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The President, **Mr Farrell**, took the Chair at 9.30 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

[9.33 a.m.]

**Mr PRESIDENT** - Honourable members, before we go through our formal business, I welcome to the Chamber Austin Osborne, a student from the Eastside Lutheran College who visited here with a school group. He was very impressed and made the comment that he could spend all day here so we have invited him back to our Quorum Call today. He is accompanied by Mr Ralph Zappart, and Colette Goyne from the Parliamentary Education Office. It is great to see that we have such an active Parliamentary Education Office in our parliament.

**Members** - Hear, hear.

## **POISONS AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (No. 35)**

## **LAND (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 2021 (No. 43)**

## **MUTUAL RECOGNITION (TASMANIA) AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (No. 42)**

## **ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCY REPEAL BILL 2021 (No. 40)**

## **VALIDATION BILL 2021 (No. 39)**

## **TASMANIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (No. 46)**

## **TASMANIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2021 (No. 47)**

### **First Reading**

**Bills received from the House of Assembly and read the first time.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES) BILL 2021 (No. 14)**

### **Council Amendments**

**Legislative Council Amendments agreed to by House of Assembly.**

## **TABLED PAPERS**

### **Answers to Questions - Budget 2021-22 National Trust and Leith Overpass**

[9.43 a.m.]

**Mrs HISCUTT** (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I seek leave to table three answers to questions taken on notice in relation to the 2021-22 Budget and have the answers incorporated into *Hansard*.

There were three questions: the first one is from the member for Mersey about the National Trust board, the second one is also from the member for Mersey about the Leith Overpass and the third one is also from the member for Mersey about the National Trust Act.

**Leave granted.**

**See Appendix 1 for incorporated document (page 3).**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

[9.44 a.m.]

**Mrs HISCUTT** (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the Council at its rising do adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday 26 October 2021.

**Motion agreed to.**

**Mrs HISCUTT** - Mr President, I thank all honourable members for coming in this morning. I appreciate it very much.

**The Council adjourned at 9.44 a.m.**

## Appendix 1

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Tabled and incorporated  
into Hansard

Answers to Questions  
raised by the member for  
Mersey in the debate on  
the Appropriation Bills (No 1 & No 2)  
2021

L. Hiscutt  
Leader of Government Business  
15 Oct 2021

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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ASKED BY: Hon Mike Gaffney MLC

ANSWERED BY: Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC

QUESTION: The Government states that it continues to monitor the appropriateness and effectiveness of the National Trust Act 2006 and will consider legislative changes should circumstances require.

Could the Government inform the chamber what those circumstances might be for it to be required to be changed?

### ANSWER:

The Government would consider proposing changes to the Act if it was shown to no longer be fit-for-purpose or meeting community expectations.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

  
Hon Roger Jaensch MP  
Minister for Heritage

Date: 14/10/21



## QUESTION ON NOTICE

*Hiscutt*

ASKED BY: Hon Mike Gaffney MLC

ANSWERED BY: Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC

QUESTION: Could the Government provide a table of funds received by the National Trust board since 2006, on a yearly basis?

### ANSWER:

Since 2006-07 the National Trust (Tasmania) has received \$300 000 ex GST per annum from Heritage Tasmania through Grant Deeds established to assist with the operation of the organisation. This was increased to \$312 325 ex GST per annum in 2018-19.

The National Trust (Tasmania) has also in the past received additional financial support and additional Capital Funding Grants from Heritage Tasmania to undertake urgent conservation works on significant heritage properties. These payments are detailed below in the table.

In this year's budget the Government has provided an additional \$300 000 to the National Trust (Tasmania) to assist in managing its portfolio of significant heritage properties and to facilitate strategic business transformation activities. Heritage Tasmania is currently working through the details of this additional funding with the National Trust.

Please note that the table of funds previously provided has been updated due to an error subsequently being identified by the department in relation to the treatment of GST for a payment made to the National Trust in 2018-19 for Urgent Clarendon Works. The amount previously detailed was \$318,182 Ex GST, this has been updated to \$350,000 Ex GST.

Details of funds provided by Heritage Tasmania to the National Trust (Tasmania) by financial year since 2006-07 are detailed below:

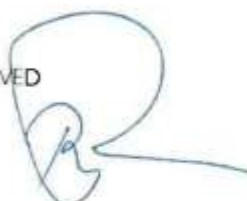
| Year        | Purpose   | Amount (Ex GST) |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 2006-07     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$162,346       |
| 2006-07     | National Tasmania Administrator/creditor payments           | \$80,000        |
| 2007-08     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2007-08     | National Trust – additional grant funding                   | \$31,383        |
| 2008-09     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$235,000       |
| 2009-10     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2009-10     | Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund Grant - Clarendon, Nile     | \$120,000       |
| 2009-10     | Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund Grant - Runnymede, New Town | \$148,000       |
| 2010-11     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2011-12     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2012-13     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2013-14     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2013-14     | Additional Financial Support                                | \$200,000       |
| 2014-15     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2015-16     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2016-17     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2017-18     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$300,000       |
| 2018-19     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$312,325       |
| 2018-19     | Clarendon Urgent Works                                      | \$350,000 **    |
| 2019-20     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$312,325       |
| 2020-21     | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$390,406*      |
| 2021-22 YTD | National Trust recurrent Grant                              | \$78,081*       |

\* Variations in National Trust recurrent Grant deed due to timing of payments through the year

\*\* Amount updated due an error in relation to the treatment of GST (previously reported as \$318,182)

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Roger Jaensch MP  
Minister for Heritage  
Date: 14/10/21



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Asked by: Member for Mersey

Answered by: Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC

**Question:**

During the Budget debate, Division 11 under the Capital Investment Program, the Member for Mersey asked a question relating to the cost of alternative treatments to an overpass of the Bass Highway at Leith.

**Answer:**

Below are early high level cost estimates for alternative safety treatment options on the Bass Highway at Leith (as opposed to an overpass). It must be emphasised that while there are a range of alternative options, they each offer different outcomes in terms of safety efficacy and impact on highway efficiency. As such, they cannot be considered as equal substitutes.

| Leith intersection upgrade other than Overpass | Approximate Cost |
|--|------------------|
| Roundabout                                     | \$8 Million      |
| Junction Upgrade (incl. lighting)              | \$3 million      |
| Right Turn Ban                                 | \$ 300,000       |
| Speed Reduction                                | \$ 20,000        |

Each of these alternative options address the safety concerns at Leith to various extents. The Department advises that an overpass option provides the most comprehensive safety treatment. The alternative options to an overpass are not without impacts including property acquisition; and noise due to braking and accelerating, especially in relation to heavy vehicles.