



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)
- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a motion in relation to the Standing and Sessional Orders from being debated forthwith. (The Treasurer)
- 6 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House adopt the following Standing and Sessional Orders:-

Standing Orders

The House adopts the following Standing Orders:

- (1) In Standing Order 18, paragraph (d) that the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
 - (2) In Standing Order 76, paragraph (2) that the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
 - (3) Standing Order 90 that “355” be deleted and “358” be inserted instead.
 - (4) Standing Order 93 be reinstated as follows:
- 93 The same Question not to be again proposed.**
Except as provided for in Standing Order No. 94, no Motion or Amendment shall be proposed which is the same in substance as any Question or Amendment which, within the preceding twelve months, has been resolved in the Affirmative or Negative.
- (5) In Standing Order 115:
 - (a) In paragraph (1) (a) that the word “thirty” be deleted and the word “twenty” be inserted instead.
 - (b) In Paragraph (1) that the word “forty” be deleted and the word “thirty” be inserted instead.
 - (c) In paragraph (2) that the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.

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(d) Inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (2) –

- (3) Paragraph (1) notwithstanding, a Member shall be entitled to speak for thirty minutes during their inaugural speech, and shall not exceed thirty minutes unless by leave of the House.”

- (6) In Standing Order 130, the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (7) In Standing Order 152, paragraph (2), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (8) In Standing Order 182, paragraph (3), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (9) In Standing Order 219, paragraph (2), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (10) Standing Order 323 be deleted and the following be inserted instead:

323 House Committee

- (1) At the commencement of every session this House shall appoint a Committee of Three Members, one of whom shall be the Speaker, to serve on a Joint Committee (to be known as the House Committee) to control Parliament House and grounds, with power to regulate and control all matters relating to –
- (a) catering for Parliament;
 - (b) allotment of rooms, subject to the approval of the President or Speaker, as the case may be;
 - (c) repairs, renewals and alterations to the Parliament House and all fittings and furniture therein connected therewith;
 - (d) maintenance and upkeep of the gardens and roadways of Parliament Reserve;
 - (e) any other matters referred to the Committee by a Joint resolution of both Houses;
- (2) The Committee shall have power to sit during any recess of Parliament.
- (3) Three Members irrespective of the House to which they belong, shall form a Quorum of the Committee, provided that the Quorum shall not consist exclusively of Members of one House only.

- (11) In Standing Order 350 the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.

Sessional Orders

That for the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House adopts the following Sessional Orders:

- (1) In Standing Order 18, leave out paragraph (a) and insert instead:

“(a) The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall be at Ten o'clock a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the adjournment of the House shall be proposed at Six o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on a Motion for the adjournment of the House moved by a Minister on Wednesdays but not before the conclusion of Private Members' Business.”

- (2) In Standing Order 40, by inserting the following words after paragraph (b):

“(ba) Constituency Questions;”

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- (3) In Standing Order 42, by leaving out all words after, “Unless otherwise ordered:-“, and inserting instead the following words:-

- “(a) Private Members Business will have priority after the conclusion of the MPI on Wednesdays.
- (b) Private Members Business which has been on the Notice Paper for the period required by the Standing Orders may be called on by a Member of the group which has been allocated time pursuant to the following weekly rotations:

WEEK ONE

For 1.5 Hours	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>O’Byrne</i>)
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Clark
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK TWO

For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Braddon
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Bass
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK THREE

For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>George</i>)
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hour	SFF Member
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK FOUR

For 1.5 Hours	Independent Member for Clark
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>O’Byrne</i>)
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK FIVE

For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Bass
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Braddon
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK SIX

For 1.5 Hour	SFF Member
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hour	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>George</i>)
For 1 Hour	Government Members

- (c) the Member calling on an item in Private Members’ Business may, in doing so, state that at the conclusion of that time for the debate on that day, the matter be voted upon.

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- (d) at the commencement of the time allocated for a group's Private Members' Business, the Whip or any other Member of that group, may indicate to the Speaker that its time be waived, in which case, the House shall immediately proceed with Government Business for that allocation of time.
 - (e) In the event that the time allocated for private members business expires and the House is in Committee of the whole House on a Bill, or a Member has indicated that they wish to go into committee, the debate be adjourned until the conclusion of the allocated time for private members business that day.
 - (f) At the conclusion of the allocated private member business time the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for up to one and a half hours.
 - (g) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (f), the Chair shall, at the conclusion of one and a half hours, put forthwith any question already proposed from the Chair and any other Question requisite to dispose of the business before the Committee, including any Amendments, New Clauses and Schedules to a Bill that have been moved. No other Amendments, New Clauses or Schedules may be proposed.
 - (h) Should there be more than one Bill subject to paragraph (e) on the same day the Bills will be considered in the order they were previously dealt with during the allocated private members business time that day.
 - (i) The Mover may speak up to twenty minutes and all other Members may speak for ten minutes.
 - (j) Five minutes before the time for the debate having expired the Mover shall be given the call to speak in reply."
- (4) By leaving out Standing Order 46 and inserting instead:

46 Supplementary Questions

At the discretion of the Speaker, one supplementary Question may be asked immediately by the Member who asked the original question to elucidate an answer.

- (5) Standing Order 48 be suspended.
- (6) Following Standing Order 48, the following Sessional Orders be inserted:-

48A Minimum number of Questions

Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 47, the Speaker shall ensure that a minimum of questions without notice to be asked shall be seven by the Opposition, four by Members of the Greens, one by each Independent Member and the Member of the SFF, if such Member seeks the call.

48B Time Limits for Questions and Answers

- (1) The Speaker shall ensure that:
 - (a) the time taken to ask a Question does not exceed one minute, and the time taken to answer a Question does not exceed three minutes.
 - (b) The time taken to ask a supplementary Question does not exceed 30 seconds, and the time taken to answer a Question does not exceed one minute.
- (2) If a Point of Order is taken during a Question or during an answer, the Speaker has discretion to order that the timing on the clock be paused.

48C Constituency Questions

- (1) At the conclusion of Questions without Notice, Members may ask questions to Ministers relating to constituency matters.
- (2) The total number of Constituency Questions each sitting day is eight, allocated as follows with the order being at the discretion of the Speaker:
 - (a) Two Government Members;

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- (b) Two Opposition Members;
 - (c) One Green Member;
 - (d) Three to be allocated at the Speaker's discretion between the Independent Members and the SFF Member; and
 - (e) Any questions remaining after an allocation has been waived to be allocated to any Member seeking the call.
- (3) The time limit for each constituency question is one minute.
- (4) Replies to constituency questions must be given in writing by the relevant Minister to the Clerk within 30 days. The Clerk must provide the response to the Member who asked the question and electronically publish the response.
- (7) In Standing Order 76, after paragraph (3), by adding the following new paragraph:-

“(4) Priority shall be given pursuant to the following rotation:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Clark
Week 2	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Braddon
Week 3	Opposition	Opposition	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>O'Byrne</i>)
Week 4	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Bass
Week 5	Opposition	Greens	Independent Member for Franklin (Mr <i>George</i>)
Week 6	Opposition	Opposition	SFF Member

- (8) In Standing Order 139 by leaving out the words “of the House or”.
- (9) In Standing Order 155:
- (1) In heading the words “and sand-glass turned” be deleted.
 - (2) Leave out the words “turn a five-minute sand-glass, to be kept on the Table for that purpose, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of five minutes as indicated by such sand-glass” and insert instead the words “set the timer for seven minutes, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of seven minutes”.
- (10) In Standing Order 156 delete the word “five” wherever occurring and insert instead “seven”.
- (11) In Standing Order 165, after “otherwise corrected”, insert “, or in the case of a Member being absent from a division by reason of the malfunction of the division bells or lifts,”
- (12) After Standing Order 183, insert the following:

183A – Cognate Bills

The procedure for two or more Bills to be dealt with as cognate Bills is as follows:

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- (1) The Bills shall be initiated by a Member receiving the call and presenting them to the House by stating they are cognate Bills and then reading the short title of each Bill and handing to the Clerk of the House a fair copy of each.
 - (2) One motion may be moved and one Question put in regard to, respectively the second reading, referral to the Committee of the whole stage and the third reading of the Bills together.
 - (3) The Bills may be considered in the one Committee of the whole.
- (13) In Standing Order 192 that the word “two” be deleted wherever occurring and that the word “six” be inserted instead.
 - (14) In Standing Order 263 the word “two” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
 - (15) In Standing Order 324 the word “three” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
 - (16) Leave out Standing Order 358 and insert instead:

358 Suspension of Standing Orders

Any Standing Orders or Orders of the House, except Standing Order No. 94, may be suspended on a Motion duly made without a motion for the granting of leave, provided that such Motion has the concurrence of a majority of the Members present.

- (17) Standing Order 359 be suspended.

An Amendment was proposed by Ms *Haddad* after Clause (1) of the proposed Sessional Orders to insert the following:

- (2) In Standing Order 18, leave out paragraph (e) and insert instead:
 - (e) After these issues have been debated for a maximum period of one hour, the Speaker shall put the Question “That the House do now adjourn”. If the Question is resolved in the Affirmative, the House shall stand adjourned until the next sitting day. If the Question is resolved in the Negative, the House shall continue with the Order of Business in accordance with Standing Order 40.
 - (f) In the event that a Motion for adjournment has been proposed in accordance with paragraph (a), or moved in accordance with paragraph (c) and Negatived, and a subsequent Motion moved that the House do now adjourn, this Question shall be put without debate.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

The House divided.

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AYES 10

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

NOES 23

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

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

7 OPPOSITION APPOINTMENTS. – The Leader of the Opposition said: “I will update the House on the Shadow Cabinet arrangements:-

The Honourable *Josh Willie* MP - Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Economic Development, and Shadow Minister for Education and Early Years;

Janie Finlay MP – Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Energy and Renewables, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Aquaculture, Shadow Minister for Water, Shadow Minister for Environment, Parks and Climate Change, and Shadow Minister for Innovation, Artificial Intelligence and the Digital Economy;

Dean Winter MP – Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Planning and Shadow Minister for Racing.

Ella Haddad MP – Leader of the Opposition Business in the House of Assembly, Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice and Integrity, Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations, and Shadow Minister for Equality;

The Honourable *Sarah Lovell* MLC – Leader of the Opposition Business in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Ageing, Shadow Minister for Disability, and Shadow Minister for Women;

Anita Dow MP – Shadow Minister for Tourism and Events, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Local Government, and Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs;

Dr Shane Broad MP – Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Building and Construction, and Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs;

Jen Butler MP – Shadow Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Shadow Minister for Transport, Shadow Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitations, and Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs;

The Honourable *Luke Edmunds* MLC – Shadow Minister for Stadiums and Sport, Shadow Minister for Finance, and Shadow Minister for Hospitality;

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Meg Brown MP – Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Housing, Shadow Minister for Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, and Shadow Minister for Heritage and Arts;

Brian Mitchell MP – Shadow Minister for TAFE, Skills and Training, and Shadow Minister for Small Business;

Jess Greene MP – Shadow Minister for Children and Young People, Shadow Minister for Community Services, and Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs.”

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

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

10 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18):
 - (i) Dated 16 January 2025, land situate in the Parish of Emmett, Land District of Wellington, Town of Hellyer, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P187711 and Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P186661, registered in the names of Barry John Smith, Shirley Anne Smith for road purposes;
 - (ii) Dated 16 January 2025, land situate in the Parish of Emmett, Land District of Wellington, Town of Hellyer, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 10 on Plan of Survey P186653, registered in the names of The Trust Company (PTAL) Limited for road purposes;
 - (iii) Dated 16 January 2025, land situate in the Parish of Emmett, Land District of Wellington, Town of Hellyer, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 6 on Plan of Survey P186661, registered in the names of Graeme Thomas Beer for road purposes;
 - (iv) Dated 16 January 2025, land situate in the Parish of Emmett, Land District of Wellington, Town of Hellyer, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 on Plan of Survey P186661, registered in the names of Patricia Anne Elphinstone, Peter Lindsay Elphinstone for road purposes;
 - (v) Dated 16 January 2025, land situate in the Parish of Emmett, Land District of Wellington, Town of Hellyer, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 5 on Plan of Survey P186661. Lot 7, 8 & 9 on Plan of Survey P186653 registered in the names of Katrina Louise McNab, Luke Jonathon McNab for road purposes;

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

- (1) Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania) Act 2010:
 - (a) Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025, and
 - (b) Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Regulation 2025.

12 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

- (1) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Lyons, Mr *Di Falco*.

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- (2) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Braddon, Mr *Pearce*.

13 BILL NO. 46. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021”.

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

14 BILL NO. 48 . – Mr *Bayley* presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994”.

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

15 DEPUTY-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT OF. - The Speaker read the following Warrant:-

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SPEAKER'S WARRANT

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 14, I hereby nominate -

Mr *Rob Fairs* MP
Mr *Brian Mitchell* MP
Prof. *George Razay* MP

to act as Deputy-Chairs of Committees in the absence of, or when requested so to do by the Chair of Committees.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a motion concerning Committees from being debated forthwith. (The Treasurer)

17 STANDING AND SESSIONAL COMMITTEES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the following Committee appointments be made:-

Standing Committees

1. That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in pursuance of section 3 subsection (2) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1914* (No. 32):-

Ms *Burnet*;
Ms *Butler*; and
Mr *Shelton*.

2. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the *Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969* (No. 44):-

Ms *Burnet*;

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Mr *Fairs*; and
Mrs *Greene*.

3. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts in pursuance of section 2 subsection (2) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act* 1970 (No. 54):-

Mr *Jaensch*;
Mr *Vermey*; and
Mr *Winter*.

4. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity in accordance with section 23 subsection (4) of the Integrity Commission Act 2009 (No. 67):-

Mr *Garland*;
Ms *Haddad*; and
Mr *Jaensch*.

5. That a Committee of Privileges and Conduct be appointed to enquire into and report upon complaints of breach of privilege which may be referred to it by the House; and that:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
The Leader of the House;
Ms *Haddad*;
Mr *O'Byrne*;
Ms *Rosol*; and
Mr *Winter*.

be of the Committee (S.O. 325)

6. That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed with power to act during recess and to confer with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council; and that:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
The Leader of the House;
Mr *Bayley*;
Ms *Finlay*;
Ms *Haddad*; and
Ms *Johnston*.

be of the Committee (S.O. 324)

Sessional Committees

7. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee of both Houses (known as the House Committee) to control Parliament House and grounds, including catering for Parliament:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees; and
Ms *Johnston*.

(S.O. 323)

8. That:

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- (1) A Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into consider and report on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services in Tasmania with the following terms of reference:
 - (a) to assess the adequacy, accessibility and safety of the following services for Tasmanian parents and their children in relation to:—
 - (i) reproductive health services;
 - (ii) maternal health services;
 - (iii) birth trauma;
 - (iv) workforce shortages;
 - (v) midwife professional Indemnity Insurance;
 - (vi) perinatal mental health services;
 - (vii) paediatric services for children aged 0-5 years;
 - (viii) the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS).
 - (b) to examine disparities in the availability of services, staffing and outcomes between:—
 - (i) Tasmania and other Australian states and territories;
 - (ii) Tasmanians living in rural, regional and metropolitan areas;
 - (iii) Tasmanians experiencing socio-economic disadvantage; and
 - (c) to make recommendations on actions that can be taken by the State Government to ensure reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services meet the needs of Tasmanian parents, families and children.
- (2) The Committee be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Select Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament.
- (3) The following Members be appointed to serve on the Committee:

Ms Dow;
Ms Haddad;
Mr Fairs;
Ms Johnston; and
Ms Rosol.
- (4) That the Committee report by 19 March 2026.
9. That the House of Assembly Standing Committees on Government Administration A and B be established as follows:—
 - (1) That for the remainder of this Parliament, the Standing Committees on Government Administration A and B be established to inquire into and report upon any issues and legislative proposals arising within the scope of the committees as set out below.
 - (2) Scope of the two committees is:—
 - (a) Government Administration Committee A:—
 - (i) Treasury;
 - (ii) Macquarie Point Urban Renewal;
 - (iii) Attorney-General;
 - (iv) Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation;
 - (v) Environment;
 - (vi) Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy;
 - (vii) Community and Multicultural Affairs;
 - (viii) Arts and Heritage;
 - (ix) Education;
 - (x) Children and Youth;
 - (xi) Disability Services;

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- (xii) Infrastructure and Transport;
 - (xiii) Local Government;
 - (xiv) Housing and Planning and
 - (xv) Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs; and
- (b) Government Administration Committee B:—
- (i) Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing;
 - (ii) Ageing;
 - (iii) Aboriginal Affairs;
 - (iv) Police, Fire and Emergency Management;
 - (v) Skills and Jobs;
 - (vi) Business, Industry and Resources;
 - (vii) Energy and Renewables;
 - (viii) Parks;
 - (ix) Sport;
 - (x) Tourism, Hospitality and Events;
 - (xi) Racing;
 - (xii) Women and the Prevention of Family Violence;
 - (xiii) Primary Industries and Water; and
 - (xiv) Veterans' Affairs.
- (3) Members who are not members of the committees may participate in proceedings by asking questions of witnesses at the discretion of the Chair, but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.
- (4) Each member of the committees shall have a deliberative vote only.
- (5) It shall be open to any member of a committee to nominate in writing to the Chair of the committee a proxy to attend any meeting of a committee on behalf of the member. A proxy member shall exercise all the rights of an appointed member including voting rights at any meeting of a committee.
- (6) A quorum for any meeting of a committee shall be a majority of the committee and three when the committee is hearing evidence.
- (7) References can be made to the committees in the following manner:—
- (a) by Resolution of the House;
 - (b) by a Minister of the Crown; or
 - (c) by the Committee's own motion.
- (8) (a) except as provided in 8 (b), the committees shall conduct all their affairs in public unless the committee by majority vote determines it is in the public interest to take evidence in private; and
- (b) in deliberating or in taking evidence on matters which are commercial-in-confidence the Committee shall sit in private.
- (9) That the committees have the power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the House, with leave to adjourn from place to place and with leave to report from time to time.
- (10) (a) a response by the Government to the recommendations contained in a report of a Standing Committee established in accordance with this order shall be laid upon the Table of the House within four months of the report having been brought up, provided, that should the Parliament not be sitting, the response may be lodged with the Clerk of the House for tabling on the next sitting day; and
- (b) a response that is given to the Clerk under 10 (a) is taken to have been published by order, or under the authority of, the House of Assembly.
- (11) That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Government Administration Committee A:—
- Ms Badger;*

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Ms Dow;
Mr Ferguson;
Mr Garland;
Mr Mitchell;
Mr O'Byrne; and
Mr Shelton.

- (12) That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Government Administration Committee B:—

Ms Brown;
Mr George;
Ms Haddad;
Mr Fairs;
Mr Jaensch;
Ms Johnston; and
Ms Rosol.

- (13) That the Committees be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Standing Committees on Government Administration A and B in the previous Parliament.

10.

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with the power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).
- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on Workplace Culture Oversight from the Fiftieth and Fifty-First Parliament.
- (3) That the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be 4.

11. That a Joint Sessional Gender and Equality Committee be appointed with the power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –

- (1) (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
(b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
(c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and

- (2) That Notice of any Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and

- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

12.

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed for the term of the 52nd Parliament with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –
- (a) Such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister, or established by the Committee's own motion that relate to:
- (i) the *Electoral Act 2004*;
- (ii) the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*;
- (iii) provisions of the *Constitution Act 1934* that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; and

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- (iv) the administration, operation and practices associated with, the aforementioned electoral laws; and
 - (b) Any Bill relating to the electoral laws referred to in paragraph 1(a) and any other law relating to electoral matters as may be referred to it by either House of Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make;
- (3) The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry pursuant to paragraph (2) within 18 months of the date of this Resolution being agreed to by both Houses;
- (4) Notice of any own motion inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution;
- (5) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters from the Fifty-First Parliament; and
- (6) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

13.

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of both Houses, and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon matters related to the Recommendations made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, including:
 - (a) the Tasmanian Government's response and plan to implement the Recommendations;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government's progress in implementing the Recommendations;
 - (c) outcomes related to implementation of the Recommendations, both partially and fully implemented;
 - (d) monitoring progress reports provided to Parliament, as provided for by Recommendation 22.1 by the independent Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor (when appointed);
 - (e) overseeing the performance and proper execution of functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, as provided for by Recommendation 18.9;
 - (f) any other relevant matters that either House may refer to the Sessional Committee; and
 - (g) any other matters incidental thereto; and
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

14.

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to inquire into and report upon, energy prices and related matters in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference –
 - (a) Factors that impact energy prices for Tasmanian household and small and medium business customers, with particular reference to energy generation, distribution and retail costs.
 - (b) The challenges related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including –
 - (i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - (ii) Energy requirements;
 - (iii) Expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - (iv) Private energy generators;

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- (v) Energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - (vi) Energy security considerations.
 - (c) Opportunities related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including –
 - (i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - (ii) Energy requirements;
 - (iii) Expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - (iv) Private energy generators;
 - (v) Energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - (vi) Energy security considerations.
 - (d) Tasmania's past, current and future participation in the National Electricity Market with a focus on impacts for Tasmania, including matters related to the national renewable energy transition:
 - (i) Current and future energy demand;
 - (ii) Costs, risks and benefits; and
 - (iii) Resource opportunities.
 - (e) Marinus Link PTY Ltd and associated energy power developments (Battery of the Nation and North West Transmission Development) including –
 - (i) Likely beneficiaries;
 - (ii) Funding arrangements, including the potential for private sector contribution;
 - (iii) Impact on Tasmanians' energy bills and concessional pricing arrangements; and
 - (iv) Alternative options and associated costs and/or benefits to Tasmania including costs and cost of a 'do nothing approach'.
 - (f) Any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions received by the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration 'A' Inquiry into Energy Prices in Tasmania from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
 - (3) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters from the Fiftieth and Fifty-First Parliament.
 - (4) That the number of Members to serve on the said committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four. (The Treasurer)

18 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 subsection (2) of the Public Works Committee Act 1914 (No. 32), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Works:-

Ms Burnet;
Ms Butler; and
Mr Shelton.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, Speaker.

19 SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969 (No. 44), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Subordinate Legislation Committee:-

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Ms Burnet;
Mr Fairs; and
Mrs Greene.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

20 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section (2) subsection 2 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1970 (No. 54), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts:-

Mr Jaensch;
Mr Vermey; and
Mr Winter.

House of Assembly, 9 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

21 INTEGRITY COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with section 23 subsection (4) of the Integrity Commission Act 2009 (No. 67), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity:-

Mr Garland;
Ms Haddad; and
Mr Jaensch

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

22 HOUSE COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has appointed the following Members to serve on a Joint Committee of both Houses to control Parliament House and grounds and other matters:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees; and
Ms Johnston.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

23 WORKPLACE CULTURE OVERSIGHT: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. – A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution, now transmits the same to the Legislative Council, and requests its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with the power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the

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implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).

- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on Workplace Culture Oversight from the Fiftieth and Fifty-First Parliament.
- (3) That the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be 4.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

24 GENDER AND EQUALITY: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. – A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution, now transmits the same to the Legislative Council, and requests its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

- (1) (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
(b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
(c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and
- (2) That Notice of any Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

25 ELECTORAL MATTERS: JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON. – A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution, now transmits the same to the Legislative Council, and requests its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed for the term of the 52nd Parliament with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –
 - (a) Such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister, or established by the Committee's own motion that relate to:
 - (i) the *Electoral Act 2004*;
 - (ii) the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*;
 - (iii) provisions of the *Constitution Act 1934* that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; and
 - (iv) the administration, operation and practices associated with, the aforementioned electoral laws; and

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- (b) Any Bill relating to the electoral laws referred to in paragraph 1(a) and any other law relating to electoral matters as may be referred to it by either House of Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make;
- (3) The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry pursuant to paragraph (2) within 18 months of the date of this Resolution being agreed to by both Houses;
- (4) Notice of any own motion inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution;
- (5) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters from the Fifty-First Parliament; and
- (6) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

26 RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. – A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution, now transmits the same to the Legislative Council, and requests its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of both Houses, and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon matters related to the Recommendations made in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, including:
 - (a) the Tasmanian Government's response and plan to implement the Recommendations;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government's progress in implementing the Recommendations;
 - (c) outcomes related to implementation of the Recommendations, both partially and fully implemented;
 - (d) monitoring progress reports provided to Parliament, as provided for by Recommendation 22.1 by the independent Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor (when appointed);
 - (e) overseeing the performance and proper execution of functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, as provided for by Recommendation 18.9;
 - (f) any other relevant matters that either House may refer to the Sessional Committee; and
 - (g) any other matters incidental thereto; and
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

27 ENERGY PRICES AND RELATED MATTERS, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON. – A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution, now transmits the same to the Legislative Council, and requests its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to inquire into and report upon, energy prices and related matters in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference –
 - (a) Factors that impact energy prices for Tasmanian household and small and medium business customers, with particular reference to energy generation, distribution and retail costs.
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 - (i) Role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - (ii) Energy requirements;
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 - (iv) Private energy generators;
 - (v) Energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - (vi) Energy security considerations.
 - (c) Opportunities related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including –
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 - (d) Tasmania's past, current and future participation in the National Electricity Market with a focus on impacts for Tasmania, including matters related to the national renewable energy transition:
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 - (e) Marinus Link PTY Ltd and associated energy power developments (Battery of the Nation and North West Transmission Development) including –
 - (i) Likely beneficiaries;
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 - (iv) Alternative options and associated costs and/or benefits to Tasmania including costs and cost of a 'do nothing approach'.
 - (f) Any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions received by the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration 'A' Inquiry into Energy Prices in Tasmania from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
- (3) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters from the Fiftieth and Fifty-First Parliament.
- (4) That the number of Members to serve on the said committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

28 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered,* That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent:

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- (1) The Question before the Chair at One O'clock p.m. today from automatically standing adjourned; and
- (2) The following Members from making a statement to the House commencing at 2.30 p.m., for a period not exceeding 30 minutes each:
 - (a) The Honourable Member for Bass, Mrs *Greene*.
 - (b) The Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *George*.
 - (c) The Honourable Member for Braddon Mr *Pearce*.
 - (d) The Honourable Member for Bass, Professor *Razay*.
 - (e) The Honourable Member for Lyons, Mr *Di Falco*.
 - (f) The Honourable Member for Bass, Mrs *Archer*.
 - (g) The Honourable Member for Lyons, Mr *Mitchell*. (The Treasurer)

29 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: GOVERNMENT FOR TASMANIANS. – Mr *Willie* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Government for Tasmanians.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

30 BILL NO. 37. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information) Bill 2025

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

31 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At one o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

32 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Bass, Mrs *Greene*, made a statement to the House.

33 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Franklin, Mr *George*, made a statement to the House.

34 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Braddon, Mr *Pearce*, made a statement to the House.

35 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Bass, Professor *Razay*, made a statement to the House.

36 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At ten minutes past Four o'clock, the Speaker announced that the Chair would be resumed at the ringing of the Division Bells.

At sixteen minutes past Four o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

37 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Lyons, Mr *Di Falco*, made a statement to the House.

38 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Bass, Mrs *Archer*, made a statement to the House.

39 SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, That for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock. (The Treasurer)

40 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Lyons, Mr *Mitchell*, made a statement to the House.

41 BILL NO. 37. - And the Question being again proposed;

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The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And so the Bill was read a Second Time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

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

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

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

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995”,

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

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J.A. PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

43 BILL NO. 42. - The Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill 2025 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

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

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

44 BILL NO. 42. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Electricity Reform Act 2012, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Government Business Enterprises (Sale) Act 2003, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”,

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

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J.A. PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

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

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

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes past Seven o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day, except Ms Rosol.