



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**  
**SESSION OF 2025**  
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 5

TUESDAY, 23 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 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.** – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 **PAPERS.** – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Act 2012: Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 27).
  - (2) Ombudsman Tasmania Report on Inspection under the Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006 and the Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006.
- 7 **PAPERS.** – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Stony Rise Traffic Management and Public Transport Accessibility Review As required through the Land Use Planning and Approvals (Stony Rise Development Approval) Act 2024.
  - (2) Approved Permit for Stony Rise Development – Devonport City Council.
  - (3) Housing Land Supply (Mornington) Order 2025, Ministerial Report Pursuant To Section 9 of The Housing Land Supply Act 2018.
  - (4) Housing Land Supply (Mornington) Order 2025 Statutory Rules 2025, No. 68.
- 8 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Poisons Amendment (Authorised Health Professionals) Regulations 2025 Statutory Rules 2025, No. 23.
  - (2) Closing the Gap: Annual Report 2022-23.
  - (3) Closing the Gap: Annual Report 2023-24.
- 9 **PAPERS.** – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Report of the Auditor-General No. 1 of 2025-26: Management of landfills in Tasmania.
- (2) Report of the Auditor-General No. 2 of 2025-26: Auditor-General's report on the financial statements of State entities, Volume 1 – Annual Audit Update, Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 30 June 2025.
- (3) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Variation Return for the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *George*.

**10** BILL NO. 51. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017”.

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

**11** BILL NO. 50. – The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1935”.

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

**12** STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENTS: APPROVAL OF. - The Speaker said “I have to advise the House that in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act 1934, I attended Government House on 17 September last, to present for approval, the amendment to the Standing Orders agreed to by the House on 9 September last and advise that Her Excellency the Governor gave her approval of the same.”

**13** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)

**14** INTEGRITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT. – *Ordered*—That the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *George*, 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). (The Treasurer)

**15** 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), Mr *George* has been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity.

*House of Assembly, 23 September 2025*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

**16** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Honourable Member for Clark, Mr *Vermey* from making a statement to the House following the debate on the Matter of Public Importance on Thursday, 25 September 2025, for a period not exceeding 30 minutes. (The Treasurer)

**17** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BACKING TASMANIAN JOBS. – Ms *Finlay* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Backing Tasmanian Jobs.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**18** BILL NO. 49. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time.  
(The Premier)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 23

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

NOES 10

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, 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.

**19** BILL NO. 49. - A Message to the Legislative Council. –

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Accounts Committee Act 1970”,

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

*House of Assembly, 23 September 2025.*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

**20** BILL NO. 40. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets) Bill 2025.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time.  
(The Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs)

A Debate arose thereupon.

**21** SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.  
At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

**22** BILL NO. 40. - And the Question being put;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, 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.

**23** BILL NO. 40. - A Message to the Legislative Council. –

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancy Act 1997”,

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

*House of Assembly, 23 September 2025.*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

**24** BILL NO. 46 - The Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill 2025 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Professor *Razay* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put - That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

AYES 28

Mr *Abetz*  
Mrs *Archer*  
Mr *Barnett*  
Dr *Broad*  
Ms *Brown*  
Ms *Butler*  
Mr *Di Falco*  
Ms *Dow*  
Mr *Ellis*  
Mr *Fairs*  
Mr *Ferguson*  
Ms *Finlay*  
Mr *Garland*  
Mr *George*  
Mrs *Greene*  
Ms *Haddad*  
Ms *Howlett*  
Mr *Jaensch*  
Mr *Mitchell*  
Mr *O'Byrne*  
Ms *Ogilvie*  
Mr *Pearce*  
Mrs *Petrusma*  
Mr *Rockliff*  
Mr *Vermey*  
Mr *Willie*  
Mr *Winter*  
Mr *Shelton* (Teller)

NOES 6

Ms *Badger*  
Mr *Bayley*  
Ms *Burnet*  
Ms *Johnston*  
Dr *Woodruff*  
Ms *Rosol* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

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The House being resumed, Professor *Razay* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment.

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

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

**25** BILL NO. 46. - A Message to the Legislative Council. –

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021”,

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

*House of Assembly, 23 September 2025.*

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

**26** BILL NO. 47. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) 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.

And the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation was addressing the Chair.

**27** ADJOURNMENT. – The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day.