

**FIRST SESSION: FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT  
COMMISSIONERS' OPENING**

**Tuesday 1 May 2018**

**10.58 a.m.** Clerk of the Council leads Members to the Chamber at the ringing of the Division Bells. When bells cease ringing Black Rod leads the three Commissioners, in procession [Mrs Hiscutt, Mr President and Mr Finch], to the Chamber, announcing —

**"Honourable Members, Her Excellency's  
Commissioners".**

The President as Senior Commissioner instructs the Clerk to read the Proclamation as follows —

**"Clerk of the Council, please read Her  
Excellency's Proclamation".**

The proclamation having been read, the Senior Commissioner says —

**"Usher of the Black Rod, I command you to let the  
Members of the House of Assembly know that Her  
Excellency's Commissioners desire their immediate  
attendance in this Chamber to hear the Commission  
read".**

The Usher of the Black Rod summonses the Members of the Assembly.

House of Assembly Members enter, the President as Senior Commissioner then says —

**"Please be seated".**

**"Honourable Members of the Legislative Council; Members of the House of Assembly:- Her Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be here at this time, has been pleased to cause a Commission under the Seal of State to be prepared in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament. This will more fully appear by the Letters Patent themselves, which the Clerk of the Council will now read".**

The Commission having been read by the Clerk, the President then says —

**"Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, Members of the House of Assembly:**

**"We have it in command from Her Excellency the Governor to let you know that as soon as the new Members of the House of Assembly shall be sworn and the House of Assembly has elected its Speaker in accordance with the Constitution Act, Her Excellency will in person at three o'clock this afternoon in this place declare the causes of her calling this Parliament together".**

House of Assembly Members then withdraw.

The Commissioners withdraw [Led by the Usher of the Black Rod – Mr Finch, Mr President followed by Mrs Hiscutt]. Members leave the Chamber [Led by the Clerk]. The sitting is suspended until 3.00 pm.

- 2.43 p.m.** Principal Partners and Principal Guests will have joined the President and Mrs Jill Wilkinson in the President's Suite.
- 2.45 p.m.** Guests are seated in the Chamber.
- 2.45 p.m.** Legislative Council Members will have assembled in the Clerk's office.
- 2.45 p.m.** Mayors, Town Clerks and Clergy enter the Chamber. (They will have robed previously, if necessary, in the Office of Director of Corporate Services).
- 2.40 p.m.** The Governor and Mr Warner arrive, are met by the RAN Commander, and receive the Royal Salute. The Governor inspects the Guard and moves to the Legislative Council entrance, escorted by the RAN Commander, greeting Senior Army and Air Force Officers on the way.
- 2.51 p.m.** The Usher of the Black Rod escorts Her Excellency and Mr Warner from the entrance foyer to the President's Suite. Service Officers, A.D.C., and Official Secretary follow.
- 2.55 p.m.** The Judges arrive robed, and enter the Legislative Council Chamber.
- 2.56 p.m.** The Clerk leads the Members of the Legislative Council into the Chamber.
- 2.58 p.m.** Ms Thompson escorts Mr Warner, along with the Principal Partners and Principal Guests to their places.
- 2.59 p.m.** The Usher of the Black Rod announces the President. All Members and guests rise. The President takes his place at the Chair, and bows right and left.

**3.00 p.m.**

The Vice-Regal procession leaves the President's Suite in the following order:

1. Heads of Armed Services (Airforce and Army).
2. Usher of the Black Rod.
3. A.D.C.
4. Her Excellency.
5. Official Secretary.
6. Navy Commander.

The Usher of the Black Rod announces Her Excellency the Governor. The President moves across to the chair to his right as all Members and guests rise.

Her Excellency asks Members of the Council to be seated and commands the Usher of the Black Rod to summon the Members of the House of Assembly. When the House of Assembly Members are in their places, Her Excellency asks them to be seated and delivers her speech. Her Excellency hands one copy of her speech to the President and another copy to the Usher of the Black Rod, who delivers it to the Speaker, and returns to wait beside the dais. Usher of the Black Rod then commands all present to "**please rise**" as the Vice Regal party departs.

**3.25 p.m.**  
(approx.)

The procession leaves the Chamber and proceeds to the downstairs entrance foyer, in the following order:

1. Usher of the Black Rod.
2. A.D.C.
3. Her Excellency.
4. Official Secretary.
5. Heads of Armed Services.
6. Mr Warner, accompanied by Ms Vickers.

Following the departure of the Vice-Regal Party the President moves back to his normal chair and says "**Members of the Legislative Council and Guests please be seated**".

The Members of the House of Assembly leave the Chamber.

**PRESIDENT: "HONOURABLE MEMBERS, I SHALL RESUME THE CHAIR AT THE RINGING OF THE DIVISION BELLS, WHICH I ANTICIPATE WILL BE AT 5.45 PM."**

Groups then leave the Chamber in the following order:

1. President – All Members rise as the President departs Chamber and should remain standing.
2. Legislative Council Members (the Clerk will lead Members out, Mr Gaffney following Mr Finch with Mr Dean being the last Member to leave the Chamber).
3. Principal Partners and Principal Guests.
4. Judges and Partners.
5. Lord Mayor and Mayors, Clergy and Partners.
6. Invited guests leave the Chamber.

Ms Thompson escorts the Principal Partners and Principal Guests to the President's Suite.

The President proceeds to the Reception Room where, with the Speaker, he greets invited guests at Afternoon Tea.

The Division Bells will summon Members.

When the Council resumes, the President takes the Chair.

## **PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE**

**PRESIDENT: "WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL PEOPLE OF THE LAND UPON WHICH WE MEET TODAY, THE MOUHENEENER PEOPLE".**

## **BILL PRO FORMA**

The Leader of the Government in the Council rises:

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I SEEK LEAVE TO MOVE A MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING THE BILL PRO FORMA".

**Leave being granted:**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT I BE GRANTED LEAVE TO BRING IN A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARTITION ACT 1869".

**Leave being granted:**

The Leader moves to the Table and hands the Bill to the Clerk.

**LEADER:** " I MOVE THAT THE BILL BE READ THE FIRST TIME".

**The Motion being agreed to:**

**LEADER:** "I MOVE THAT THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL BE MADE AN ORDER OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY NEXT".

**The President will put the Question.**

## **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

**PRESIDENT:** "HONOURABLE MEMBERS, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REPORT THE SPEECH OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR DELIVERED IN THE CHAMBER

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT".

**MRS HISCUTT:** "MR PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BE PRESENTED TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN REPLY TO HER EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH:

To Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, HER MAJESTY'S DUTIFUL AND LOYAL SUBJECTS, THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF TASMANIA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED, DESIRE TO THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE SPEECH WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO ADDRESS TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

WE DESIRE TO RECORD OUR CONTINUED LOYALTY TO THE THRONE AND PERSON OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE MEASURES WHICH WILL BE LAID BEFORE US DURING THE SESSION WILL RECEIVE OUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

(Mrs Hiscutt then speaks briefly to the Motion and then moves that the Debate stand adjourned). Mrs Hiscutt will resume the debate on Tuesday, 22 May and Ms Siejka will then second the Motion and make a contribution to the debate on that day also. Contributions from other Honourable Members will then follow).

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The President then invites:

- (i) Petitions
- (ii) Notices of Question
- (iii) Notices of Motion
- (iv) Tabling of Papers

## **NEW MINISTRY**

**LEADER:** Makes Statement concerning the new Ministry.

## **SESSIONAL AND OTHER ORDERS**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I SEEK LEAVE TO MOVE MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN SESSIONAL AND OTHER ORDERS".

**Leave being granted:**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE - THAT THE SESSIONAL ORDERS RELATING TO E-PETITIONS WHICH WERE IN PLACE IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT, BE AGAIN APPROVED FOR THIS SESSION".

**The Motion being agreed to:**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE – THAT THE FOLLOWING SESSIONAL ORDERS APPLY IN LIEU OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 29(2), 138(2) AND (4) —

**29. Adjournment for want of a Quorum when notice taken by Member**

- (2) At any time after the Council has proceeded to business, if a Member notices that seven Members including the President or Deputy President are not present, and so states, the Bells shall be rung as for a Division, and if a quorum is not present at the expiration of *four* minutes the President shall adjourn the Council without a Question first put, until the next ordinary sitting time.

**138. After division called —**

**How Division taken**

- (2) The President will order the division bells to be rung for *four* minutes.

**Locking of Doors**

- (4) After the *four* minutes have expired, or such lesser time at the discretion of the President, he or she will order the doors to be locked and no Member will enter or leave the Chamber until after the division.

**The Motion being agreed to:**

**LEADER:**

“MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE – THAT THE FOLLOWING SESSIONAL ORDER APPLY IN LIEU OF STANDING ORDER NO. 200 —

**200:**

- (1) The evidence taken by any Select Committee of the Council, and documents presented to such Committee, which have not been reported to the Council shall not, unless authorised by the Committee, be referred to in the Council by any Member or published or disclosed by any Member or by any other person.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to —
- (a) any proceedings of the Committee that are open to the public and the news media;
  - (b) press releases or statements made by a Member of the Committee on the authority of the Committee; and

(c) written submissions presented to a Select Committee and authorised to be published by the Committee.

**The Motion being agreed to:**

**LEADER:** “MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE – THAT SO MUCH OF STANDING ORDER NO. 39 BE SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS SESSION TO ENABLE SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS TO BE CALLED ON EACH SITTING TUESDAY BEFORE NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY ARE PROCEEDED WITH”.

**The Motion being agreed to:**

**PRAYERS**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT, UPON THE PRESIDENT TAKING THE CHAIR AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH DAY'S SITTING, THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS SHALL BE READ —

**"ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE TO VOUCHSAFE THY BLESSING UPON THIS PARLIAMENT. DIRECT AND PROSPER OUR DELIBERATIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THY GLORY AND THE TRUE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF TASMANIA.**

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN”.**

**The Motion being agreed to:**

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Leader to seek leave to move a Motion without Notice concerning the absence of an Honourable Member.**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I SEEK LEAVE TO MOVE A MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE".

**Leave being granted:**

**LEADER:** "MR PRESIDENT, I MOVE — THAT THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR MURCHISON, MS FORREST BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE SERVICE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THIS DAYS SITTING".

**President will put the Question.**

### **PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY – ADVISERS ON THE FLOOR**

**President to make Statement concerning Advisers.**

**PRESIDENT:** "BY MY AUTHORITY I HAVE DETERMINED THAT ADVISERS TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT BE AUTHORISED TO GO ONTO THE FLOOR OF THIS HOUSE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SESSION IN ORDER TO ADVISE AND SUPPORT THAT HONOURABLE MEMBER".

## **PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT – STAFF APPOINTMENT**

**President to make Statement concerning a Staff Appointment.**

**PRESIDENT  
SAYS:**

"HONOURABLE MEMBERS I AM VERY PLEASED TO ADVISE THE HOUSE THAT ON 7 DECEMBER 2017 I APPOINTED MR GRIFFIN BLIZZARD TO THE POSITION OF ELECTORATE OFFICER SUPPORTING THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR PEMBROKE IN HER EASTERN SHORE ELECTORATE OFFICE WHICH IS NOW LOCATED IN BAYFIELD STREET, ROSNY PARK. THE APPOINTMENT FOLLOWED OUR USUAL SELECTION PROCESS WITH A RECOMMENDATION MADE TO ME.

GRIFFIN HAS A BACKGROUND IN ADMINISTRATION HAVING SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS AT THE MENZIES INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORTING OVER THREE HUNDRED ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER RESEARCH DEGREE STAFF AND STUDENTS WITH A FOCUS ON HUMAN RESOURCE COORDINATION.

I HAVE MET GRIFFIN AND HE IS AN IMPRESSIVE YOUNG MAN WHO BRINGS WITH HIM A RANGE OF SKILLS WHICH WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR PEMBROKE AND HER CONSTITUTENTS.

GRIFFIN WILL BE SPENDING FURTHER TIME HERE IN THE PARLIAMENT WHEN OUR SITTINGS RESUME LATER THIS MONTH.

ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS I WISH GRIFFIN WELL IN HIS NEW ROLE".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Leader to move Adjournment motions.**