LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 60

Wednesday 25 November 2026

The Council meets at 11.00am

Notices of Motion

1 Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24, and recent public statements of Custodial Inspector Richard Connock, be considered and noted.

2 Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 23 September 2025

To be moved:

(1) That the Legislative Council notes:

(a) The State Government's Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction (No. 1) 2022 requiring a mandatory cashless card system for poker machines in Tasmanian hotels, clubs and casinos, including loss limits, breaks in play and optional commitment for time spent playing be developed and implemented;

(b) The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission undertook extensive public consultation on the implementation of the proposed poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card;

(c) The proposed mandatory pre-commitment card was originally scheduled to be implemented by the end of 2024, and intended to cap losses at $100 per day, or $5,000 per year;

(d) The State government announced on the 16 October 2024, that the Department of State Growth had engaged Deloitte Access Economics to undertake an analysis of the social and economic impact of the Government's poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card policy; and

(e) That the terms of reference or contract provided for the Deloitte Access Economic review have not been released publicly; and

(2) That the Legislative Council further notes:
   (a) In November 2024, the Premier announced an indefinite pause on proceeding with the proposed mandatory pre-commitment card; and
   (b) In June this year, the Premier further stated a mandatory pre-commitment card will not be introduced in Tasmania unless there is a national approach on the issue;
(3) That the Legislative Council also notes with concern the state annual poker machine losses for 2024-25 which totalled $193,908,165, a decade high level of losses from the Tasmanian community; and
(4) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to release immediately the 2024 Deloitte Access Economics' social and economic impact review report of the poker machine pre-commitment card policy.

3 Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 11 November 2025

To be moved:

That this House notes:
(1) The independent review established in November 2023 and undertaken by former Australian Public Service Commissioner Peter Woolcott AO, known as the *Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*; and
(2) The Independent Review's findings and recommendations.

4 Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the *Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025* published by the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania on 2 December 2025, be considered and noted.

5 Commission of Inquiry – Susan Neill-Fraser Conviction

Given by: Mr *Gaffney*
Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:
(1) Notes there is no Criminal Cases Review Commission in Australia to enable the independent review of convictions post appeal, as is the case in other countries including the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand;
(2) Notes the cases of Lindy Chamberlain, Kathleen Folbigg, Andrew Mallard and Henry Keogh, all of whom had their convictions for murder quashed following significant concerns being raised by supporters regarding miscarriages of justice having occurred in their respective

cases;

(3) Notes the body of evidence and material that has emerged since the conviction of Sue Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell in 2010 that may raise doubt on the soundness of that conviction; and

(4) Calls on the government to establish a Commission of Inquiry to enquire into and report on the correctness of the conviction of Susan Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell.

6 Tasmanian Human Rights Act

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 10 December 2025

To be moved:

(1) That the Legislative Council notes the resolutions of this House passed on the 22 November 2022 and on the 26 November 2024 requesting the Tasmanian Government commence work on developing a Tasmanian Human Rights Act in accordance with the recommendations made by the 2007 Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's *A Charter for Human Rights for Tasmania Final Report*, and again in the TLRI's Update Report of 2024;

(2) That the Legislative Council further notes that 10 December 2025 is the annual International Human Rights Day which commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, and that the 2025 theme is "Our Everyday Essentials";

(3) That the Legislative Council further notes that:

(a) Human Rights Acts have been enacted in the Australian Capital Territory for the last 21 years, Victoria for the last 19 years, and Queensland for the last 6 years;

(b) In April 2025 the South Australian Parliamentary Social Development Committee formally recommended the enactment of a Human Rights Act for that state;

(c) In October 2025 a Bill for a Human Rights Act and to also establish a NSW Human Rights Commission was tabled in the New South Wales State Parliament;

(4) And that the Legislative Council also notes with disappointment that the Tasmanian government has still failed to heed the previous resolutions of this House to progress a Tasmanian Human Rights Act for the protection of the "Everyday Essentials" crucial for all Tasmanians.

7 Banning the Use of Character References During Sentencing

Given by: Mr *Edmunds*
Date: 6 March 2026

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

(1) Notes:

(a) Announcements and reforms in other states and territories to ban the use of character references during the sentencing of convicted criminals;

(b) The calls by advocates to follow the lead of other Australian jurisdictions such as Victoria, ACT and NSW; and

(c) The 'Your Reference Aint Relevant' campaign which has driven these changes; and

(2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to introduce legislation in Tasmania to ban the use of character references in sentencing in this state.

8 Final Report of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania

Given by: Ms *Lovell*
Date: 20 May 2026

To be moved:

That the Final Report of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania be considered and noted.

9 Overdue Government Response to UTAS Committee Report

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 23 June 2026

To be moved:

(1) That the Legislative Council notes:
  (a) That the Final Report of the Select Committee Inquiry into the Provisions of the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* was tabled on the 23 December 2024;
  (b) The Final Report provided 19 Recommendations plus an overarching recommendation that: "*As a priority, the Government conduct a comprehensive review of the University of Tasmania Act 1992, including matters specified in recommendations in this report, and promptly legislate the results of that review";*
  (c) Further, that the Final Report was considered and noted by the Council on 1 April 2025;
  (d) During the debate of 1 April 2025, the Minister noted two pieces of national work being undertaken, the Australian Government Expert Governance Council's recommendations to Education Ministers expected in mid-2025 and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency new guidance and reporting requirements for universities, stating that, "*it is important to wait for these federal recommendations prior to determining the next steps for our state-based legislation*";
(2) That the Legislative Council further notes that:
  (a) The Expert Council on University Governance, formerly referred to as the Expert Governance Council, presented its *Final Report and Principles* to Education Ministers in mid-2025, with the report formally considered by the Ministers at their meeting on 17 October 2025;
  (b) The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency released its updated *Statement of Regulatory Expectations: Compliance with workplace obligations* in May 2025; and
  (c) Despite both pieces of work completed and released since last year, the government has still not provided a formal response to the Select Committee Inquiry's Final Report;
(3) That the Legislative Council also notes the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee tabled its Final Report on the *Quality of governance at Australian higher education providers*, on 11 December 2025, which is highly relevant to the University of Tasmania and its Act;
(4) And that the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian government to:

(a) Provide a formal and comprehensive response in the Parliament to the Select Committee Inquiry into the Provisions of the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* Final Report, which specifically addresses all findings and recommendations made; and
(b) Deliver that response before the Parliament rises at the end of this calendar year.

10 Analysis of Economics of Marinus Link 2026 Update Report

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*
Date: 23 June 2026

To be moved:

That the report by Professor Bruce Mountain, 'An analysis of the economics of Marinus Link: 2026 update' be considered and noted.

11 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania Briefing Paper, 'Antibiotic use in Tasmania Salmon Farming, Antimicrobial Resistance and Human Health'

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*
Date: 12 August 2026

To be moved:

(1) Notes:
(a) The Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania Briefing Paper, 'Antibiotic use in Tasmania Salmon Farming, Antimicrobial Resistance and Human Health';
(b) The Briefing Paper background statement that, "*Antibiotic use in open marine aquaculture is well documented to carry risks of environmental persistence, development of resistant bacteria, and eventual spread of resistance genes into human, animal, and environmental microbiomes";*
(c) Its call for the precautionary principle to guide antibiotic use in aquaculture, noting that, "*Deploying Florfenicol in Tasmanian waters under emergency powers, without comprehensive assessment or monitoring, carries demonstrable public health and environmental risks*"; and
(2) Recognises AMA Tasmania has recommended:
(a) Cessation of emergency antibiotic approvals pending full Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) registration, including complete environmental risk assessment and public consultation;
(b) Comprehensive baseline and ongoing monitoring of antibiotic residues, resistant bacteria, and resistance genes in water, sediments, and wild fish around aquaculture sites;
(c) Mandatory timely transparency on all antibiotic use in aquaculture including in hatcheries with publicly accessible reporting of quantities, timing and site locations;
(d) Adoption of a "One Health" framework to ensure aquaculture decisions consider public health impacts and antibiotic microbial resistance risks;
(e) Investment in and exploration of alternative control measures such as; vaccines, improved husbandry, reduced stocking densities (to reduce dependence on antibiotics),investment in new technologies that remove effluent and dosed food for safe disposal;
(f) Independent scientific oversight of any antibiotic use proposals, including peer review by environmental microbiologists and infectious disease specialists;

(3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to apply the precautionary principle to the use of Florfenicol in Tasmanian waters, and to prioritise public and environmental health in line with the AMA Tasmania recommendations.

12 Bill for an Act to Regulate the Lobbying of Public Officials and for Related Purposes

Given by: Ms *Webb*
Date: 18 August 2026

To be moved:

For the introduction of a Bill for an Act to regulate the lobbying of public officials and for related purposes.

13 Our Mountain's Future Kunanyi/Mount Wellington and Wellington Park Action Plan

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*
Date: 8 September 2026

To be moved:

That the Tasmanian Government's 'Our Mountain's Future Kunanyi/Mount Wellington and Wellington Park Action Plan', be considered and noted.

14 Robbery Crime Trends

Given by: Ms *Thomas*
Date: 10 September 2026

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

(1) Notes that Australian Bureau of Statistics Recorded Crime – Victims data for 2025 shows that:
  (a) 289 victims of robbery were recorded in Tasmania, an increase of 14 victims, or 5 per cent, compared with 2024;
  (b) this was the highest number of robbery victims recorded in Tasmania in the 33-year data series;
  (c) robbery victim numbers increased in Tasmania for the fifth consecutive year;
  (d) Tasmania's increase occurred while the number of robbery victims nationally fell by 8 per cent;
  (e) 52 per cent of robberies recorded in Tasmania occurred at retail locations, compared with 26.6 per cent nationally;
  (f) armed robbery decreased by 5 per cent in Tasmania, while unarmed robbery increased by 14 per cent; and
  (g) in 60 per cent of Tasmanian robbery cases, an alleged offender was proceeded against within 30 days.

(2) Recognises that robbery is not simply a property offence, but an offence that often involves the use or threat of immediate violence or coercion, which can cause lasting physical, psychological and financial harm to victims, their families and witnesses.

(3) Further recognises the increasing exposure of retail and other customer-facing workers to robbery, violence, threats, intimidation and abuse while performing

their ordinary duties, and the serious consequences this can have for their safety, wellbeing and willingness to remain in their employment.

(4) Acknowledges that:

(a) there is significant community concern about robbery, retail crime and violence against workers;

(b) poverty, housing insecurity, social exclusion, addiction, disengagement from education and other forms of disadvantage can increase the risk of offending;

(c) disadvantage neither excuses nor diminishes personal responsibility for criminal conduct;

(d) there has been insufficient investment in early intervention and prevention programs over the last decade; and

(e) an effective response must combine policing, accountability and appropriate sentencing with sustained investment in early intervention, prevention, education, housing, mental health, alcohol and other drug services, and programs for children, young people and families at risk.

(5) Notes community concern that sentencing outcomes for robbery and other serious offences involving violence or threats of violence do not always meet community expectations regarding accountability, deterrence and protection of the public.

(6) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to:

(a) publicly acknowledge the concerning increase in robbery and retail-related offending in Tasmania and develop a coordinated, evidence-based response;

(b) increase resourcing and support for victims of crime, including timely access to counselling, practical assistance, information, advocacy and financial assistance;

(c) expedite the current review of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1976* and publicly release its findings and the Government's response;

(d) urgently introduce legislation establishing Workplace Protection Orders to protect retail and other customer-facing workers from repeated or escalating violence, threats, intimidation and abuse;

(e) urgently introduce the proposed knife crime legislation addressing the sale and supply of knives to minors and strengthening controls relating to knives, machetes and prohibited weapons;

(f) urgently explore options to strengthen the role of appropriately trained personnel in supporting community safety, including greater powers and enhanced training for licensed security guards or the introduction of community safety officers as a second tier of policing, with clearly defined functions, appropriate oversight and accountability, and effective coordination with Tasmania Police; and

(g) review sentencing outcomes for robbery offences, including armed robbery and robbery committed against retail or other customer-facing workers, to enable consideration of whether current sentencing practices adequately reflect:

(i) the seriousness of the offence;

(ii) the use or threatened use of violence;

(iii) the harm caused to victims and witnesses;

(iv) the need for deterrence and community protection; and

(v) the need for rehabilitation and measures that reduce reoffending.

15 Report of the Auditor-General No. 2 of 2026-27 Treasury's Oversight of Government Businesses

Given by: Ms *Forrest*
Date: 28 October 2026

To be moved:

That the *Report of the Auditor-General No. 2 of 2026-27 Treasury's oversight of government businesses*, be considered and noted.

16 Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) Job Cuts

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*
Date: 28 October 2026

To be moved:

(1) Notes the important role the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery has long played in preserving and presenting Tasmania's historic, cultural, artistic and scientific legacy, including:
   (a) Responsibility for an estimated one million objects that represents the State Collection;
   (b) Operating the Herbarium and Zoology Department, both critical to scientific research and the implementation of important statutory responsibilities, such as biosecurity;
   (c) Educating generations of young Tasmanians;
   (d) Contributing to the local and state economy.
(2) Further notes that TMAG has clear legal responsibilities to preserve and present the State Collection that it must meet;
(3) Acknowledges the commitment of TMAG staff to meet these responsibilities and that inadequate funding has made this difficult for many years;
(4) Highlights existing challenges with TMAG infrastructure, including leaking roofs;
(5) Condemns further cuts to TMAG staffing and the Tasmanian Government's arrogant approach to communication and consultation;
(6) Congratulates the Friends of TMAG, Community and Public Sector Union, colleague institutions globally and the Tasmanian public for strongly objecting to the cuts and raising concerns about the implications for TMAG being able to meet its legal responsibilities;
(7) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to:
   (a) maintain existing staffing levels and positions to allow TMAG to meet its legal responsibilities and the expectations of the public;
   (b) invest in TMAG's buildings to ensure they are fit for purpose and respectfully preserved for future generations.

Orders of the Day

General Business

1 **Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026 (45 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *O'Connor*
Date: Bill as amended reported by Committee of the Whole on 24 November 2026
Status: Awaiting Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of the Whole Council

2 **Follow-up of the Report of the Auditor-General - Expressions of Interest for Tourism Investment Opportunities (No. 3 of 2020-2021)**

Mover: Ms *Forrest*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 1 September 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

3 **Third Interim Report of the Joint Sessional Committee Recommendations made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings**

Mover: Ms *Webb*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 1 September 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

4 **Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts Follow-up of the Report of the Auditor-General Improving Outcomes for Tasmanian Senior Secondary Students (No. 1 of 2022-2023)**

Mover: Ms *Forrest*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 3 September 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

5 **Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (No. 56 of 2026) Proposed Sale of Wilkinsons Point**

Mover: Ms *Forrest*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 27 October 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

6 **Interim Report No. 2 of the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters (No. 68 of 2026) from its Inquiry into Energy Prices and Related Matters in Tasmania**

Mover: Ms *Forrest*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 29 October 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

7 **Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on its Inquiries into the Conduct of the 2024 and 2025 House of Assembly General Elections, and the 2024 and 2025 Legislative Council Elections**

Mover: Ms *Webb*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 29 October 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

8 **Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (No. 74 of 2026) Macquarie Point Stadium Opinion Piece Special Report**

Mover: Ms *Forrest*
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 19 November 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

Government Business

1 **Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2025 (55 of 2025)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Bill as amended reported by Committee of the Whole on 19 November 2026
Status: Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of the Whole Council

2 **Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 (66 of 2025)**

Mover: Mr *Vincent*
Status: Second reading debate adjourned on 15 April 2026 (Mr *Edmunds*)
Spoken: Mr *Vincent*, Ms *Rattray*, Mr *Hiscutt*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Edmunds*

3 **Sentencing Amendment (Good Character) Bill 2026 (28 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Status: Second reading debate adjourned on 19 November 2026 (Ms *O'Connor*)
Spoken: Ms *Rattray*, Ms *O'Connor* (59 minutes remaining)

4 **Tasmanian Homes and Housing Bill 2026 (48 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 20 November 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

5 **Monetary Penalties Enforcement Amendment Bill 2026 (16 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 20 August 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

6 **Government Business Governance Reforms Bill 2026 (44 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 27 October 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

7 **Commission of Inquiry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026 (25 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 29 October 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

8 **Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill 2026 (31 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 17 November 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

9 **Modular Housing Finance Guarantee Bill 2026 (47 of 2026)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 19 November 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

10 **Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025 (49 of 2025)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025
Status: Awaiting Second reading

Bill *Pro forma* (Pursuant to Standing Order 6)[1]

11 **Partition Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 35)**

Mover: Ms *Rattray*
Date: Introduced on 19 August 2025
Status: Read a First time

Awaiting Government Response

Questions on Notice

72 Marinus Link Fibre Optic Cable Capacity

Asked by: Mr *Gaffney*
To: Minister for Energy and Renewables
Date: 27 October 2026

Question:

With reference to the potential market value in the commercial use of spare fibre-optic cable capacity in the Marinus Link interconnector, and to the Doolan v Burnie City Council [2026] TASCAT 134 decision, from which in paragraph 59 the Tribunal observed:

'*The use of excess capacity of the fibre-optic cable and its supporting infrastructure on the site for telecommunications and data connectivity between Victoria and Tasmania unrelated to the transmission of electricity may well fall outside the classification of the use under cl 6.2.2, and constitute a use on the site which is not approved. In respect to the fibre-optic cable through for the shore crossing, such an extended use may also fall outside the exemption.' —*

(1) In regard to a possible extended use of surplus capacity in the fibre-optic cable and supporting infrastructure for telecommunications and data connectivity unrelated to the transmission of electricity:
    (a) Has any possible extended use been formally assessed for planning purposes and if so, what authority assessed it, when was it assessed, and what permit, approval or statutory exemption has been relied upon; and
    (b) If any extended use has not already been assessed for planning purposes, or if its planning status remains unresolved, what further planning approval, determination or exemption does the Government understand will be required before a non-electricity transmission usage can commence?

(2) Following the Tribunal's decision, in considering the steps the Minister or relevant Government Department may have taken to resolve the planning status of the contemplated use of excess capacity of the fibre-optic cable for telecommunications or data connectivity use, unrelated to the transmission of electricity:
    (a) Has the responsible planning authority been asked to confirm in writing whether the use is authorised, exempt from planning approval, or requires a further separate approval;
    (b) If such confirmation has been received, what was the conclusion and will the Minister make it public; and
    (c) If such a confirmation has not been sought, why not and what precedent is being relied on to support the decision?

(3) Given that the fibre-optic infrastructure will include both capacity required for electricity transmission and a potential extended spare capacity contemplated for telecommunications and data connectivity:
    (a) Will the Minister, through Tasmania's shareholder arrangements, seek an immediate temporary pause on installation of the fibre-optic infrastructure until the responsible authority has confirmed in writing that the contemplated non-electricity transmission use is authorised or exempt, or, if separate planning approval is required, until that approval has been granted and taken effect; and

(b) If not, what written advice or risk assessment does the Government rely upon in allowing installation to proceed before that use is authorised or exempt, including the risk that any required planning approval may be refused or may not ultimately take effect?

(4) Marinus Link Pty Ltd has publicly stated that commercial use of the spare fibre capacity must be '*ring-fenced*' and not cross-subsidised by the electricity business. It has also stated that part of the fibre capacity is required for electricity control and protection, while substantial spare capacity is available for prospective commercial use, including telecommunications:

(a) What cost-allocation methodology applies to the shared fibre-optic infrastructure;

(b) What additional costs, if any, have been incurred or committed because the project includes spare capacity capable of commercial telecommunications use; and

(c) Has that cost-allocation methodology been independently reviewed to ensure comparable commercial market rates have been factored in to ensure Tasmanian electricity consumers do not subsidise prospective commercial telecommunications activities?

73 MyState Bank Arena Lease

Asked by: Ms *Thomas*
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 27 October 2026

Question:

The Government's response to Question on Notice No. 43 of 2026 in relation to the MyState Bank Arena lease, answered on 20 August 2026, disclosed that:

- the lease to LK Stadiums (Tas) Pty Ltd commenced in November 2021 and was awarded without an open competitive process or market testing;
- although the lease provides for base rent of $200,000 per annum, adjusted for CPI, the State's concurrent obligation to pay an annual CPI-adjusted Hiring Fee Contribution of up to $175,000 results in a net rental return to the Crown of less than $30,000 per year;
- no performance or percentage rent has been paid since the lease commenced;
- the Crown received base rent totalling $1,029,807 between 2021-22 and 2025-26;
- the Government also pays LK Stadiums an annual Hiring Fee Contribution of $175,000, indexed annually;
- between 2021-22 and 2025-26, the Crown received $1,029,807 in rent but paid or was estimated to pay $901,103 in Hiring Fee Contributions, leaving a net return of approximately $128,704 before accounting for any other Crown costs; and
- the Government's comparison for 2025-26 used full-year rent of $234,891 but only six months of Hiring Fee Contributions, totalling $102,769.

In light of these disclosures:

(1) What is the "Agreed Percentage" of Gross Annual Turnover used to calculate percentage rent under clause 4.3 of the lease?

(2) For each accounting period since the lease commenced, what were the amounts recorded for:

(i) Gross Annual Turnover;

(ii) Outgoings;
(iii) Accumulated Operating Losses;
(iv) the Agreed Percentage of Gross Annual Turnover; and
(v) Percentage Rent payable?

(3) Has the Crown independently audited or otherwise verified the turnover, outgoings and losses reported by LK Stadiums for each year of the lease? If so, who undertook that verification and what were the findings?

(4) Did the Valuer-General provide advice about the market rental value, base rent, percentage-rent formula and Hiring Fee Contribution?

(5) What independent assessment, if any, was undertaken of the total commercial value of the lease, including naming rights, sponsorship, advertising, food and beverage sales, ticketing, corporate hospitality, car parking and other venue revenue?

(6) Is the Hiring Fee Contribution:
(i) automatically paid up to the maximum amount each year; or
(ii) limited to reimbursement of the actual discounts provided to eligible community organisations?

(7) What was the full amount of the Hiring Fee Contribution paid in 2025-26, and will the Government provide a corrected comparison using full-year figures for both the rent received and the Hiring Fee Contribution paid?

(8) For each financial year since the lease commenced, what was the Crown's net financial position after deducting the Hiring Fee Contribution and all Crown-funded outgoings, maintenance, capital works, and other costs from the rent received?

(9) Has LK Stadiums now provided the detailed community-booking information expected in late August 2026?

(10) What does the detailed community-booking information reveal, including:
(i) how many organisations were provided with subsidised access;
(ii) how many discrete venue hires with subsidised access were provided;
(iii) what was the total value of discounts provided;
(iv) how many not-for-profit organisations paid full commercial rates to hire the venue; and
(v) how many not-for-profit organisations did not proceed with hiring the venue because they were required to pay commercial rates?

(11) How does the Crown verify that the Hiring Fee Contribution is used to subsidise eligible community access, and what proportion of the contribution was used for that purpose in each year?

(12) Given that the lease was not market-tested and no percentage rent has been paid, will the Government commission and publish an independent value-for-money review before renewing, extending or materially varying the lease and, if so, when?

(13) If not, why not?

75 Public Works

Asked by: Mr *Hiscutt*
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 28 October 2026

Question:

(1) In relation to public works that were above the relevant monetary threshold, as defined by the Public Works Committee Act 1914 that were considered by the Public Works Committee between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2026 and that have been substantially completed, can the Government provide, for each project:
   (a) The estimated cost of completing the work at the time it was submitted
   (b) The final cost of the project upon substantial completion; and
   (c) The dollar and percentage variation between the estimated cost and the final cost?

(2) In relation to public works that
   (a) were below the relevant monetary threshold, as defined by the Public Works Committee Act 1914 at estimation, but subsequently their final cost rose above the relevant monetary threshold and;
   (b) commenced between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2026; and
   (c) that have been substantially completed,

   Can the Government provide, for each project:
      (a) The original estimated cost of completing the work;
      (b) The relevant monetary threshold applicable to the project at the time;
      (c) The final cost of the project upon substantial completion;
      (d) The dollar and percentage increase between the original estimate and the final cost;
      (e) The principal reasons for the increase in cost; and
      (f) Whether, at any stage before completion, the estimated cost of completing the work increased to an amount above the relevant monetary threshold and, if so, whether the project was subsequently referred to the Public Works Committee.

77 Anatomical Pathology Test Reporting

Asked by: Ms *Thomas*
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 28 October 2026

Question:

During Budget Estimates in June 2026, the Government advised that the backlog of anatomical pathology reports at the Royal Hobart Hospital had reduced from 1,787 outstanding cases identified in November 2025 to fewer than 300. While this improvement is welcome, concerns remain about reporting delays, increasing demand and the sustainability of the pathology workforce. Given these concerns, and the impending cessation of TasTAFE's Certificate IV and Diploma in Laboratory Technology courses in December 2026, I ask the Government:
(1) As at the most recent available reporting date:

(i) How many anatomical pathology reports remain outstanding at each of the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital and Hospitals North West?

(ii) Of these, how many have exceeded the applicable reporting timeframe or clinical benchmark?

(iii) How many outstanding reports fall within each of the urgent (Category 1), semi-urgent (Category 2) and non-urgent (Category 3) classifications, or their equivalents?

(iv) How many outstanding reports have been awaiting completion for more than 7, 14, 28, 56 and 84 days?

(2) What are the current average, median and longest turnaround times for anatomical pathology reports at each of the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital and Hospitals North West, broken down by urgency category?

(3) What percentage of reports are being completed within the applicable Department of Health reporting targets?

(4) What percentage of reports are being completed within the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's recommended benchmarks of 80 per cent within five working days, 90 per cent within ten working days and 98 per cent within fifteen working days?

(5) How has the number of outstanding anatomical pathology reports changed each month since June 2026 at each of the three hospital services?

(6) What specific measures have been implemented to reduce anatomical pathology reporting backlogs and improve turnaround times?

(7) What further actions are planned, and within what timeframe does the Government expect all anatomical pathology services to consistently meet applicable reporting benchmarks?

(8) What arrangements are in place to ensure the Minister for Health and Secretary of the Department of Health are regularly informed of significant reporting backlogs, delays and associated patient safety risks across all three hospital regions?

(9) In correspondence to me dated 12 March 2026, the Minister for Health advised that additional funding had been allocated for two anatomical pathologists, one medical scientist and one pathology technician at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

(i) How many of these four positions have now been filled?

(ii) For any positions remaining vacant, how long have they been vacant and what recruitment strategies are being undertaken?

(iii) What is the current established, occupied and vacant full-time equivalent staffing for anatomical pathologists, medical scientists, laboratory technicians and other relevant laboratory personnel at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital?

(iv) How many laboratory technician positions across Tasmania's public hospital system have been advertised in the past 12 months, and how many remain unfilled?

(10) Noting that TasTAFE's Certificate IV and Diploma in Laboratory Technology courses are due to cease in December 2026, has the Department of Health undertaken a formal assessment of the impact this decision will have on the recruitment, training and retention of laboratory technicians within Tasmania's public hospital system?

(i) if so, what were the findings of that assessment?

(ii) if not, why not?

(11) In correspondence to me dated 12 March 2026, the Minister for Health acknowledged that the cessation of TasTAFE's Laboratory Technology courses would likely affect recruitment at the Royal Hobart Hospital, and advised that this was being mitigated through the recruitment of Bachelor of Laboratory Science graduates into technician positions. Given the Minister's response:

(i) Does the Government intend to rely on university-qualified graduates to fill laboratory technician positions that have traditionally been accessible to Certificate IV or Diploma-qualified workers?

(ii) If so, what assessment has been undertaken of the availability of suitably qualified university graduates willing to undertake these positions?

(iii) What are the salary and employment cost implications of employing university-qualified graduates in these positions compared with vocationally qualified laboratory technicians?

(iv) Does the Government consider it appropriate and sustainable to rely on university graduates to fill positions for which vocational qualifications have previously been sufficient?

(12) Following the cessation of TasTAFE's Laboratory Technology courses:

(i) What specific training pathways will be available for Tasmanians seeking to enter the public hospital system in entry-level laboratory technician positions?

(ii) Is the Minister aware which registered training organisations will provide the necessary Certificate IV and Diploma qualifications, and whether these courses will be available to Tasmanian students without requiring interstate travel?

(iii) Is the Minister aware of any arrangements established to provide the practical laboratory training, supervision and workplace experience required to develop competent laboratory technicians for public hospital settings?

(iv) Is the Minister aware of whether any consultation has occurred between the Department of Health, TasTAFE, Skills Tasmania, relevant training providers and public hospital pathology services regarding the cessation of these courses and the development of replacement training pathways?

(13) Has the Minister for Health or Department of Health requested that the Government reconsider its decision to cease delivery of the courses?

(14) Given the increasing demand for anatomical pathology services, ongoing recruitment challenges and the impending loss of Tasmania's local vocational training pathway, has the Department of Health developed a workforce plan identifying the projected number of anatomical pathologists, medical scientists and laboratory technicians required across Tasmania's public hospital system over the next five years?

(15) How does the Government intend to ensure that the cessation of TasTAFE's Laboratory Technology courses does not further constrain laboratory workforce capacity, increase reporting delays or compromise timely diagnosis and treatment for Tasmanian patients?

78 Ambulance Tasmania Services on the West Coast

Asked by: Ms *Forrest*
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 17 November 2026

Question:

(1) Does Ambulance Tasmania have a documented procedure (Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), dispatch protocol or safe system of work) that applies when it knows it cannot get a crew to a Priority 1 patient within target time; and if so, please provide a copy of the relevant procedure.

(2) What formal co-responder arrangements (MOUs or protocols) cover the West Coast; and do Police and Tasmanian Fire Service vehicles in Zeehan, Queenstown, Strahan and Rosebery carry Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?

(3) Is GoodSAM App alert activation automatic for suspected cardiac presentations, or does the call-taker decide; and does it apply to Priority 1 chest pain or breathing difficulty, or only to confirmed cardiac arrest?

(4) Have any interim changes have been made to West Coast services since the recent incident where a patient from the West Coast died, ahead of the review's findings?

(5) For Priority 1 ambulance cases in the West Coast municipality over the past 12 months:
   (a) how many were there;
   (b) what were the median and 90th percentile response times;
   (c) how many had a response time over 30 minutes; and
   (d) how many were over 60 minutes?
   (e) how many saw no West Coast crew available, requiring a crew be sent from outside the region?
   (f) how many saw GoodSAM activated, the caller given an AED location, or a co-responder requested?

(6) How many shifts at West Coast stations were unstaffed or below roster in the past 12 months, and what were the reasons (e.g. unfilled leave, vacancy, fatigue, illness)?

(7) What is the trend in active volunteer numbers on the West Coast over the past three years?

(8) Regarding the "no available crew" scenario under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*;
   (a) has Ambulance Tasmania assessed the risks of the scenario;
   (b) is this risk on the Ambulance Tasmania or Department risk register, and what controls are recorded;
   (c) is WorkSafe Tasmania notified under relevant provisions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* of any patient deaths where a delay of greater than 60 minutes to attendance occurred; and
   (d) if so, how many notifications have been made?

(9) What specific measures are taken to ensure West Coast stations are adequately staffed when a paramedic is on planned leave?

(10) How much of the $191 million expenditure for ambulance services in the 2026–27 Budget is for West Coast staffing, stations or co-responder capability?

79 Trevallyn Primary School

Asked by: Ms *O'Connor*
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 20 November 2026

Question:

(1) At 8.33pm on 14 October 2026, Pulse Media published a news story about Trevallyn Primary School's end of year plans. That story mentioned a statement made by the Education Department to Pulse.

(a) What time and date did the Education Department receive a request for comment from Pulse Media?
(b) What time and date did the Education Department respond to Pulse Media with its statement?
(c) Did the request from Pulse Media contain any reference to the Premier or his correspondence to the Education Secretary?
(d) Did the Education Department provide its statement to anyone other than Pulse Media prior to the news story being published? If so, who?
(e) Was the Premier made aware of the Education Department's statement to Pulse Media about this issue prior to the news story being published?
(f) Was anyone in the Premier's office made aware of the Education Department's statement to Pulse Media about this issue prior to the news story being published?
(g) Was anyone in the Government Media Office made aware of the Education Department's statement to Pulse Media about this issue prior to the news story being published?

(2) On 14 October 2026, Pulse Media published a news story about Trevallyn Primary School's end of year plans. That story included quotes from, and a photo of, a letter from the Premier to the Secretary of the Education Department.

(a) What time and date was that letter sent to the Education Secretary?
(b) Was the letter sent to Pulse Media, and if so what time and date did that occur?
(c) Was the letter sent to any member of the Trevallyn School community, and if so what time and date was the first instance of that occurring?

Petition[1]	Member	Date Tabled	Response Due
Tiny Home Approvals	Ms *Glade-Wright*	17 November 2026	19 March 2027

[1] Standing Order 44(8) provides that the Leader of the Government table the Government's response to a petition within 15 sitting days.

Summary of Bills

Read First Time

No. 35 of 2025	Partition Amendment Bill *(pro forma)*
No. 49 of 2025	Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill
No. 16	Monetary Penalties Enforcement Amendment Bill
No. 25	Commission of Inquiry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill
No. 31	Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill
No. 44	Government Business Governance Reforms Bill
No. 47	Modular Housing Finance Guarantee Bill
No. 48	Tasmanian Homes and Housing Bill

Second Reading Adjourned

No. 66 of 2025	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill
No. 28	Sentencing Amendment (Good Character) Bill

Second Reading Negatived

No. 57 of 2025	Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill

Consideration of Bill as Amended in Committee of Whole Council

No. 55 of 2025	Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill
No. 45	Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill

Third Reading Negatived

No. 13	Short Stay Levy Bill

Agreed to by Both Houses

No. 36 of 2025	Government Business Governance Reforms Bill	Act No. 18 of 2025
No. 37 of 2025	Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information) Bill	Act No. 19 of 2025
No. 38 of 2025	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 17 of 2025
No. 39 of 2025	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No. 2)	Act No. 26 of 2026
No. 40 of 2025	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets) Bill	Act No. 22 of 2025
No. 41 of 2025	Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Bill	Act No. 33 of 2025
No. 42 of 2025	Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill	Act No. 20 of 2025
No. 43 of 2025	Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill	Act No. 31 of 2025
No. 44 of 2025	Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill	Act No. 27 of 2025
No. 45 of 2025	Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill	Act No. 26 of 2025
No. 46 of 2025	Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill	Act No. 23 of 2025
No. 47 of 2025	Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) Bill	Act No. 32 of 2025
No. 50 of 2025	Police Offences Amendment Bill	Act No. 17 of 2026
No. 51 of 2025	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill	Act No. 21 of 2025
No. 52 of 2025	Terrorism Legislation (Extension) Bill	Act No. 25 of 2025
No. 53 of 2025	Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal) Bill	Act No. 12 of 2026
No. 54 of 2025	Commission for Children and Young People Bill	Act No. 30 of 2025
No. 58 of 2025	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill	Act No. 2 of 2026
No. 59 of 2025	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Safety Modifications) Bill	Act No. 16 of 2026
No. 60 of 2025	Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment Bill	Act No. 24 of 2025
No. 63 of 2025	Appropriation Bill (No. 1)	Act No. 28 of 2025
No. 64 of 2025	Appropriation Bill (No. 2)	Act No. 29 of 2025
No. 65 of 2025	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill	Act No. 20 of 2026
No. 69 of 2025	Integrity Commission Amendment (Mandatory Notifications) Bill	Act No. 21 of 2026
No. 1	Building Amendment Bill	Act No. 6 of 2026
No. 2	Residential Parks Bill	Act No. 13 of 2026
No. 3	Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Alternative Application Period) Bill	Act No. 3 of 2026

No. 5	Police Offences Amendment (Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials) Bill	Act No. 14 of 2026
No. 6	Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill	Act No. 15 of 2026
No. 7	Education and Care Services National Law (Application) Amendment Bill	Act No. 5 of 2026
No. 8	Public Health Amendment (Prohibited Tobacco and Other Products) Bill	Act No. 10 of 2026
No. 9	Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill	Act No. 4 of 2026
No. 10	Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill	Act No. 11 of 2026
No. 11	Petroleum Reporting (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 1 of 2026
No. 12	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 25 of 2026
No. 14	Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill	Act No. 18 of 2026
No. 15	Housing Land Supply (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	
No. 18	Appropriation Bill (No. 1)	Act No. 7 of 2026
No. 19	Appropriation Bill (No. 2)	Act No. 8 of 2026
No. 20	First Home Owner Grant Amendment Bill	Act No. 9 of 2026
No. 21	Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 19 of 2026
No. 22	Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 24 of 2026
No. 24	Statutory Holidays Amendment (Central Coast Municipality) Bill	
No. 27	Teacher Registration Bill	Act No. 23 of 2026
No. 29	Sentencing Amendment (Publication of Criminal Activity) Bill	Act No. 22 of 2026
No. 30	Firearms Amendment (Strengthening Firearms Security) Bill	

Current Committees and Membership

Standing Committees

Committee of Privileges: Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Gaffney* and Ms *Rattray*

Standing Orders Committee: Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* (The Chair of Committees), Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Rattray* and Ms *Thomas*

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint)[1]: Mr *Hiscutt* and Ms *Rattray*

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Glade-Wright* and Mr *Hiscutt*

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Mr *Edmunds*, Ms *Forrest* and Ms *Thomas*

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms *Armitage,* Ms *O'Connor* and Ms *Webb*

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (Joint): Mr *Gaffney*, Ms *O'Connor*, Ms *Thomas* and Ms *Webb*

Greyhound Racing Transition (Joint): Ms *O'Connor*, Ms *Webb* and Ms *Rattray*

Sessional Committees

House Committee (Joint): Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* and Ms *Rattray*

Library Committee (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Hiscutt* and Ms *Rattray*

Final Report of Commission of Inquiry (Joint): Ms *Lovell*, Ms *O'Connor* and Ms *Webb*

Workplace Culture Oversight (Joint): Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Lovell* and Ms *Rattray*

Gender, Gender-based Violence and Equality (Joint): Mr *Edmunds*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Thomas* and Ms *Glade-Wright*

Government Administration A: Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Glade-Wright,* Ms *Lovell*, Ms *O'Connor* and Ms *Thomas*

- Recent developments relating to government policy on poker machine harm minimisation: Ms *Webb* (substitute member with leave from Government Administration B)
- Proposed Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Policies – Short Inquiry Process (SIP)

Government Administration B: Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Edmunds*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Hiscutt* and Ms *Webb*

- University of Tasmania Annual Report 2025 – Short Inquiry Process (SIP)

Select Committees

Energy Matters (Joint): Mr *Edmunds*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Hiscutt* and Ms *Lovell*

Government Business Scrutiny Committee A: Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Glade-Wright*, Ms *Lovell*, Ms *O'Connor* and Ms *Thomas*

Government Business Scrutiny Committee B: Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Edmunds*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Hiscutt* and Ms *Webb*

[1] Joint Committees are made up of Members from both Houses. For House of Assembly Members of these Committees please see the House of Assembly Notice Paper.

Dates of Meetings of the Legislative Council

The following are the Council's proposed sitting dates for 2026. These dates are indicative only and subject to change.

March	6 (QC), 17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
April	14, 15, 16, 17 (QC)
May	15 (QC), 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
June	19 (QC), 23, 24, 25
August	11, 12, 13, 14 (QC), 18, 19, 20, 21 (QC)
September	1, 2, 3, 4 (QC), 8, 9, 10, 11 (QC)
October	27, 28, 29, 30 (QC)
November	17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
December	1, 2, 3

The sitting schedule is available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0037/98569/52nd-Parliament_Combined-sitting-schedule-2026-FINAL.pdf

Meetings of the Legislative Council (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

11.00 am	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Special Interest Matters [*Tuesdays only*] Motions and Orders of the Day [*Government Business takes precedence on Wednesdays and Thursdays*]
1.00 pm	Break
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day
4.00 pm	Break [*Tuesdays and Wednesdays only*]
4.30 pm	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day Adjournment

Quorum Calls of the Legislative Council (Fridays)

When the Legislative Council sits on a Friday it is called a Quorum Call. This sitting is primarily for the purpose of receiving Messages from the House of Assembly, and the Council does not conduct any substantive business.

9.30 am	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Adjournment

Standing and Sessional Orders of the Legislative Council

The work of the Legislative Council is governed by its Standing and Sessional Orders, as agreed by the Council. The Council's Standing Orders are available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/legislative-council/lcstandingorders