, Mangalore to Bagdad Stage 1 and Midland Highway, Kempton to Melton Mowbray Stage 1; and 28 of 2015: Midland Highway, Perth to Breadalbane Duplication”: Consideration and noting. (Ms *Forrest*)

4 Report of the Legislative Council Government Administration Committee ‘B’ Inquiry into Disability Services in Tasmania: Consideration and noting.

5 Report of the Legislative Council Government Administration Committee ‘A’ Inquiry into the Roy Fagan Centre: Consideration and noting. (Ms *Forrest*)

6 Partition Amendment Bill 2022 (No. 38): Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 Ms *Rattray* to move — That Statutory Rules 2021, No. 93, Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations dated 22 November 2021 made under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* and laid upon the Table of the Council on 4 May 2022, be disallowed as provided by Section 47 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.

2 Mr *Duigan* to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes that Hydro Tasmania was named as a finalist for the 2021 Clean Energy Council Awards in the Community Engagement category for their COVID-19 Recovery Program to assist Tasmanian communities in overcoming the challenges associated with the pandemic;
- (2) notes that Hydro Tasmania’s program had two phases: the Sustain phase reassuring Tasmanians that essential energy generation would continue, while the Recovery phase partnered with community organisations to deliver initiatives to assist hard-hit sectors and vulnerable groups;
- (3) acknowledges that the program enabled community organisations to help more people affected by the pandemic and delivered a range of positive community initiatives across Tasmania; and
- (4) urges Hydro Tasmania to continue its endeavours to fully engage with the Tasmanian community as it develops its ongoing responses to deal with the COVID pandemic.

3 Ms *Webb* to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 26 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares areas of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 10 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

4 Ms *Webb* to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 18 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares area of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 11 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

5 Mrs *Hiscutt* to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Acknowledges the Tasmanian athletes who represented Australia at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games;
- (2) pays tribute to their dedication and hard work in realising their Commonwealth dream;
- (3) congratulates them all on a successful Commonwealth Games campaign with thirteen medals being won by Tasmanian athletes across a range of sports, including ten gold; and
- (4) recognises them as inspirational role models for our young Tasmanian athletes.

6 Ms *Armitage* to move — That the report of the Auditor-General No. 7 of 2021-22, COVID-19 — Response to social impacts: mental health and digital inclusion, be considered and noted.

7 Ms *Forrest* to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the 160-year history of Public Accounts Committees in Tasmania; and

- (2) recognises the key role of Public Accounts Committees in public sector accountability, ensuring transparency in the scrutiny of government expenditure, service delivery and performance.

8 Ms *Howlett* to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the importance that Neighbourhood Houses play in the economic, social and mental wellbeing of Tasmanians;
- (2) acknowledges the significant role volunteers play within Neighbourhood Houses;
- (3) thanks those that work and volunteer at Neighbourhood Houses for the critical role they play in the wellbeing of the community; and
- (4) commends the Rockliff Liberal Government’s recent investment of an additional \$1.75 million, equating to an additional \$50,000 for each of Tasmania’s 35 Neighbourhood Houses, to allow Neighbourhood Houses to do more to support those in the community.

9 Ms *Webb* to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the recent review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) undertaken by an independent Review Panel, and the *Review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute Final Report June 2022*, released on 20 July 2022;
- (2) welcomes the findings of the independent review, in particular:
 - (a) its observation that all submissions “*strongly supported preserving the Tasmania Law Reform Institute (TLRI) given its current positive impact on the broader Tasmanian community*”; and
 - (b) the Report’s emphasis on the important contribution made by the TLRI to public policy debate in Tasmania;
- (3) notes the 20 recommendations made to the TLRI Founding Partners in the review’s Final Report;
- (4) further notes the review Final Report’s clear assessment of the urgent need to place the TLRI on a sustainable footing, as the current lack of financial and staffing resources has resulted in work on four references ceasing, “*as has all other work such as engaging with law reform bodies in other jurisdictions, contributing to inquiries, commenting on draft legislation and engaging students in law reform projects*”;
- (5) acknowledges the high regard in which the TLRI is held across the community, fostered by the Institute’s recognised independence, impartiality and institutional integrity, and the need to maintain that current strong public confidence;
- (6) notes the current TLRI Founding Partners’ agreement is due for renewal in November 2022; and
- (7) urges the Tasmanian government to:
 - (a) prioritise delivering in full, and in good faith, the recommendations of the *Review of the TLRI Final Report* for which government holds entire or partial responsibility, and encourage its fellow Founding Partners, the University of Tasmania and the Law Society of Tasmania to do likewise; and
 - (b) commit to ensuring Tasmania’s acclaimed premier law reform agency is sufficiently resourced to place it on a “*secure and sustainable footing into the future*” as recommended by the 2022 independent Panel’s *Review of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute Final Report*.

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

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Notice Paper No. 4

SUMMARY OF BILLS

Read First Time

Bill No. 19 Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments).
Bill No. 38 Partition Amendment (*pro forma*).

Awaiting Third Reading

Bill No. 10 Family Violence Reforms.
Returned to the House of Assembly with Amendment
Bill No. 15 Police Offences Amendment (Workplace Protection).

STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Committee of Privileges: Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* (Chair of Committees), Mr *Gaffney*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Standing Orders Committee: The President (Mr *Farrell*), The Chair of Committees (Ms *Forrest*), Mrs *Hiscutt*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint): Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Webb* and Mr *Willie*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer* and Mr *Valentine*.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

House Committee (Joint): The President (Mr *Farrell*), Ms *Forrest*, and Mrs *Hiscutt*.

Library Committee (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Gender and Equality Committee (Joint): Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Harriss* and Mr *Willie*.

Government Administration A: Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Harriss*, Ms *Lovell* and Ms *Webb*.

- Rural Health Services.

Government Administration B: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray*, Mr *Valentine* and Mr *Willie*.

SELECT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Road Safety in Tasmania: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Willie*.

University of Tasmania Act 1992: Mr *Duigan*, Mr *Gaffney*, Ms *Lovell*, Mr *Valentine* and Ms *Webb*.