



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2018

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon and the President read Prayers.

2 STRATHEDEVON HYDROTHERAPY POOL.— Mr *Gaffney* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government —

- (1) What is the relationship between the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool (SHP) in Latrobe and the State Government/DHHS?
- (2) Are there any arrangements or a service relationship between the SHP and the DHHS including funding and referral guidelines to health professionals?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for the hydrotherapy service in Latrobe (utilising the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool)?
- (4) How does the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool report back to the DHHS? Are there any reporting requirements between SHP and the Government?
- (5) How many clients have used the pool since its reopening and what are the age groups, needs and attributes of the client groups?
- (6) How many times (on average) do clients access the hydrotherapy pool?
- (7) What is the process for clients to obtain access to the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool?
- (8) Why have DHHS and private clients who have previously utilised the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool been advised that they should go to 'Splash' (Devonport Aquatic Centre, run by private company Belgravia Leisure) for their therapy?

Has there been a change in guidelines or a directive from DHHS regarding the referral to and utilisation of hydrotherapy pools at Strathdevon, and across the state?

Mrs *Hiscutt* answered

- (1) The Tasmanian Health Service (THS) has a licence with Uniting AgeWell (UAW) as the owner of the Strathdevon Hydrotherapy Pool (SHP). The licence provides the THS with access to the SHP for its hydrotherapy service.
- (2) The relationship is between UAW and the THS. There is no direct relationship with the Department of Health (previously known as the Department of Health and Human Services).

As part of the licence arrangement, THS provides all staffing at the SHP and therefore currently has exclusive access to use of the pool Mondays to Fridays. The THS runs part of its hydrotherapy service at SHP with the other component provided at the North West Regional Hospital Hydrotherapy Pool.

Access to the hydrotherapy service is via the Physiotherapy Department.

- (3) The THS has a current licence to use the SHP with UAW to provide its hydrotherapy service. The THS will continue to provide a hydrotherapy service overseen by Physiotherapy in the North West.
- (4) The SHP and UAW do not report directly to the Department of Health (DoH). The THS have a working relationship with UAW and the staff at the Strathdevon site. Staff within the SHP are THS staff.
- (5) There have been approximately 1 012 attendances at the SHP for approximately 126 clients from 5 February 2018 to 31 October 2018 for hydrotherapy supervised by a Physiotherapist. Noting that many clients attend for a block of 6-10 sessions.

In addition, there are approximately 128 clients who are not currently overseen by a Physiotherapist but are accessing SHP in a maintenance phase. Attendances are not captured for this cohort as they are not under the direct care of physiotherapy at this time.

People of all ages have been using the SHP from babies upward.

Clients accessing the pool have had a variety of acute and chronic conditions that have been deemed to be appropriate for treatment using hydrotherapy as a modality by a physiotherapist. Clients have been seen in a mixture of groups or individual appointments. Some require short bursts of hydrotherapy while others can require longer periods of intervention based on their clinical needs.

- (6) The amount of time a client needs to access a hydrotherapy pool is based on their clinical need. For those clients who attend group sessions, the average is six sessions, after which a review is undertaken to determine if further treatment is necessary.
- (7) Clients must initially be referred to the THS Physiotherapy service by a health professional, such as a General Practitioner. A physiotherapist may discuss the use of hydrotherapy as a treatment tool as part of an overall treatment plan with the client. As part of this assessment, the Physiotherapist will screen the client to ensure that they are appropriate for access to the pool. This is a safety requirement to protect all pool users to prevent infections and also to ensure that there is no other medical reason that would prohibit the client from accessing the pool.
- (8) Once a patient's course of therapy treatment is completed, the client may be discharged from the service.

Some clients would like to continue to do hydrotherapy exercises as part of maintenance rather than a physiotherapy led therapy program and are encouraged to do so at an appropriate equivalent commercial venues, such as Splash, Devonport.

By this stage they have the appropriate program and tools to self-manage and do the exercises independently and do not require THS Physiotherapy oversight for maintenance. This frees up the Physiotherapist to see new clients who are deemed to require hydrotherapy treatment. If clinically appropriate, a client can be re-referred to Physiotherapy if their condition changes or for a new clinical condition.

- (9) There has been no change in the guidelines for utilisation of hydrotherapy pools at SHP or across the state.

3 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWER TO QUESTION AND INCORPORATE ANSWER INTO HANSARD.—*Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answer to Question No. 9 and have the answer incorporated into the Hansard record.

4 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers: —

- (1) Ombudsman Tasmania: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (2) Ombudsman Tasmania Report on inspections under the Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006 and the Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006.

- (3) Health Complaints Commissioner: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (4) National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information & Privacy Commissioners & Ombudsman: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (5) Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (6) Chief Civil Psychiatrist and Chief Forensic Psychiatrist: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (7) Tourism Tasmania: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (8) Tasmanian State Service: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (9) National Heavy Vehicle Regulator: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (10) Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (11) Office of the Public Guardian: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (12) Health Practitioners Tribunal: Annual Report 2017-2018.
- (13) Guardianship and Administration Board: Annual Report 2017-2018.

5 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTEGRITY.— Mr *Valentine* laid upon the Table of the Council the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity Annual Report 2018.

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

6 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were three Questions asked.

7 BILL NO. 54.— The Roads and Jetties Amendment (Management of State Highways in Cities) Bill 2018 was read the Third time and passed.

8 BILL NO. 54.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to the Bill intituled, ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935* and the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*’.

Legislative Council, 28 November 2018

J.S. WILKINSON, *President*

9 BILL NO. 49.— The Local Government Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2018 was read the Third time and passed.

10 BILL NO. 49.— A Message to the House of Assembly:—

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to the Bill intituled, ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1993*’.

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11 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 2.45 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 6.09 o'clock p.m.

12 BILL NO. 56.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Mr *Valentine*)

13 LEAVE TO TABLE ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2018 .—*Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to Table answer to Question from the Member for Huon (Mr *Armstrong*) about the effect of the dismissal of a number of councillors and a quorum of the council.

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 6.57 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 8.14 o'clock p.m.

15 BILL NO. 56.— The Council, according to Order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill 2018 be now read the Second time.

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.

(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 Amendment made (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

First Amendment

Page 36, proposed new Part 2B, Division 1, section 27H, at the foot of that section.

Insert the following subsection:

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), sell does not include to offer for sale or to agree to sell.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 Amendment proposed (Ms *Ratray*)

Page 51, proposed new section 29, subsection (2), paragraph (c), subparagraph (i), sub-subparagraph (C).

Leave out that sub-subparagraph.

Question put, That the Amendment be agreed to.

It passed in the negative.

Clause 17 Further Amendment proposed (Mr *Dean*)

Page 58, proposed new section 29B, subsection (5).

Leave out “100”.

Insert instead “50”.

Question put, That the Amendment be agreed to,

Committee divided.

AYES 4

NOES 10

Ms *Armstrong* (Teller)

Mr *Dean*

Ms *Forrest*

Mr *Finch*

Ms *Armitage*

Mr *Farrell*

Mr *Gaffney*

Mrs *Hiscutt*

Ms *Howlett* (Teller)

Ms *Lovell*

Ms *Rattray*

Ms *Siejka*

Mr *Valentine*

Mr *Willie*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 17 as read agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 33 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

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 without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended in the Committee be taken into consideration tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

16 BILL NO. 46. — The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Brand Tasmania Bill 2018.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

17 ADJOURNMENT.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council will at its rising adjourn until 11.00 am on Thursday, 29 November 2018. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 10.50 o'clock pm.

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

Briefings:

- *Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill 2018*
- *Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill*