



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 31

THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026

- 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 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 BILL NO. 17. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to enable the issue of one or more titles under the Land Titles Act 1980 for Crown land situated at 21 Murray Street, Hobart, and for related purposes”.

And Mr *Abetz* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
- 7 PAPERS. – Ms *Johnston*, *by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House a document relating to prioritising community services for Tasmanians
- 8 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)
- 9 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 19 May next. (The Treasurer)
- 10 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make certain Motions without Notice. (The Treasurer)
- 11 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) 2026 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2026-27.
- (2) The Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport, the Honourable the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services, and the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning, 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 Treasurer)

12 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: -

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House of Assembly, 7 May 2026

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

13 APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS 1 AND 2) 2026: PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. - Ordered, that Government Business take precedence from such time as the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2026 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026 are introduced, until the House has dealt with all business associated with the Budget. (The Treasurer)

14 APPROPRIATION BILLS (NUMBERS 1 AND 2) 2026: 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) 2026 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2026 shall have allotted a maximum total of 103.5 hours as follows:
 - (i) up to the Second Reading: Maximum 15 hours;
 - (ii) in the Estimates Committees: Maximum 70.5 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) 2026 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 Tuesday 16 June 2026, 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
<u>Monday, 1 June</u>	
0800 - 1200 Premier (4 hours)	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP (4 hours)
1300 - 1500 Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (2 hours)	Hon. Bridget Archer MP (7 hours)
1500 - 1900 Minister for Health, Mental Health & Wellbeing (4 hours)	
1900 - 2000 Minister for Ageing (1 hour)	
<u>Tuesday, 2 June</u>	
0900 - 1300 Treasurer (4 hours)	Hon. Eric Abetz MP (6 hours)
1400 - 1600 Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal (2 hours)	
1600 - 2000 Minister for Housing and Planning (inc. Homes Tas.) (4 hours)	Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC (4 hrs subtotal)
<u>Wednesday, 3 June</u>	
0900 - 1030 Minister for Local Government (1½ hours)	Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC <i>cont.</i> (5½ hrs subtotal, total 9½ hours)
1030 - 1300 Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	
1400 - 1530 <i>cont.</i> (4 hours)	
<u>Thursday, 4 June</u>	
0900 - 1200 Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Management (3 hours)	Hon. Felix Ellis MP (8 hours)
1200 - 1300 Minister for Skills & Jobs (inc. TasTafe)	
1400 - 1500 <i>cont.</i> (2 hours)	
1500 - 1800 Minister for Business, Industry and Resources (3 hours)	

House of Assembly Estimates Committee B:—

Date	Minister
<u>Monday, 1 June</u>	
0900 - 1200 Minister for Energy & Renewables (3 hours)	Hon. Nick Duigan MLC (6½ hours)
1300 - 1430 Minister for Sport (inc. Stadiums Tas) (1½ hour)	
1430 - 1630 Minister for Parks (2 hours)	

<u>Tuesday, 2 June</u>		
0830 - 1100	Attorney-General (2½ hours)	Hon. Guy Barnett MP (5½ hours)
1100 - 1230	Minister for Justice Corrections & Rehabilitation (1½ hours)	
1330 - 1500	Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs (1½ hours)	
1500 - 1900	Minister for Primary Industries & Water (4 hours)	Hon. Gavin Pearce MP (5 hours)
1900 - 2000	Minister for Veterans' Affairs (1 hour)	
<u>Wednesday, 3 June</u>		
0800 - 1100	Minister for Education (3 hours)	Hon. Jo Palmer MLC (7 hours)
1100 - 1200	Minister for Disability Services (1 hour)	
1300 - 1600	Minister for Children & Youth (3 hours)	
1600 - 1800	Minister for Racing (2 hours)	Hon. Jane Howlett MP (4 hours)
1800 - 1900	Minister for Women & the Prevention of Family Violence (1 hour)	
1900 - 2000	Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events (1 hour)	
<u>Thursday, 4 June</u>		
0900 - 1230	Minister for Environment (3½ hours)	Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP (8 hours)
1330 - 1530	Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy (2 hour)	
1530 - 1700	Minister for Community & Multicultural Affairs (1½ hours)	
1700 - 1800	Minister for the Arts & Heritage (1 hour)	

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 House (Deputy Chair);
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and
One Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens.
- (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 SFF 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 SFF (to be allocated at the discretion of the Chair), and one Government.
- (8) Questions must be relevant to the portfolio and outputs of a particular session. Ministers must also be relevant to the question asked and at the discretion of the Chair, the committee may move to a new question if the Minister is not deemed to be relevant. Whether the question is counted towards the rotation of questions will also be at the discretion of the Chair.
- (9) 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.
- (10) A Minister may provide additional information to a Committee about an answer given by or for the Minister.
- (11) Additional information -
 - (a) is to be written;

(b) is to be provided to the Committee by no later than 5.00 pm Friday, 12 June 2026; and

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

(12) 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.

(13) 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.

(14) 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 Treasurer)

Amendment proposed. (Mr *George*)

Under the heading “Proceedings of an Estimates Committee”, in paragraph (7):

- (1) Leave out the words “three Opposition” and insert instead “four Opposition”; and
- (2) Leave out the words “two Independents or SFF” and insert instead the following words “three Independents or SFF”.

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

The House divided.

AYES 16

Ms Brown
Ms Burnet
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Finlay
Mr Garland
Mr George
Mrs Greene
Ms Haddad
Ms Johnston
Mr Mitchell
Mr O’Byrne
Prof Razay
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr Di Falco (Teller)

NOES 16

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Ms Badger
Mr Barnett
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mr Rockliff
Ms Rosol
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Dr Woodruff
Mr Bayley (Teller)

PAIRS

Dr Broad

Mr Fairs

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: “The numbers being equal, I cast my vote with the Noes”.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

15 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: WALKING AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH. – Prof. *Razay* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Walking and preventive health.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

16 BILL NO. 13. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 5 May 2026 - That the Short Stay Levy Bill 2026 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

18 BILL NO. 13. – And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 22

Mr *Abetz*
Mrs *Archer*
Ms *Badger*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Bayley*
Ms *Burnet*
Mr *Di Falco*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Ferguson*
Mr *George*
Ms *Howlett*
Mr *Jaensch*
Ms *Johnston*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mr *Pearce*
Mr *Rockliff*
Ms *Rosol*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Vermey*
Dr *Woodruff*
Mr *Garland* (Teller)

NOES 9

Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Ms *Dow*
Ms *Greene*
Ms *Haddad*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *Mitchell* (Teller)

PAIRS

Mr *Fairs*

Ms *Finlay*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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)

Mr *Mitchell* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendment made (Mr *Bayley*)

Page 8, subclause (3), after paragraph (d).

Insert the following paragraph:

- () accommodation on land where the land is primarily operated –
- (i) as a primary produce business within the meaning of the *Primary Produce Safety Act 2011*; or
- (ii) as part of a business associated with a primary produce business, within the meaning of that Act;

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 20 agreed to.

Clause 21 read.

Amendment made (Ms *Burnet*)

Page 23, after subclause (3).

Insert the follow subclause.

- (A)(1) If an order is made under subsection (1) declaring a class of premises as exempt premises, the Minister is to ensure that a statement that specifies the reasons for the exemption, and the intended scope of the exemption, is tabled in each House of Parliament at the time the order is laid before that House of Parliament in accordance with section 47(3)(c) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.

Clause 21, as amended, agreed to.

New Clause A, to follow Clause 21, was brought up by Ms *Johnston* and read a First Time as follows:-

A. Short Stay Levy Fund

- (1) There is to be established in the Public Account an account to be called the Short Stay Levy Fund.
- (2) Money in the Short Stay Levy Fund is to be applied for the purposes of crisis accommodation, and homelessness services, within the State.
- (3) The following is to be paid into the Short Stay Levy Fund:
 - (a) all money paid under this Act in respect of the short stay levy;
 - (b) such other amounts as the Minister may, from time to time, advance for the purposes of the Short Stay Levy Fund.
- (4) The Short Stay Levy Fund is to be administered by the Department.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That New Clause A be read a Second time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 21;

The Committee divided.

AYES 11

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Di Falco
Mr Garland
Mr George
Ms Johnston
Mr O'Byrne
Prof Razay
Dr Woodruff
Ms Rosol (Teller)

NOES 21

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mrs Greene
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mr Shelton (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

New Clause A, to follow Clause 21, was brought up by *Ms Burnet* and read a First Time as follows:-

A. Certain information to be published annually

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of a financial year, the Department is to publish the following information, in respect of that financial year, for each municipal area:
 - (c) the number of registered short stay levy payers during the financial year;
 - (d) the total number of short stay bookings where the short stay levy was payable;
 - (e) the aggregate total value of the short stay bookings referred to in paragraph (b), inclusive of the short stay levy;
 - (f) the total amount of the short stay levy received.
- (2) Information is to be published under subsection (1) –
 - (a) by making the information available to members of the public on a website maintained by, or on behalf of, the Department; and
 - (g) in such other manner as the Department considers appropriate.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That New Clause A be read a Second time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 21;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 22 to 24 agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mr *Mitchell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bill being now read the Third time. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration.
And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.
And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

19 BILL NO. 13. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled-

“A Bill for an Act to impose a levy in relation to the provision of short stay accommodation within the State”.

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

House of Assembly, 7 May 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

20 BILL NO. 53 of 2025. - The Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal) Bill 2025 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

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

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

21 BILL NO. 53 of 2025. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled-

“A Bill for an Act to repeal the Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction Act 2003”.

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

House of Assembly, 7 May 2026.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

22 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Treasurer)

The Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes past Six o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport attended Question Time.