

# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

**SESSION OF 2024** 

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 19

# TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.

**2** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.

**3** PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.

4 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Transport have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Transport)

**5** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a motion in relation to the Sessional Orders from being moved forthwith. (The Minister for Transport)

**6** SESSIONAL ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That for the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House adopts the following changes to the Sessional Orders:

(1) In Sessional Order 42, paragraph (b), leave out the table and insert instead:

WEEK ONE	
For 1 Hour Independent Member for Braddon (Mr	
	Garland)
For 1.5 Hours	<b>Opposition Members</b>
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1 Hour	JLN Member
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK TWO

For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Franklin
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hours	<b>Opposition Members</b>
For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Bass
For 1 Hour	Government Members

# WEEK THREE

For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Clark
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Braddon (Mrs
	Beswick)
For 1 Hour	Government Members

- (2) In Sessional Order 48A, leave out "two by Members of the JLN" and insert instead "one by the JLN Member".
- (3) In Sessional Order 48C, paragraph (2), leave out paragraph (d) and paragraph (e) and insert instead:
  - (d) Three to be allocated at the Speaker's discretion between the JLN Member and Independent Members.
- (4) In Sessional Order 76, paragraph (4), leave out the table and insert instead:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Opposition	Greens	JLN Member
Week 2	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Clark
Week 3	Opposition	Greens	Opposition
Week 4	Opposition	<b>Opposition</b>	Government Members
Week 5	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Braddon (Mr Garland)
Week 6	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Bass
Week 7	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Braddon (Mrs Beswick)
Week 8	Opposition	Opposition	Independent Member for Franklin

(The Minister for Transport)

7 MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. – The Premier said:

"Honourable Speaker, I seek to update the House on the recent changes to the government's ministerial portfolios.

In addition to my existing roles as Premier, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, and Minister for Trade and Major Investment, I take on the Infrastructure portfolio.

Mr Ferguson is Deputy Premier and Treasurer and has taken on the portfolio of Small Business and Consumer Affairs.

Ms Ogilvie has taken on the Ministry for Science and Technology in addition to her existing portfolios as Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence."

**8** QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.

**9** CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.

10 PAPERS. – The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Rail Safety National Law: Rail Safety National Law Regulations (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024.
- (2) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999:
  - (*a*) Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Operations) Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 14);

- (b) Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 15).
- (3) Government Business Enterprises Act 1995: Ministerial Charter July 2024 Hydro Tasmania.
- (4) Education and Care Services National Law: Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No.)
- 11 PAPERS. The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Government Business Enterprises Act 1995: Ministerial Charter Tasmanian Public Finance Corporations.
  - (2) Work Health and Safety Act 2012: Work Health and Safety Amendment (Engineered Stone) Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 30)
- 12 PAPERS. The Minister for Arts laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Government Business Enterprises Act 1995: Ministerial Charter, August 2024, Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority.

13 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Health Act 1997: Health (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024 (Statutory Rules 2024, No. 29)

14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: REPORTS BROUGHT UP. – Mr *Willie* brought up the following Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts:-

- (1) Short Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's use of provisions of the Financial Management Act 2016 to fund election commitments in 2021 (Paper No. 16)
- (2) Statement of Understanding Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts and Auditor-General of Tasmania (Paper No. 18)

*Ordered*, That the said Reports be received. (Mr *Willie*)

**15** GENDER AND EQUALITY JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Rosol* brought up the following Report of the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality:-

Inquiry into Experiences of Gendered Bias in Healthcare in Tasmania (Paper No. 13)

Ordered, That the said Report be received. (Ms Rosol)

**16** PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Mr *Wood* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:-

New Risdon Prison Kitchen Project (Paper No. 14)

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received. (Mr *Wood*)

- 17 PAPERS. The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *Abetz*.
  - (2) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Variation Return for the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *Abetz*.
- 18 PAPERS. The Minister for Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Answers to Constituency Questions:
  - Answer provided by the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Finlay*, in relation to the Residential Tenancy Act and Building Act;
  - (ii) Answer provided by the Minister for Skills and Training to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Wood*, in relation to the Alanvale TasTAFE campus;
  - (iii) Answer provided by the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mr *Winter*, in relation to Workers Compensation;
  - (iv) Answer provided by the Minister for Housing and Planning to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mrs *Pentland*, in relation to the Beauty Point Tourist Park;
  - Answer provided by the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, in relation to Sustainable Timber Tasmania;
  - (vi) Answer provided by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Mr Jenner, in relation to the Richmond Police Station;
  - (vii) Answer provided by the Minister for Transport to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Ms *Dow*, in relation to the Burnie Port;
  - (viii) Answer provided by the Minister for Transport to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mr *Winter*, in relation to the location of mobile speed cameras;
  - (ix) Answer provided by the Minister for Sports and Events to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Fairs*, in relation to the Ticket to Play program;
  - Answer provided by the Attorney-General to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Ms *White*, in relation to legal assistance during the Commission of Inquiry;
  - (xi) Answer provided by the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Rosol*, in relation to gas safety;
  - (xii) Answer provided by the Minister for Finance to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Mr *Jenner*, in relation to stamp duty discount for pensioners;
  - (xiii) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mrs *Pentland*, in relation to Kings Meadow connecting lane from the Midland Highway;
  - (xiv) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Ms *Dow*, in relation to condition of road surfaces between Wynyard and Circular Head;
  - (xv) Answer provided by the Minister for Parks and Environment to Question asked by the Member for Clark, Mr *Behrakis*, in relation to mobility access at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens;

- (xvi) Answer provided by the Minister for Housing and Planning to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Ms *Brown*, in relation to housing circumstances;
- (xvii) Answer provided by the Minister for Housing and Planning to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Mr *Garland*, in relation to permits issued under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act;
- (xviii) Answer provided by the Minister for Parks and Environment to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Mr *Shelton*, in relation to the Southern Bluefin Tuna;
- (xix) Answer provided by the Minister for Transport to Question asked by the Member for Clark, Ms *Burnet*, in relation to bus travel for students of St Francis Flexible School;
- (xx) Answer provided by the Minister for Parks and Environment to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Ms *Badger*, in relation to the Container Refund Scheme;
- (xxi) Answer provided by the Minister for Housing and Planning to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Rosol*, in relation to rezoning of land at Bell Bay;
- (xxii) Answer provided by the Minister for Parks and Environment to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Finlay*, in relation to the Divo at Beauty Point;
- (xxiii) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Mr *Garland*, in relation to the new mental health precinct adjacent to the North West Regional Hospital;
- (xxiv) Answer provided by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Fairs*, in relation to welfare in livestock processing;
- (xxv) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Clark, Ms *Burnet*, in relation to the Macquarie Street clearway;
- (xxvi) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Mrs *Beswick*, in relation to the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme;
- (xxvii) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Dr *Broad*, in relation to radiation treatment at the North West Regional Hospital;
- (xxviii) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Wood*, in relation to staffing at the Launceston General Hospital;
- (xxix) Answer provided by the Minister for Racing to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Wood*, in relation to equine and greyhound standards of care;
- (xxx) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mrs *Petrusma*, in relation to the impact of roadworks along Macquarie and Davey Streets;

- (xxxi) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mrs *Petrusma*, in relation to the South Arm Highway;
- (xxxii) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Ms *White*, in relation to the intersection of Bartley Street and Meander Valley Road;
- (xxxiii) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, in relation to roadkill on the Huon Highway;
- (xxxiv) Answer provided by the Minister for Parks and Environment to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Mr *Shelton*, in relation to the landfill levy;
- (xxxv) Answer provided by the Attorney-General to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mrs *Petrusma*, in relation to the Tasmanian Justice System;
- (xxxvi) Answer provided by the Minister for Infrastructure to Question asked by the Member for Braddon, Dr *Broad*, in relation to potholes on the Bass Highway;
- (xxxvii) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, in relation to access to social work and mental health support on Bruny Island;
- (xxxviii) Answer provided by the Attorney-General to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Rosol*, in relation to access to confidential legal counsel;
- (xxxix) Answer provided by the Minister for Education to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Finlay*, in relation to the Glen Dhu pool;
- (xl) Answer provided by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to Question asked by the Member for Clark, Mr *Behrakis*, in relation to police numbers and distribution;
- (xli) Answer provided by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Fairs*, in relation to unsafe driving behaviour;
- (xlii) Answer provided by the Minister for Education to Question asked by the Member for Lyons, Ms *Badger*, in relation to online access centres;
- (xliii) Answer provided by the Minister for Education to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Mr *Fairs*, in relation to staffing in regional schools;
- (xliv) Answer provided by the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Franklin, Mrs *Petrusma*, in relation to access to GPs in Tasmania;
- (xlv) Answer provided by the Attorney-General to Question asked by the Member for Bass, Ms *Finlay*, in relation to backlog for sexual abuse trials;
- (xlvi) Answer provided by the Minister Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing to Question asked by the Member for Clark, Ms *Haddad*, in relation to the number of surgeries postponed.

**19** MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

#### BARBARA BAKER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Annulled Convictions Act 2003, the Crown Proceedings Act 1993, the Ombudsman Act 1978, the Personal Information Protection Act 2004, the Right to Information Act 2009 and the Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932 (Bill No. 8 (*Act No. 7 of 2024*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Sentencing Act 1997 (Bill No. 7 (Act No. 8 of 2024))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Duties Act 2001 and the Land Tax Act 2000 (Bill No. 22 (Act No. 9 of 2024))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1935 to repeal the offence of begging (Bill No.16 (*Act No. 10 of 2024*))

Having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of His majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 30 August 2024.

**20** MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

#### MESSAGE.

# BARBARA BAKER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Human Tissue Act 1985 (Bill No. 18 (Act No. 11 of 2024))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011 (Bill No. 21 (*Act No. 12 of 2024*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Tasmanian Development Act 1983 (Bill No. 34 (Act No. 13 of 2024))

A Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation consequent on the enactment of the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024 (Bill No. 11 (*Act No. 14 of 2024*))

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

Government House, Hobart, 5 September 2024.

21 BILL NO. 34. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

# HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Tasmanian Development Act 1983".

Legislative Council, 15 August 2024.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

22 BILL NO. 11. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

# HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation consequent on the enactment of the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024".

Legislative Council, 15 August 2024.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

23 BILL NO. 21. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

#### HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011".

Legislative Council, 14 August 2024.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

24 BILL NO. 18. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Human Tissue Act 1985".

Legislative Council, 14 August 2024.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

25 BILL NO. 10. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

# HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill, intituled -

"A Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing, to ensure the integrity of persons involved in such racing, to safeguard the welfare of animals, and for related purposes",

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

Legislative Council, 15 August 2024.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration at a later hour. (The Minster for Transport)

26 BILL NO. 41. – The Minister for Justice presented -

"A Bill for an Act to provide for the examination of complaints in relation to certain judicial officers, to provide for their suspension or removal from office in certain circumstances and for related purposes".

And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

27 BILL NO. 44. – Ms Badger presented -

"A Bill for an Act to amend the Nature Conservation Act 2002 in order to establish the Brushy Creek Conservation Area".

And Ms *Badger* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

**28** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Transport have leave to make certain Motions without Notice. (The Minister for Transport)

**29** ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR BUDGET PROCEEDINGS. – *Resolved*, That the House of Assembly requests that:-

(1) All Members of the Legislative Council attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2024 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2024-25.

(2) The Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Honourable the Minister for Education and Minister for Disability Services, to appear before and give evidence to, the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents. (The Minister for Transport)

**30** ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR BUDGET PROCEEDINGS. - A Message to the Legislative Council. –

#### MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having passed the following Resolution begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council and to request its concurrence therein: -

The House of Assembly requests that:-

- (1) All Members of the Legislative Council attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2024 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2024-25.
- (2) The Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Honourable the Minister for Education and Minister for Disability Services, to appear before and give evidence to, the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

#### House of Assembly, 10 September 2024.

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker.

**31** APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS 1 AND 2) 2024: PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. - *Ordered*, that Government Business take precedence from such time as the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2024 are introduced, until the House has dealt with all business associated with the Budget. (The Minister for Transport)

**32** APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS 1 AND 2) 2024: ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DEBATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That:-

- (*a*) all stages of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2024 shall have allotted a maximum total of 102.5 hours as follows:
  - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 15 hours;
  - (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 69.5 hours; and
  - (iii) in Committee of the whole House and Third reading: Maximum 18 hours;
- (b) on the Second reading, the Premier, the Treasurer, the Leader of the Opposition, and Leader of Greens, have unlimited speaking time and other Members speak for not longer than 20 minutes each;
- (c) when the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2024 have been read the Second time in the House of Assembly, the Bills be referred to Estimates Committees A and B of the House of Assembly.

Such Committees may not vote on, but may examine and report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Bills by no later than 15 October 2024, with such expenditures being considered on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to:

House of Assembly Estimates Committee A:----

Date		Minister
Monday, 23 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1230 1230 - 1330 1430 - 1730 1730 - 1800 1800 - 2100	Premier (3½ hours) Minister for Tourism & Hospitality (1 hour) Minister for Infrastructure (3 hours) Minister for Trade & Major Investment (½ hour) Minister for Transport (3 hours)	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP (8 hours) Hon. Eric Abetz MP (3 hours cont.)
Tuesday, 24 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1200 1300 - 1430 1430 - 1830	Treasurer (3 hours) Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs (1½ hours) Minister for Business, Industry & Resources (4 hours)	Hon. Michael Ferguson MP (4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours) Hon. Eric Abetz MP (4 hours cont. / 7 hours total)
Wednesday, 25 September		
0900 - 1300 1400 - 1700	Minister for Parks & Environment (4 hours) Minister for Energy & Renewables (3 hours)	Hon. Nick Duigan MLC (7 hours)
Thursday, 26 September		
0900 - 1100 1100 - 1200 1300 - 1530	Minister for Finance (2 hours) Minister for Local Government (1 hour) Minister for Sport and Events (2½ hours) (inc. MPDC & Stadiums Tas)	Hon. Nic Street MP (5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours)
Friday, 27 September		
0900 - 1030 1030 - 1200 1300 - 1630	Minister for Community Services (1½ hour) Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (1½ hours) Minister for Children and Youth (3½ hours)	Hon. Roger Jaensch MP (6½ hours)

House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:----

Date		Minister
Monday, 23 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1200	Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Management (3 hours)	Hon. Felix Ellis MP (8 hours)
1200 - 1300	Minister for Skills & Training (inc. TasTafe) (1 hour)	
1400 - 1800	Minister for Housing & Planning (inc. Homes Tas) (4 hours)	

Tuesday, 24 Sep	otember	
0830 - 1100 1100 - 1300	Attorney-General & Minister for Justice (2½ hours) Minister for Health, Mental Health & Wellbeing (5 hours)	Hon. Guy Barnett MP (8½ hours)
1330 - 1630	cont.	
1630 - 1730	Minister for Veterans Affairs (1 hour)	
Wednesday, 25	September	
0900 - 1100 1100 - 1400 1430 - 1730	Minister for Primary Industries & Water (2 hours) Minister for Racing (3 hours) Minister for Education (3 hours)	Hon. Jane Howlett MP (5 hours)
1730 - 1830	Minister for Disability Services (1 hour)	Hon. Jo Palmer MLC (4 hours)
Thursday, 26 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1130	Minister for Corrections & Rehabilitation (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours)	Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP (5½ hours)
1130 - 1300	Minister for Women & the Prevention of Family Violence (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours)	
1400 - 1430	Minister for Science and Technology (1/2 hour)	
1430 - 1530	Minister for the Arts (1 hours)	

# MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

(1)	Estimates Committee A consists of the following four Members:
	The Chair of Committees (Chair);
	One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition (Deputy Chair);
	One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
	One Member nominated by the JLN and Independents.

 (2) Estimates Committee B consists of the following four Members: One Member nominated by the Leader of the House (Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition (Deputy Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and One Member nominated by the JLN and Independents.

(3) Members of the House who have not been appointed as Members of the Committee, may participate in proceedings by asking questions, in alignment with the ratio of questions; and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.

(4) The Chair of a Committee has a deliberative and a casting vote.

(5) During sittings, substitute Members may be allowed.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of a Committee, the Speaker may nominate a Member in substitution, but in so doing has regard to the composition of the Committee as appointed by the House.

(7) A Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.

(8) The quorum of a Committee is a majority of the Committee.

(9) If at any time a quorum is not present, the Chair will suspend proceedings of the Committee until a quorum is present or adjourn the Committee.

(10) Any time lost for lack of a quorum shall be added to the time allocated to that session.

#### SITTING TIMES

(1) Each Estimates Committee meets only in accordance with the abovementioned time-table adopted by the House.

(2) Estimates Committees may sit only when the House is not sitting.

# OPEN HEARINGS

All hearings of the Estimates Committees are open to the public.

# PROCEEDINGS OF AN ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

(1) Consideration of proposed expenditures in an Estimates Committee follows as far as possible the procedure observed in a Committee of the whole House.

(2) A Committee will consider expenditures on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

(3) A Committee may ask for explanations from a Minister relating to the outputs.

(4) The Minister who is asked for explanations may be assisted where necessary by officers in the provision of factual information.

(5) Officers may answer questions at the request of the Minister but shall not be required to comment on policy matters.

(6) Time limits of one minute for a question and three minutes for an answer shall apply in Estimates Committees.

(7) Questions may be asked on a ratio of three Opposition, two Green, two Independents or JLN (to be allocated at the discretion of the Chair), and one Government.

(8) A Minister may advise an Estimates Committee that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of the Minister will be given later to the Committee, where possible that Committee sitting day.

(9) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.

(10) Additional information -

(*a*) is to be written;

(*b*) is to be given by a time decided by the Committee; and

(c) may be included in a volume of additional information laid on the Table of the House by the Committee.

(11) If any Member persistently disrupts the business of an Estimates Committee, the Chair-

(*a*) names the Member;

(b) if the Member named is a Member of the Estimates Committee, suspends the sitting of the Estimates Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; and

(c) if the Member named is not a Member of the Estimates Committee, orders that Member's withdrawal from the sitting of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker;

as soon as practicable, the Chair advises the Speaker who then gives notice that the Member of the Estimates Committee be replaced.

(12) If any objection is taken to a ruling or decision of the Chair -

(*a*) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;

(b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, advises the Speaker who makes a ruling on the matter; and

(c) the Estimates Committee may continue to meet but may not further examine the output then under consideration.

(13) Television coverage will be allowed, subject to the same conditions that apply to televising of the House of Assembly.

#### HANSARD REPORT

An unedited transcript of Estimates Committee proceedings is to be circulated, in a manner similar to that used for the House Hansard, as soon as practicable after the Committee's proceedings.

# REPORTS OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

(1) A report of an Estimates Committee is presented by the Chair or Deputy Chair of that Committee to a Committee of the whole House, such reports containing any resolution or expression of opinion of that Committee.

(2) When the reports of the Estimates Committees are presented, they may be taken into consideration at once or at a future time.

(3) A time limit of 30 minutes per Member applies to consideration of reports of Estimates Committees on the question "That the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the resolutions or expressions of opinion agreed to by the Committees in relation to those expenditures be noted."

(4) When the consideration of reports of Estimates Committees A and B has been completed, the question is proposed and put forthwith without debate "That the remainder of the Bills be agreed to."

(5) When the Bills have been agreed to by the House, the Third reading of each Bill may be taken into consideration at once or made an order of the day for the next sitting day. (The Minister for Transport)

Amendment proposed (Mr Bayley)

Under the heading "Proceedings of an Estimates Committee", paragraph (7):

Leave out the paragraph and insert instead:

(7) Questions may be asked on a ratio of three Opposition, two Green, two Independents or JLN (to be allocated at the discretion of the Chair).

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Amendment made (Mr *Bayley*)

Under the heading "Proceedings of an Estimates Committee", in paragraph (10):

Leave out paragraph (b) and insert instead:

(b) "is to be provided to the Committee by no later than 5.00 pm Friday, 11 October 2024".

Question put – That the Motion as amended be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That:

- (*a*) all stages of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2024 shall have allotted a maximum total of 102.5 hours as follows:
  - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 15 hours;
  - (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 69.5 hours; and
  - (iii) in Committee of the whole House and Third reading: Maximum 18 hours;
- (b) on the Second reading, the Premier, the Treasurer, the Leader of the Opposition, and Leader of Greens, have unlimited speaking time and other Members speak for not longer than 20 minutes each;
- (c) when the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2024 have been read the Second time in the House of Assembly, the Bills be referred to Estimates Committees A and B of the House of Assembly.

Such Committees may not vote on, but may examine and report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Bills by no later than 15 October 2024, with such expenditures being considered on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

The following Ministerial portfolio units are allocated to:

House of Assembly Estimates Committee A:---

Date		Minister
Monday, 23 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1230 1230 - 1330 1430 - 1730 1730 - 1800	Premier (3½ hours) Minister for Tourism & Hospitality (1 hour) Minister for Infrastructure (3 hours) Minister for Trade & Major Investment (½ hour)	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP (8 hours)
1800 - 2100	Minister for Transport (3 hours)	Hon. Eric Abetz MP (3 hours cont.)
Tuesday, 24 Se	ptember	
0900 - 1200 1300 - 1430	Treasurer (3 hours) Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours)	Hon. Michael Ferguson MP (4 <sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>2</sub> hours)
1430 - 1830	Minister for Business, Industry & Resources (4 hours)	Hon. Eric Abetz MP (4 hours cont. / 7 hours total)

Wednesday, 25	September	
0900 - 1300 1400 - 1700	Minister for Parks & Environment (4 hours) Minister for Energy & Renewables (3 hours)	Hon. Nick Duigan MLC (7 hours)
Thursday, 26 Se	eptember	
0900 - 1100 1100 - 1200 1300 - 1530	Minister for Finance (2 hours) Minister for Local Government (1 hour) Minister for Sport and Events (2½ hours) (inc. MPDC & Stadiums Tas)	Hon. Nic Street MP (5 <sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>2</sub> hours)
Friday, 27 Septe	ember	
0900 - 1030 1030 - 1200 1300 - 1630	Minister for Community Services (1½ hour) Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (1½ hours) Minister for Children and Youth (3½ hours)	Hon. Roger Jaensch MP (6½ hours)

House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:----

Date		Minister
Monday, 23 Sep	ptember	
0900 - 1200	Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Management (3 hours)	Hon. Felix Ellis MP (8 hours)
1200 - 1300	Minister for Skills & Training (inc. TasTafe)	
1400 - 1800	(1 hour) Minister for Housing & Planning (inc. Homes Tas) (4 hours)	
Tuesday, 24 Se	ptember	
0830 - 1100 1100 - 1300	Attorney-General & Minister for Justice (2 <sup>1</sup> /2 hours) Minister for Health, Mental Health & Wellbeing (5 hours)	Hon. Guy Barnett MP (8½ hours)
1330 - 1630	cont.	
1630 - 1730	Minister for Veterans Affairs (1 hour)	
Wednesday, 25	September	
0900 - 1100 1100 - 1400	Minister for Primary Industries & Water (2 hours) Minister for Racing (3 hours)	Hon. Jane Howlett MP (5 hours)
1430 - 1730	Minister for Education (3 hours)	Hon. Jo Palmer MLC
1730 - 1830	Minister for Disability Services (1 hour)	(4 hours)
Thursday, 26 Se	eptember	
0900 - 1130	Minister for Corrections & Rehabilitation $(2\frac{1}{2} \text{ hours})$	Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP (5½ hours)
1130 - 1300	Minister for Women & the Prevention of Family Violence (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours)	
1400 - 1430	Minister for Science and Technology (1/2 hour)	
1430 - 1530	Minister for the Arts (1 hours)	

#### MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES

- Estimates Committee A consists of the following four Members: The Chair of Committees (Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition (Deputy Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and One Member nominated by the JLN and Independents.
- (2) Estimates Committee B consists of the following four Members: One Member nominated by the Leader of the House (Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition (Deputy Chair); One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and One Member nominated by the JLN and Independents.

(3) Members of the House who have not been appointed as Members of the Committee, may participate in proceedings by asking questions, in alignment with the ratio of questions; and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.

- (4) The Chair of a Committee has a deliberative and a casting vote.
- (5) During sittings, substitute Members may be allowed.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of a Committee, the Speaker may nominate a Member in substitution, but in so doing has regard to the composition of the Committee as appointed by the House.

(7) A Committee may proceed with business despite a vacancy in its membership.

(8) The quorum of a Committee is a majority of the Committee.

(9) If at any time a quorum is not present, the Chair will suspend proceedings of the Committee until a quorum is present or adjourn the Committee.

(10) Any time lost for lack of a quorum shall be added to the time allocated to that session.

# SITTING TIMES

(1) Each Estimates Committee meets only in accordance with the abovementioned timetable adopted by the House.

(2) Estimates Committees may sit only when the House is not sitting.

#### **OPEN HEARINGS**

All hearings of the Estimates Committees are open to the public.

# PROCEEDINGS OF AN ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

(1) Consideration of proposed expenditures in an Estimates Committee follows as far as possible the procedure observed in a Committee of the whole House.

(2) A Committee will consider expenditures on an output by output basis, including Grants, Subsidies and Loans and the Capital Investment Program.

(3) A Committee may ask for explanations from a Minister relating to the outputs.

(4) The Minister who is asked for explanations may be assisted where necessary by officers in the provision of factual information.

(5) Officers may answer questions at the request of the Minister but shall not be required to comment on policy matters.

(6) Time limits of one minute for a question and three minutes for an answer shall apply in Estimates Committees.

(7) Questions may be asked on a ratio of three Opposition, two Green, two Independents or JLN (to be allocated at the discretion of the Chair), and one Government.

(8) A Minister may advise an Estimates Committee that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of the Minister will be given later to the Committee, where possible that Committee sitting day.

(9) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.

(10) Additional information -

(*a*) is to be written;

(b) is to be provided to the Committee by no later than 5.00 pm Friday, 11 October 2024; and

(c) may be included in a volume of additional information laid on the Table of the House by the Committee.

- (11) If any Member persistently disrupts the business of an Estimates Committee, the Chair-
  - (*a*) names the Member;

(b) if the Member named is a Member of the Estimates Committee, suspends the sitting of the Estimates Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker; and

(c) if the Member named is not a Member of the Estimates Committee, orders that Member's withdrawal from the sitting of the Committee until the Chair has reported the offence to the Speaker;

as soon as practicable, the Chair advises the Speaker who then gives notice that the Member of the Estimates Committee be replaced.

- (12) If any objection is taken to a ruling or decision of the Chair -
  - (*a*) the objection must be taken at once and stated in writing;

(b) the Chair, as soon as practicable, advises the Speaker who makes a ruling on the matter; and

(c) the Estimates Committee may continue to meet but may not further examine the output then under consideration.

(13) Television coverage will be allowed, subject to the same conditions that apply to televising of the House of Assembly.

# HANSARD REPORT

An unedited transcript of Estimates Committee proceedings is to be circulated, in a manner similar to that used for the House Hansard, as soon as practicable after the Committee's proceedings.

# REPORTS OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

(1) A report of an Estimates Committee is presented by the Chair or Deputy Chair of that Committee to a Committee of the whole House, such reports containing any resolution or expression of opinion of that Committee.

(2) When the reports of the Estimates Committees are presented, they may be taken into consideration at once or at a future time.

(3) A time limit of 30 minutes per Member applies to consideration of reports of Estimates Committees on the question "That the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the resolutions or expressions of opinion agreed to by the Committees in relation to those expenditures be noted."

(4) When the consideration of reports of Estimates Committees A and B has been completed, the question is proposed and put forthwith without debate "That the remainder of the Bills be agreed to."

(5) When the Bills have been agreed to by the House, the Third reading of each Bill may be taken into consideration at once or made an order of the day for the next sitting day.

**33** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Dr *Woodruff* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Dr *Woodruff*)

**34** TRANSFER OF CARE DELAYS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. – *Ordered*, That:

The reporting date for the Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays (Ambulance Ramping) be extended until 17 October next.

**35** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Ms *Dow* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *Dow*)

**36** GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION A, STANDING COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. – *Ordered*, That:

- (1) The reporting date for the Government Administration Committee A, inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools be extended until 4 April next.
- (2) If the House is not sitting when the Committee completes its report, such report may be presented to the Speaker or to the Deputy Speaker and in that event, the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed. (Ms *Dow*)

**37** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Ms *Haddad* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *Haddad*)

**38** REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL AND PAEDIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES IN TASMANIA SELECT COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. – *Ordered*, That:

- (1) The reporting date for the Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania be extended until 25 March next.
- (2) If the House is not sitting when the Committee completes its report, such report may be presented to the Speaker or to the Deputy Speaker and in that event, the report shall be deemed to have been presented to the House and ordered to be printed. (Ms *Haddad*)

**39** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Ms *White* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *White*)

**40** GOVERNMENT ADMINSTRATION B, STANDING COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. – *Ordered*, That:

The reporting date for the Government Administration Committee B, inquiry into the Electoral Funding and Disclosure Bill (No.9) be extended until 17 September next. (Ms *White*)

41 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURES. – Ms *Dow* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Infrastructure Failures.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**42** BILL NO. 37. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill 2024.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time (The Minister for Transport).

A Debate arose thereupon.

**43** SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair. At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

44 BILL NO. 37. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

A Motion being proposed – That the Debate be adjourned until tomorrow (Mr Bayley)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

#### AYES 8

Ms Badger Mr Bayley Ms Burnet Mr Garland Mr Jenner Ms Johnston Dr Woodruff Ms Rosol (Teller)

#### NOES 26

Mr Abetz Mr Barnett Mr Behrakis Mrs Beswick Dr Broad Ms Brown Ms Butler Ms Dow Mr Ellis Mr Fairs Mr Ferguson Ms Finlay Ms Haddad Ms Howlett Mr Jaensch Mr O'Byrne Ms Ogilvie Mrs Petrusma Mr Rockliff Mr Shelton Mr Street Ms White Mr Willie Mr Winter Mr Wood Mrs Pentland (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question by Ms *Johnston* by leaving out all the words after "That" and inserting instead:

- (1) The Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Administration Committee A for inquiry and report thereon.
- (2) The Committee report by 4 March 2025.

And the Question being proposed – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

#### AYES 8

Ms Badger Mr Bayley Ms Burnet Mr Jenner Ms Johnston Ms Rosol Dr Woodruff Mr Garland (Teller) NOES 26

Mr Abetz Mr Barnett Mr Behrakis Mrs Beswick Dr Broad Ms Brown Ms Butler Ms Dow Mr Ellis Mr Fairs Mr Ferguson Ms Haddad Ms Howlett Mr Jaensch Mr O'Byrne Ms Ogilvie Mrs Pentland Mrs Petrusma Mr Rockliff Mr Shelton Mr Street Ms White Mr Willie Mr Winter Mr Wood Ms Finlay (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House. And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Finlay took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Amendment proposed (Mr Garland)

Page 4, after the definition of "Outcome 1.4.2".

Insert the following definition:

**Robbins Island Development** means that development in respect of which a LUPA permit was issued, or purportedly issued, by the council responsible for the municipal area of Circular Head for development application DA2020/00042;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

#### AYES 8

Ms Badger Mr Bayley Ms Burnet Mr Garland Mr Jenner Ms Johnston Dr Woodruff Ms Rosol (Teller)

#### NOES 26

Mr Abetz Mr Barnett Mr Behrakis Mrs Beswick Dr Broad Ms Brown Ms Butler Ms Dow Mr Ellis Mr Fairs Mr Ferguson Ms Haddad Ms Howlett Mr Jaensch Mr O'Byrne Ms O'Byrne Ms Ogilvie Mrs Pentland Mrs Petrusma Mr Rockliff Mr Shelton Mr Street Mr Willie Mr Winter Mr Wood Ms White (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 3 further considered.

And the Question being put – That Clause 3, as read, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

AYES 26
Mr Abetz
Mr Barnett
Mr Behrakis
Mrs Beswick
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
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Mr Shelton
Mr Street
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Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr Wood
Mr Fairs (Teller)

NOES 8

Ms Badger Mr Bayley Ms Burnet Mr Garland Mr Jenner Ms Rosol Dr Woodruff Ms Johnston (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 4 read.

And the Question being put – That Clause 4, as read, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

# AYES 26

Mr Abetz Mr Barnett Mr Behrakis Mrs Beswick Dr Broad Ms Brown Ms Butler Ms Dow Mr Ellis Mr Ferguson Ms Haddad Ms Howlett Mr Jaensch Mr O'Byrne Ms O'Byrne Ms Ogilvie Mrs Pentland Mrs Petrusma Mr Rockliff Mr Shelton Mr Street Ms White Mr Willie Mr Winter Mr Wood Mr Fairs (Teller) NOES 8

Ms Badger Mr Bayley Ms Burnet Mr Jenner Ms Johnston Ms Rosol Dr Woodruff Mr Garland (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Question put – That the Chair report the Bill to the House without Amendment;

The Committee divided.

AYES 26 NOES 8 Mr Abetz Ms Badger Mr Barnett Mr Bayley Mr Behrakis Ms Burnet Dr Broad Mr Garland Ms Brown Ms Johnston Ms Butler Ms Rosol Ms Dow Dr Woodruff Mr Ellis Mr Jenner (Teller) Mr Fairs Mr Ferguson Ms Haddad Ms Howlett Mr Jaensch Mr O'Bvrne Ms O'Byrne Ms Ogilvie Mrs Pentland Mrs Petrusma Mr Rockliff Mr Shelton Mr Street Ms White Mr Willie Mr Winter Mr Wood Mrs Beswick (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House being resumed, Ms *Finlay* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed her to report the same to the House without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

45 BILL NO. 37. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

# MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled "A Bill for an Act to validate certain actions taken under or in pursuance of the State Coastal Policy 1996",

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

House of Assembly, 10 September 2024

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker.

**46** BILL NO. 35. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6 August 2024 – That the Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed; The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; *Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House. And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Mrs *Beswick* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

New Clause A to follow Clause 8 was brought up by Dr *Woodruff* and read a First Time as follows:-

A. Part 3A inserted

19A.

After section 19 of the Principal Act, the following Part is inserted:

PART 3A - Compensation payable under Act

Interpretation of this Part

In this Part -

- *assessment* means an assessment carried out by an independent assessor to determine the amount of compensation to be paid to eligible recipients under this Act;
- *compensation order* means an order made by the Premier under section 19E(4);
- *eligible recipient* means a person whose charge has been expunged under this Act;
- independent assessor means a person appointed under section 19B;
- *initial compensation order* means the first compensation order made by the Premier after the commencement of this Part.
- *Initial decision* means the first decision of the Secretary to expunge a charge under section 12 that occurs after the commencement of this Part.
- 19B. Independent assessor
  - (1) The Premier must appoint an independent assessor to conduct an assessment under this Act
    - (a) within 3 months after the commencement of this Part; and
    - (b) if a compensation order is disallowed under section 19E, within 3 months of the disallowance.
  - (2) The Premier may, at other times, appoint an independent assessor to conduct as assessment under this Act, if the Premier considers that the appointment is necessary to ensure that appropriate compensation is paid to eligible recipients under this Act.
  - (3) The Premier may only appoint a person as an independent assessor under this section if satisfied that the person has relevant knowledge, expertise and experience to make an assessment under this Act.
  - (4) The appointment of an independent assessor is to be on such terms and conditions as the Premier thinks fit.
  - (4) An independent assessor has the power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done, in connection with, or incidental to, the conduct of an assessment.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The House being resumed, Mrs *Beswick* reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and had directed her to ask leave to sit again.

47 ADJOURNMENT. – The time being past thirty minutes past Seven o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

48 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Documents regarding TT-Line, including email correspondence from Mr Bernard Dwyer and Mr Mike Grainger.

49 ADJOURNMENT. – And the Question being put – That the House do now adjourn;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned at thirty minutes past Eight o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, Clerk of the House.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Minister for Education, and Minister for Disability Services attended Question Time.