



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2020

- 1 **COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise them as the traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 **PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 **LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE ANSWERS INTO HANSARD.**—*Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answers to Questions No. 31 and 32 and have the answers incorporated into the Hansard record.
- 5 **HOUSING LAND SUPPLY (HUNTINGFIELD) ORDER 2019.**—Ms *Webb* asked the Honourable Leader of the Government — the Housing Land Supply (Huntingfield) Order 2019 was passed on 17 September 2019 for the purpose of fast-tracking the rezoning of the Huntingfield site, despite significant community distress and opposition to that fast-tracked process.
  - (1) Briefings provided to MLCs at the time indicated that a Master Plan would be released in October 2019. Given that it is now March 2020, what progress has been made on the Master Plan for the Huntingfield site since the Huntingfield Land Supply Order was made in September 2019?
  - (2) When will the draft Master Plan be made available for public consultation?
  - (3) How will the community and other stakeholders be made aware of the consultation on the draft Master Plan and what avenues will be available to provide comment?
  - (4) What opportunity will there be for community and stakeholder feedback to influence or make change to the Master Plan?
  - (5) When does the Government expect an application for subdivision plan for the Huntingfield site will be lodged with Kingborough Council?
  - (6) When does the Government expect the first houses on the Huntingfield site will be available for residents to move in?
  - (7) Since September 2019, what work or research has been undertaken or commissioned by the Government on the impact of the proposed density of new houses at the Huntingfield site on existing:
    - (a) Roads and traffic;
    - (b) public transport services;
    - (c) health services; and
    - (d) education facilities?

The Leader answered,

- (1) Finalisation of the draft master plan and supporting information is now nearly complete. Release of the plan and supporting information to the Kingborough community has been contingent on finalisation of measures to protect natural and Aboriginal heritage values on the site.
- (2) The draft master plan and information package will be released over coming weeks.
- (3) Residents and key stakeholders will receive correspondence and an information pack with the draft master plan and additional information. They will be invited to access additional online resources with the opportunity to provide direct comment on key features of the plan, via a website and online social interaction tool. Alternatively, feedback can be provided directly to the project team via email or surface mail.
- (4) The consultation process will consider all feedback. If appropriate, changes will be made to the masterplan prior to lodging a Development Application with the Kingborough Council.
- (5) A Development Application will be lodged with the Kingborough Council following the public consultation process and endorsement by the Council of master plan. It is expected this will occur in the second half of this year.
- (6) It is hoped civil works on the new roundabout off the Channel Highway could commence in early 2021. Construction of new homes will commence once civil works are complete and titles have been issued. This will most likely be in 2022, pending all statutory approvals and civil construction.
- (7) The road network, public transport services and other Government services such as health and education, have been thoroughly considered during the development of the draft master plan. The development of the master plan will be supported with expert information including a traffic impact assessment that supports the proposed plan. There has also been significant consultation with relevant bodies with respect to public transport.

**6 TASWATER'S CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.**—Ms *Armitage* asked the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard to the tendering and hiring practices of TasWater's Capital Development Office (CDO):

- (1)
  - (a) What are the CDO's engineering workforce needs and how does it plan to recruit and develop this workforce;
  - (b) What information does the CDO have on the numbers of engineers needed as it relates to the operations of TasWater;
  - (c) Are there any diversity objectives including targets or quotas; and
  - (d) What is the primary source of qualified engineers for the CDO from local employers or from interstate?
- (2)
  - (a) Does the CDO take steps to engage local, Tasmanian-based engineers and engineering firms in their recruitment processes; and
  - (b) if not, why not?
- (3) What is the expected contribution of TasWater and the CDO, as an organization which develops large capital works with significant engineering aspects, to the development of an engineering workforce in Tasmania?
- (4) If contracting local businesses remains a priority of the CDO, as the TasWater website states, what percentage of work goes to large, multi-disciplinary firms from interstate?
- (5) Can TasWater and the CDO justify the financial cost of hiring larger firms and paying them to undertake work in Tasmania?
- (6) How does the CDO assess and maintain high quality competence and capability for their engineers?
- (7) Does the CDO understand the negative impact that overlooking local, Tasmanian-based engineers has on the engineering sector in Tasmania?

The Leader answered,

The core business of the TasWater Capital Delivery Office (CDO) is to ensure cost effective and timely delivery of quality capital works projects for TasWater that will meet the needs of TasWater's business and those of the Tasmanian community for years to come.

TasWater established their CDO to manage TasWater's Capital Works Program from inception to completion including the planning, design, procurement and delivery phases. The TasWater CDO appoints consultants and designers to assist with the pre-construction stages and construction contractors for the implementation. The TasWater CDO do not carry out the actual construction work at project sites, this is undertaken by contractors with the appropriate skills and capability.

Following a competitive tender process an Alliance was formed between TasWater, CPB Contractors Limited, UGL Limited and WSP Australia Pty Limited to form the TasWater CDO. Most of the roles within the CDO are filled by TasWater employees.

Question (1) (a)

TasWater's CDO forecasted requirements for Engineers are based on projects identified for completion by TasWater throughout the initial four-year agreement.

The engineering opportunities comprise of a broad range of engineering disciplines. The number of engineers required will reflect TasWater's Capital Works Program project requirements.

It should be noted that TasWater's core business has recently embarked on an engineering recruitment campaign via a recruitment agency. To fill the vacancies; not only the local market was canvased but these vacancies had to be advertised outside Tasmania to fill them. This highlights the current shortage of available, suitably qualified, engineering applicants within the Tasmanian Engineering sector.

Initially all TasWater CDO vacancies are advertised internally within TasWater and each of the other Alliance partners. If this is unsuccessful, a nominated Alliance partner will advertise externally irrespective of location although naturally preference will be given to suitably qualified Tasmanian candidates. The TasWater CDO wishes to promote opportunities for suitable local professionals to build a sustainable TasWater CDO team with a shared long-term vision that meets the projected water infrastructure needs of the Tasmanian community.

Hiring local candidates wherever possible is in the interest of the Alliance as it is more cost effective and supports the local economy. However, the TasWater CDO does not wish to engage in headhunting or poaching local talent i.e. engineers who are already contributing to the Tasmanian economy via the work they currently do.

Question (1) (b)

The engineers required for the TasWater CDO do not impact on the broader operational requirements of TasWater.

This is a program of projects, therefore the number of engineers required will fluctuate through the life of the Capital Work Program. Consequently, not all engineers will be required throughout the initial four years of the Alliance agreement and some may be engaged to work on specialised project specific requirements.

Question (1) (c)

#### **Diversity & Inclusion**

The TasWater CDO employs a diverse team, one drawn from numerous ethnicities and varied backgrounds; this includes local indigenous team members. Our culture embraces the diverse perspectives shared by our people and we are the richer for it.

The TasWater CDO is committed to improving the diversity and gender balance within the engineering workforce and the wider CDO. The engineering profession continues to exhibit a male dominated profile both in Tasmania and elsewhere.

The TasWater CDO is in the process of finalising its Diversity and Inclusion Strategy which includes targets to increase the number of females employed, including engineers. Currently 21% of our workforce is made up of women, including female engineers. We are committed to increasing female representation in this industry.

The Diversity and Inclusion Strategy includes proactively employing engineers of both genders and then supporting them by offering flexible working arrangements, mentoring support and professional development opportunities. Efforts focused in this area, will be particularly helpful to attract more women into the industry.

TasWater CDO's Social Responsibility Plan defines how sustainable employment and economic development opportunities are created to support disadvantaged groups within Tasmanian.

The TasWater CDO commits to equipping employees, trainees, contractors and other businesses it works with the necessary capability and skills for deployment on:

- Future projects within the CDO
- Opportunities within TasWater more broadly.
- Other employment and project opportunities within Tasmania.

### **CDO Graduate program**

There is a long standing and close relationship with University of Tasmania, through the TasWater Scholarship program that has been in place for over 20 years. The CDO currently employs one scholarship recipient who is an engineer.

There is also a TasWater internship program in place. The CDOs' internship program is a sub set of the TasWater program. The CDO has employed 5 interns, three of which have been retained as ongoing casual employees. Two out the five were Tasmanian indigenous students.

TasWater's graduate program is being refreshed; graduates will be canvassed later this year with a view to placement in 2021. TasWater CDO currently employs 6 graduates.

### **Migrant Internship Program**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the TasWater CDO was working with State Growth and the Tasmanian Employment Networking Service (TENS), to develop and implement an Internship program for migrant engineers.

The migrant internship program will be revisited when the COVID situation is resolved. It is envisaged that participating engineers can potentially access 'on the job' paid experience in several areas of the TasWater CDO. This is similar to our current undergraduate internship program. This initiative would benefit individuals, align with government policy and TasWater's CDO's commitment to diversity.

#### **Question (1) (d)**

The primary source of engineers upon set-up of the TasWater CDO was the transfer of internal TasWater employees and these remain the majority of engineering staff within the CDO. Since then TasWater's CDO has welcomed additional local engineers along with others from outside Tasmania.

As previously stated, TasWater's CDO Alliance partners are appointing local Tasmanian candidates to vacancies within the CDO where suitable local professionals are available at the time the roles are advertised.

#### **Question (2) (a)**

If a suitable candidate is not found within the Alliance, which includes TasWater, TasWater's CDO advertises each vacancy within the Tasmanian marketplace irrespective of which Alliance partner has been nominated as the hiring entity.

#### **If not, why not?**

See answer above, this does not apply.

Question (2) (b)

TasWater and TasWater's CDO aim to contribute to the development of the engineering workforce within Tasmanian by:

Providing employment opportunities to Tasmanian candidates within the engineering sector where suitably qualified candidates can be found.

Providing structured personal and professional development pathways for all TasWater CDO employees, including engineers, which increases the skills and capability of individuals.

Building future leaders.

Continuing with the successful Graduate, Internship and Migrant Internship and Scholarship programs.

As part of TasWater's long term investment plan, TasWater CDO provides employees, including engineers, with exposure to, and experience in, delivering a diverse range of projects from small value, less complex projects, to highly complex, major projects.

Providing a workplace that encourages and promotes diversity, inclusion and social responsibility.

TasWater's CDO is committed to working with its supply chain of designers, consultants and contractors to deliver TasWater's long term investment plan to the benefit of TasWater's customers.

Question (2) (c)

Of the contracts awarded by the TasWater CDO to date, 84 per cent of the business has been awarded to local Tasmanian firms. The TasWater CDO remains committed to providing local employment opportunities.

This high percentage of locally awarded works reflects the fact that local Tasmanian firms should have natural cost advantage. As is the case with the rest of the world, local firms tend to be more cost effective to employ so will always be considered if the appropriate skill sets are available.

The Alliance is committed to leaving a legacy for TasWater, related workforce providers and suppliers as well as TasWater customers. The TasWater CDO is introducing new technologies, sharing knowledge and upskilling delivery partners by sharing expertise, increasing safety, quality and environmental standards throughout the project life-cycles.

Question (2) (d)

TasWater and TasWater's CDO are conscious of establishing an appropriate balance to ensure the TasWater's capital works program can be delivered cost effectively.

In this larger capital works program, some of the projects are of a scale not previously undertaken by TasWater e.g. the Bryn Estyn Water Treatment Plant Upgrade to the value of circa \$200 million. Therefore, it is appropriate that TasWater by way of their CDO, utilise the services of the most highly capable service providers who demonstrate proven expertise and experience in delivering projects of this complexity and scale.

The justification for utilising the services of these providers is that ultimately, this benefits the TasWater workforce by way of exposure to new and improved work practices the benefit of which flows on to Tasmania in future endeavours.

Question (2) (e)

**Assessing competence and capability**

The TasWater CDO conducts a rigorous recruitment process. The selection panel typically consists of an engineering Leader, an engineering subject matter expert and a HR professional.

Applicants are assessed on their technical skills, appropriate experience and their educational qualifications but also on their cultural team fit.

### **Maintain competence and capability**

All TasWater CDO team members participate in an annual Performance and Development Review process. Any competency gaps are identified, individual Development Plans are formulated and applied.

### **Developing our Engineering Leaders**

TasWater CDO engineering leaders, existing and emerging, can undertake leadership development programs, including participation in the broader TasWater leadership and coaching programs.

### **Other professional development activities**

The TasWater CDO team is supported to undertake various technical training programs including courses offered through Engineers Australia such as ‘Safety in Design.’

Employees also participate in internal professional development programs such as ‘Lunch & Learn’ sessions where for example, Engineers Australia has provided guest presenters.

A competency matrix for all teams within the TasWater CDO is currently under development. This includes our engineers and non-engineers.

The TasWater CDO is also developing career pathways to include technician level roles.

### Question (2) (f)

As demonstrated in the previous responses, the TasWater CDO is constructively seeking to recruit and develop local engineers and other contracted services.

Two thirds of the existing organisations on the TasWater CDO consultancy panel are local Tasmanian companies.

The CDO is preparing a Local Industry Participation Plan to aid in the support of our local businesses.

The desired outcome is to build, develop and maintain a highly skilled engineering workforce. A concerted effort is made to maintain a balance between giving opportunities to local talent without disrupting or harming the local engineering sector.

## **7 PAPERS.**— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Irrigation Clauses Act 1973: Winnaleah Irrigation District By-Laws 2019
- (2) Nature Conservation Act 2002: Statutory Rules 2019, No. 84, containing Wildlife (General) Amendment (Deer) Regulations 2019.
- (3) Payroll Tax Act 2008: Statutory Rules 2020, containing Payroll Tax (Pandemic) Order 2020.
- (4) Duties Act 2001: Statutory Rules 2020, No. 26, containing Duties (Concession Extension) Order 2020.
- (5) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 13 – Legislative Council Elections.
- (6) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 15 – Land Use Planning and Approvals.
- (7) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 19 – Land Use Planning and Approvals.
- (8) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 20 – Supreme Court of Tasmania.
- (9) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 20 – Magistrates Court of Tasmania.

**8 REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE ON AFL IN TASMANIA.**— Mr *Dean* presented a Report of the Legislative Council Select Committee on AFL in Tasmania.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Mr *Dean*)

*Ordered*, That consideration of the Report and its noting be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mr *Dean*)

**9 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.**— Ms *Ratray* presented a Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation in relation to the scrutiny of Notices issued under the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* – Report 2.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received. (Ms *Ratray*)

*Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Ratray*)

**10 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.**— Ms *Ratray* presented a Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation in relation to the scrutiny of Notices issued under the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* – Report 3.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received. (Ms *Ratray*)

*Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Ratray*)

**11 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.**— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:—

MESSAGE

Kate Warner, Governor

A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social effect of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, by amending, or modifying the application of, the *Constitution Act 1934*, the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*, the *Electoral Act 2004*, the *Emergency Management Act 2006*, the *Public Health Act 1997*, the *Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018*, the *Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008* and the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*

*Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 2020*  
(Bill No. 17 of 2020; *Act No. 12 of 2020*)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name of Her Majesty the Queen, assented to the said Bill.

*Government House, Hobart, 5 May 2020*

**12 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

**13 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Huon, (Mr *Armstrong*) and the Honourable Member for Rumney, (Ms *Lovell*) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this day's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**14 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Sitting was suspended at 11.11 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

**15 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were 14 Questions asked.

**16 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE ANSWERS INTO HANSARD.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answers to the following Questions and have the answers incorporated into the Hansard record.

Member for Hobart (Mr *Valentine*) regarding processes and procedures in prison and remand centres to reduce transmission of COVID-19

Member for Nelson (Ms *Webb*) regarding COVID-19 tests in Tasmania's prisons and places of detention

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to Government controlled quarantine accommodation facilities and non-essential travellers

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to non-essential travellers arriving in Tasmania and the provision of personal protection equipment during transit to quarantine.

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to testing of people for COVID-19 when leaving quarantine.

**17 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

**18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER: QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Order No. 49 be suspended for this day's sitting to allow a further period of 10 minutes for Questions without Notice. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**19 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were a further 10 Questions asked.

**20 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE ANSWERS INTO HANSARD.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answers to the following Questions and have the answers incorporated into the Hansard record.

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to home and community care services and COVID-19 measures.

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to the number of persons with COVID-19 in the North West region across municipal areas.

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) with regard to the support of North West health workers in quarantine

**21 LEAVE TO TABLE DOCUMENT.**—*Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table the Tasmanian Government COVID-19 Response - Tasmanian Social and Economic Support Measures Update as at 30 April 2020.

**22 BILL NO. 19.**— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — 'A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social and financial effects of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, in relation to commercial leases',

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2020

S. HICKEY, Speaker

The Bill was read the First time.

**23 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.



**24 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**— *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Bill to pass through its remaining stages at such time as the Council may appoint. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**25 BILL NO. 19.**— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill (No. 2) 2020 be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Valentine* have leave to Table the National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct SME Commercial Leasing Principles During COVID-19 and have it incorporated into the Hansard record.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 postponed.

Clauses 17 to 30 agreed to.

Clause 31 Amendment proposed. (Ms *Ratray*)

**First amendment**

Page 38, subclause (3).

*Leave out* “12-month”.

*Insert instead* “6-month”.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be agreed to  
Committee divided.

AYES 1

Ms *Ratray* (Teller)

NOES 7

Ms *Armitage*

Mr *Finch*

Mr *Gaffney* (Teller)

Mrs *Hiscutt*

Ms *Howlett*

Mr *Valentine*

Mr *Willie*

Pairs:

Ms *Webb*

Mr *Dean*

Pairs:

Ms *Lovell*

Ms *Siejka*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 31 as read agreed to.

Ms *Ratray* in the Chair

Clause 32 Amendments made (Ms *Forrest*)

**First amendment**

Page 42, subclause (7).

*Leave out* “4 or”.

**Second amendment**

Same page, same subclause.

*Leave out* “, for compliance with guidelines, or”.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clause 33 agreed to.

Postponed Clause 16 as read further considered.

Amendment proposed (Mr *Dean*)

Page 28, subclause (1), paragraph (f), after “Commonwealth”.

*Insert* “, acting in the course of his or her duty”.

And the Question being put, That the amendment be agreed to

Committee divided.

AYES 2

NOES 6

Mr *Dean* (Teller)

Ms *Webb*

Ms *Armitage*

Mr *Finch* (Teller)

Mr *Gaffney*

Mrs *Hiscutt*

Ms *Howlett*

Mr *Willie*

Pairs:

Ms *Rattray*

Mr *Valentine*

Pairs

Ms *Lovell*

Ms *Siejka*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 16 as read, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendments.

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The Council being resumed, Ms *Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council with Amendments.

**26 BILL NO. 19.**— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill 2020 as amended in Committee of the Whole Council be now taken into consideration.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.

The Council, accordingly, proceeded to take the same into consideration.

The Amendments were read the First time.

The said Amendments, being read the Second time, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill as amended in the Committee, be now read the Third time. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Bill was read the Third time and passed.

**27 BILL NO. 19.**— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill intituled, 'A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social and financial effects of the COVID-19 disease in the State, in relation to commercial leases',

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

*Legislative Council, 7 May 2020*

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

**28 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE ANSWERS INTO HANSARD.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answers to the following Questions and have the answers incorporated into the Hansard record.

Member for Elwick (Mr *Willie*) in relation to casual staff employed by Libraries Tasmania and school attendance with regard to home and community care services and COVID-19 measures.

Member for Windemere (Mr *Dean*) in relation to supplementary Questions about fuel prices, State Service Act actions under Employment Directive No. 5 (Code of Conduct) and Dunedin compost facility.

Member for Murchison (Ms *Forrest*) in relation to the NDIS and services provided to those in isolation (home and community care services) and personal protective equipment for allied health workers.

**29 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Sitting was suspended at 8.35 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 9.11 o'clock p.m.

**30 ADJOURNMENT.**— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock am on Wednesday 3 June 2020.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 9.20 o'clock p.m.

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

**Briefing:**

- *Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill 2020*