

# **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**SESSION OF 2024-2025** 

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

# NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 46

Tuesday 27 May 2025

The Council meets at 11.00 am

## **Notices of Motion**

- 1 National Driver Licence Facial Recognition Solution
  - Given by: Ms Webb Date: 17 May 2024

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes:
  - (a) All Australian States and Territories agreed in October 2017, under an Intergovernmental Agreement, to participate in the Commonwealth Government's National Driver Licence Facial Recognition Solution (NDLFRS),
  - (b) On 31 July 2019, the Identity-matching Services Bill 2019 was introduced into the Federal Parliament to establish legislative biometrics matching scheme for the NDLFRS, but was subsequently withdrawn following concerns raised by a variety of legal, privacy and human rights experts, and criticisms from the relevant Federal parliamentary committee,
  - (c) Interstate jurisdictions determined they would not share data via the NDLFRS until the Commonwealth laws are in place.
  - (d) That based upon data provided by government a total of 468,392 Tasmanian drivers licence photos were transferred to the NDLFRS between December 2018 and 16 December 2020, without public consultation and despite the absence of Commonwealth legislation to regulate the NDLFRS and provide privacy protections and oversight mechanisms,
  - (e) The statement provided to the Parliament from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport dated the 28 October 2020, that the Tasmanian data uploaded to the NDLFRS will not be used until Commonwealth legislation in in place and relevant Tasmanian legislation reviewed, with the latter to occur in context of any eventual Commonwealth legislation,
  - (f) Tasmania paused the daily transfer of records to the NDLFRS on 16 December 2020.
- (2) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian government to:

- (a) Formally cease any current and future uploading of Tasmanians' records to the NDLFRS in the absence of appropriate Commonwealth privacy protection and oversight legislation,
- (b) Immediately establish a secure process by which to delete all uploaded Tasmanian drivers licence photos from the NDLFRS, and
- (c) Commit to undertaking thorough public consultation prior any future state participation in the NDLFRS should the required Commonwealth legislation be enacted.

## 2 Use of Dry Cells by the Tasmanian Prison Service

Given by: Ms Webb Date: 8 August 2024

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania's *Inhumane Treatment in dry cells review report 2024* (the Report), published on Tuesday 6 August this year,
- (2) Acknowledges the Report states dry cells present a serious risk to human rights in custodial environments, and that the Office of Custodial Inspector's review has confirmed this risk has *"manifested into inhumane treatment in dry cells here in Tasmania,"* and further, *"changes to dry cell regimes are required to improve the treatment of people in custody or preferably, the use of dry cells needs to cease"*,
- (3) Further notes the Report's three key recommendations:
  - (a) Director's Standing Order (DSO) 1.40 Managing Prisoners Suspected of Internally Concealing Items be reviewed to determine if it is necessary, considering the introduction of body scanners, and if the DSO and dry cells remain necessary, the DSO is revised to prioritise the care and wellbeing of people in custody before security considerations,
  - (b) Training for TPS supervisors should include a dedicated unit on human rights standards for people deprived of their liberty,
  - (c) TPS undertake a review of the environmental health conditions for staff involved in monitoring dry cells, including: testing for any pathogens on the external surfaces of the machine used to process faeces; assessing any risks to staff and people in custody from potential airborne pathogens; and ensuring appropriate maintenance is undertaken on the machine and relevant staff have access to training material on its appropriate use,
- (4) Further notes Appendix 1 of the Report contains the Department of Justice's response to the Report's Recommendations which state the Director's Standing Order (DSO) 1.40 is currently under active review as part of the delivery of body scanning technology and the Astria digital solution, and that the Tasmanian Prison Service will consider whether dry cell management will remain a necessary approach as part of the DSO review, and subject to the outcome of that review, the exclusion of women from the DSO's operation will also be considered.

- (5) Further notes advice provided by the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation to the House of Assembly on Wednesday the 7 August 2024 of this year that installation of four of the five new body scanners is already underway.
- (6) Calls on the Tasmanian government to:
  - (a) Commit to accepting and delivering the Report's three recommendations in full,
  - (b) Implement an immediate moratorium on the use of dry cells in any facility in which body scanning technology is available, pending the conclusion of the DSO 1.40 review currently underway,
  - (c) Immediately prohibit the inclusion of women in the use of dry cells, and
  - (d) Detail a timeframe for the delivery and implementation of any remaining recommendations still to be undertaken and completed.

## 3 Disallowance of Residential Tenancy Amendment Regulations 2024

Given by: Ms O'Connor Date: 12 September 2024

To be moved:

That Statutory Rules 2024, No. 31, Residential Tenancy Amendment Regulations 2024 dated 9 July 2024 made under the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997*, and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 August 2024, be disallowed as provided by Section 47 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*.

## 4 Integrity Commission Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms O'Connor Date: 21 October 2024

To be moved:

That the Integrity Commission Annual Report 2023-24, and recent public statements of Chief Commissioner Greg Melick, AO SC, be considered and noted.

## 5 Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms Webb Date: 23 October 2024

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24, and recent public statements of Custodial Inspector Richard Connock, be considered and noted.

## 6 Tourism Tasmania Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms *Rattray* Date: 29 October 2024

To be moved:

That the Tourism Tasmania Annual Report 2023-2024 be considered and noted.

## 7 Appointment of Select Committee into the Tasmanian Racing Deed

Given by: Ms O'Connor Date: 28 November 2024

To be moved:

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during an adjournment of Council, and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to inquire into and report upon the 20-year funding deed established following the sale of the TOTE in 2009 (the Tasmanian Racing Deed), with particular reference to:

- (1) The social, animal welfare, economic, and other impacts of the Tasmanian Racing Deed,
- (2) Integrity in the Tasmanian racing industry,
- (3) The future of the Deed following its expiry in 2029,
- (4) Any matters incidental thereto.

And that —

Mr Gaffney;

Ms Rattray;

Mr Edmunds;

Ms Webb; and

The Mover be of the Committee.

## 8 Report of Government Business Scrutiny Committee A 2024

Given by: Ms *Forrest* Date: 11 March 2025

To be moved:

That the Report of Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee A 2024 be considered and noted.

## 9 Deaths and Injuries from Quad Bikes or ATV use in Tasmania

Given by: Ms O'Connor Date: 11 March 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes with concern the high rate of deaths and injuries from quad bike or ATV use in Tasmania, with more than 20 deaths since the year 2000.
- (2) Further notes more than 1400 Australians are seriously injured in quad bike accidents each year.
- (3) Expresses its sincere condolences to grieving loved ones, including the devastated parents of 14-year old Jocelyn Daguman who died in an ATV accident at Boyer in February 2023.

- (4) Recognises the findings of both Coroner Cooper in 2017 and Coroner Webster in 2024, who recommended stronger regulation of quad bike use to save lives.
- (5) Agrees with Coroner Cooper's recommendations, following his investigation into seven quad bike deaths between 2012-2015, to provide for increased community education promoting the use of helmets and seatbelts, and legislation that:
  - (a) Requires mandatory training and licensing of all persons using quad bikes,
  - (b) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating adult quad bikes,
  - (c) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating youth-sized quad bikes other than in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions,
  - (d) Prohibits children under the age of 6 from operating any quad bike under any circumstances.
- (6) Recognises there has been a substandard response to the Coroners' recommendations by the Rockliff Government.
- (7) Calls on the Rockliff Government to act to prevent such tragedies in the future and implement all the Coroners' recommendations to strengthen quad bike and ATV safety in Tasmania.

## 10 Tasmanian Planning Draft Integrated Assessment Report on Proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project

Given by: Ms O'Connor Date: 2 April 2025

To be moved:

That the Tasmanian Planning Commission Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR) on the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance be considered and noted.

## Orders of the Day

## **General Business**

1 Joint Sessional Committee inquiring into 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 Interim Report

Mover:Ms ForrestDate:Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 23 October 2024Status:Report to be considered and noted

2 Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts Report: Follow-up of Auditor-General <u>Report No.2 of 2015-16 – Capital Works Programming and Management</u> Mover: Ms Forrest

Date:Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 28 November 2024Status:Report to be considered and noted

3 Government Administration Committee B Report: <u>Short Inquiry Process into Homes</u> <u>Tasmania</u>

| Mover:  | Ms Rattray  |
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| Date:   | Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 12 March 2025 |
| Status: | Report to be considered and noted                           |

4 Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts: <u>University of Tasmania</u> <u>Financial Position</u>

| Mover:  | Mr Edmunds  |
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| Date:   | Debate adjourned on 8 April 2025  |
| Status: | Adjourned Debate on the Question that the Report to be considered and noted |
| Spoken: | Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest  |

5 Government Administration Committee B Report: <u>Inquiry into Tasmanian Adult</u> <u>Imprisonment and Youth Detention Matters</u>

| Mover:  | Ms Rattray   |
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| Date:   | Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 2 April 2025 |
| Status: | Report to be considered and noted                          |

6 <u>Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 9)</u> Mover: Ms O'Connor Date: Read a First time on 3 April 2025 Status: Awaiting Second reading

## **Government Business**

## 7 Police Offences Amendment (Knives and Other Weapons) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 3)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>  |
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| Date:   | Reported without amendment by the Committee of the Whole Council on |
|         | 10 April 2025   |
| Status: | Awaiting Third reading  |

## 8 Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 43)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>                    |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Date:   | Read a First time on 27 November 2024 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading               |

## 9 Defamation Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 42)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>                 |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| Date:   | Read a First time on 11 March 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading            |

## 10 Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 27)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>                |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Date:   | Read a First time on 2 April 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading           |

## 11 Justice Miscellaneous (Reporting Procedures) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 10)

| Mover: | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>                |
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| Date:  | Read a First time on 3 April 2025 |

Status: Awaiting Second reading

## 12 Premier's Address

| Mover: Mrs Hiscutt |  |
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- Date: Debate adjourned on 12 March 2025 and again on 13 March 2025
- Status: Adjourned Debate on the Question That the Address be noted
- Spoken: Mrs Hiscutt, Ms Lovell, Ms Rattray, Mr Edmunds, Ms Webb, Ms O'Connor, Ms Armitage, Mr Duigan, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney, Mr Vincent, Mr Harriss, Ms Palmer

## 13 University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 (Bill No. 31)

| Mover:  | Mrs Hiscutt                        |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| Date:   | Read a First time on 11 March 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading            |

## 14 Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No.2) 2024 (Bill No. 45)

- Mover: Mrs Hiscutt
- Date: Read a First time on 8 April 2025
- Status: Awaiting Second reading

## 15 Police Offences Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 7)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>                |
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| Date:   | Read a First time on 8 April 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading           |

## 16 Expungement of Historic Offences Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 35)

| Mover:  | Ms Palmer   |
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| Date:   | Second reading debate adjourned on 20 November 2024                           |
| Status: | On 20 November 2024 the Bill was referred to the Joint Sessional Committee on |
|         | Gender and Equality for consideration and report; the Committee reported on   |
|         | 12 March 2025. Awaiting resumption of Second reading debate                   |
| Spoken: | Ms Palmer, Ms Forrest   |

#### 17 Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Sensitive Disclosures) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 12) Mover: Mrs Hiscutt

| Mover:  | Mrs Hiscutt                     |
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| Date:   | Read a First time on 9 May 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading         |

## 18 Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 54)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>              |
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| Date:   | Read a First time on 9 May 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading         |

## 19 Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 14)

| Mover:  | Mrs Hiscutt                     |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Date:   | Read a First time on 9 May 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading         |

## 20 Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 15)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>              |
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| Date:   | Read a First time on 9 May 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading         |

## 21 Superannuation Liability (GST Windfall Fund) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 17)

| Mover:  | Mrs <i>Hiscutt</i>              |
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| Date:   | Read a First time on 9 May 2025 |
| Status: | Awaiting Second reading         |

## Referred to Committee

## 22 Electoral Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 25)

Mover: Mrs *Hiscutt* 

Date: Second reading debate adjourned on 23 October 2024

- Status: On 23 October 2024 the Bill was referred to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for <u>consideration and report</u>; Awaiting Report and resumption of Second reading debate
- Spoken: Mrs Hiscutt, Ms Forrest, Ms Rattray, Ms Lovell, Ms Armitage, Ms O'Connor, Ms Thomas, Mr Harriss, Ms Webb, Mrs Hiscutt

## Bill Pro forma (Pursuant to Standing Order 6)<sup>1</sup>

- 23 Partition Amendment Bill 2024 (Bill No. 2)
  - Mover:Mrs HiscuttDate:Introduced on 14 May 2024Status:Read a First time

C.L. VICKERS, Clerk of the Council

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standing Order 6 provides that a *Pro forma* Bill is to be introduced at the start of each new Parliament. The introduction of such a Bill is a symbolic gesture in some Parliaments with a Westminster system and signifies Parliament's independence from the direction of the Crown. The Bill does not progress past the First reading.

## **Awaiting Government Response**

## **Questions on Notice**

## 24 Implementation of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan

| Asked by: | Ms Webb                  |
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| То:       | Leader of the Government |
| Date:     | 11 March 2025            |

## Question:

In relation to the implementation of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan released in May 2023, can the Government please:

- (1) Clarify which Minister has single point accountability for delivery of the Salmon Plan? Or if multiple ministers are involved, then which Minister has responsibility for each line item of the Plan?
- (2) Provide a detailed progress report on the implementation of the Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan, including whether the Near-term Priority Actions, which are set out in the Implementation Plan, will be completed as scheduled by May 2025?
- (3) Confirm that no Community Engagement Forums have been held, despite the Implementation Plan detailing their role, on page 8, that 'These forums will ensure there is at least one engagement opportunity annually for communities in northern, southern and western Tasmania', and
  - (a) Explain when and where will these community forums be held, and
  - (b) Advise how community concerns and priorities will be sought for inclusion in the next stages of the Plan?
- (4) Detail how many meetings of the Salmon Industry Working Group have been held since the Industry Plan came into effect?
- (5) Detail the status of the new Salmon Plan website described on page 9 of the Implementation Plan 'that will provide a gateway to the Plan and all related activities, including summary annual update reports on work undertaken on each of the strategic pathways and the activities of the SIWG and CEFs'? Further, what improvements have been made to the Salmon Portal, and has the review of similar information systems overseas been undertaken?
- (6) Detail whether there has been any change in the listed medium-term priorities, and explain how community priorities will be addressed?

## 26 Implementation of recommendations of the State of the Environment Report 2024

Asked by: Ms O'Connor

To: Leader of the Government

Date: 11 March 2025

Question:

(1) Is the Government committed to implementing the recommendations of the State of the Environment Report 2024, and

(2) If so, can the Government outline the response plan, with detail of timelines and resources, for implementing the Report's recommendations?

## 27 Sale or Repurposing of the Treasury Buildings

| Asked by: | Ms O'Connor              |
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| То:       | Leader of the Government |
| Date:     | 11 March 2025            |

Question:

In relation to the announced sale or repurposing of the Treasury buildings:

- (1) Is it still the intention of the Government to sell the Treasury building complex?
- (2) How many expressions of interest in the complex have been received?
- (3) Has the Government received Valuer General's advice on the potential value of the Treasury complex and public buildings?
- (4) What standards and measures will be utilised to assess the expressions of interest?
- (5) What departmental process underpins the sale or repurposing of the Treasury complex?
- (6) Will there be any public consultation on the sale or repurposing of the Treasury complex?
- (7) Will Cabinet approval be required to sell or transfer the ownership of the Treasury buildings?
- (8) When is there likely to be any public announcement about the future of this significant heritage and public asset?

## 28 Payment of Government Members' Private Legal Fees

| Asked by: | Ms O'Connor              |
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| То:       | Leader of the Government |
| Date:     | 11 March 2025            |

Question:

With regard to payments made by the Government towards private legal fees of its Members, and using the same format by which previous data was provided to Legislative Council Estimates Committee B in September 2024, setting out the dates payments were made, the amount of each payment and whether the payment related to a Minister or other Member of the Government — how much has the Government paid in private legal fees relating to Ministers or Members of Government between 2 August 2024 and 1 March 2025?

29 Tatarka Review into Legal Assistance for State Servants in the Course of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings

| Asked by: | Ms Webb                  |
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| То:       | Leader of the Government |
| Date:     | 13 March 2025            |

## Question:

In relation to the Independent Review undertaken by Mr Sam Tatarka OAM into legal assistance provided to state servants in the course of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, can the Government:

- (1) Confirm whether the Independent Reviewer completed the review and provided the final report to the government by December 2024 as the Attorney-General indicated was the anticipated timeframe in a statement to the Parliament on the 27 November 2024,
- (2) If the independent Review continued beyond December 2024, confirm whether it is still underway and if not, when it was completed and whether the final report has been received by Government and if so when, and
- (3) Detail when the review and any recommendations will be made public?

## **30** University of Tasmania Borrowing Approvals

| Asked by: | Ms Webb                  |
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| То:       | Leader of the Government |
| Date:     | 10 April 2025            |

## Question:

In relation to the request made by the Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into the University of Tasmania (UTAS) Financial Position, to the Treasurer, the Hon Guy Barnett MP, to "provide a full reconciliation between the terms and conditions of UTAS' \$350 million Green Bond borrowing" and the two borrowing approvals issued by the then-Treasurer Peter Gutwein, upon which UTAS relied for that borrowing, and the subsequent response by the Treasurer that UTAS' "current Bond Program is consistent with the approvals issued in March 2021"; can the Government:

- (1) Confirm there was only one Treasury issued borrowing approval in March 2021 which was for \$200 million, not the \$350 million or \$400 million claimed to be the borrowing limit of UTAS,
- (2) Explain why Treasurer Barnett failed to detail in his response to PAC the November 2019 UTAS' borrowing approval for \$200 million issued in November 2019, on which UTAS must also have had reliance for the Green Bond borrowing,
- (3) Confirm an assertion of compliance or consistency, on the part of the Treasurer, is not the same as demonstrating compliance, and
- (4) Provide "a full reconciliation between the terms and conditions of UTAS' \$350 million Green Bond borrowing" and the terms and conditions of UTAS' two borrowing approvals, issued in November 2019 and March 2021, for \$200 million each?

## 31 Actions in response to Climate Change

Asked by:Ms O'ConnorTo:Leader of the GovernmentDate:10 April 2025

Question:

- (1) The new Minister for the Environment has been in place for almost six months now, but hasn't met with the Climate Change Reference Group. When does the Minister plan to meet with the Group?
- (2) When will the new Climate Change Action Plan, scheduled for this year, be delivered?
- (3) Why haven't single-use plastics been phased out by 2025, as committed in the Climate Change Action Plan?
- (4) Has your target of reducing the volume of organic waste being sent to landfill by 25% by 2025 been achieved?
- (5) What were the results of the evaluation of the Tourism Emissions Reduction Grant Program, committed to in the Climate Change Activity Statement in 2024?
- (6) Given the ongoing cost of living and climate crises, will you continue to fund half-price public transport in the next financial year?
- (7) Hydrogen electric buses were meant to be deployed in early 2025. What progress has been made, and when will these buses be deployed?
- (8) What progress has been made on the whole-of-government policy framework to embed climate change consideration into government decision making and when will it be released to the public?

## 32 Bass Highway Upgrades

Asked by: Ms Forrest

To:Minister for InfrastructureDate:10 April 2025

## Question:

With regard to the Bass Highway – Wynyard to Marrawah upgrade:

- (1) Has a start date for the upgrade to the very dangerous section between Smithton and Marrawah, where frequent near misses occur, been determined,
  - (a) If so, when will works commence, and
  - (b) if not, when will a decision be made to commence?
- (2) Can the Government provide a breakdown of the costs to date per section of works for each section upgrade and the date when these were completed?
- (3) (a) Has any of the funding allocated to this project been reallocated to other road upgrade/emergency works, and
  - (b) if so, when, how much and for what purpose were funds re-allocated?
- (4) Can the Government
  - (a) provide a breakdown of the total funding allocated for these works by source, and
  - (b) indicate how much of this funding is unspent?

# **33** Coronial Project inquiry investigating the deaths of individuals from whom autopsy samples were contained in the Museum of Pathology collection

Asked by: Ms Webb To: Leader of the Government Date: 10 April 2025

## Question:

In relation to the Coronial Project currently underway into the autopsy specimens retained by the R. A. Radda Museum of Pathology at the University of Tasmania, and noting the independence of the Coroner's Office as established under the *Coroners Act 1995* to report, investigate and hold inquests into deaths, fire and explosions, can the government please:

- (1) Clarify the scope of the Current Coronial Project inquiry including whether the Project is investigating the deaths of those individuals from whom the autopsy samples were contained in the Museum of Pathology collection, or the autopsies of those individuals, and any other matters regarding the circumstances surrounding the Museum of Pathology's collection,
- (2) Confirm whether there has been any request for additional resourcing, or any other form of assistance, from the Coroner's Office to assist with matters associated with the Coronial Project including community consultation, and if so please detail the request and any government response provided,
- (3) Clarify whether, on the conclusion of the Coronial Project, family members who wish to do so will be consulted on the eventual disposal or repatriation of their family member's remains? and
- (4) Detail whether the government has received updates from the Coroner's Office on the progress of the Coronial Project, including but not limited to, the expected completion date.

| Petition <sup>1</sup>                                    | Member      | Date Tabled      | Response Due   |
|--|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Salmon Farms off Yellow Bluff                            | Ms O'Connor | 26 November 2024 | 27 May 2025    |
| Greyhound Racing in Tasmania                             | Ms O'Connor | 10 April 2025    | 22 August 2025 |
|  |             |                  |                |
| Government Administration Committee Reports <sup>2</sup> |             | Date Tabled      | Response Due   |
| Inquiry into Homes Tasmania                              |             | 12 March 2025    | 12 June 2025   |
| (Government Administration Committee B)                  |             |                  |                |
| Inquiry into Tasmanian Adult Imprisonment and Youth      |             | 1 April 2025     | 1 July 2025    |
| Detention Matters  |             |                  |                |
| (Covernment Administration Committee R)                  |             |                  |                |

(Government Administration Committee B)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standing Order 44(8) provides that the Leader of the Government table the Government's response to a petition within 15 sitting days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sessional Order 5(28) provides that the Leader of the Government or the Minister (if a Member of the Council) shall provide the Government's response to a Government Administration Committee's Report within three months of the Report being tabled.

## **Summary of Bills**

## **Read First Time**

| No. 2 of 2024<br>No. 27 of 2024<br>No. 31 of 2024 | Partition Amendment Bill <i>(pro forma)</i><br>Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill<br>University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill |
|---|---|
| No. 42 of 2024                                    | Defamation Amendment Bill   |
| No. 43 of 2024                                    | Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment) Bill  |
| No. 54 of 2024                                    | Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill   |
| No. 7   | Police Offences Amendment Bill  |
| No. 9   | Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill   |
| No. 10  | Justice Miscellaneous (Reporting Procedures) Bill   |
| No. 12  | Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Sensitive Disclosures) Bill  |
| No. 14  | Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill   |
| No. 15  | Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Bill 2025   |
| No. 17  | Superannuation Liability (GST Windfall Fund) Bill   |
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## Second Reading Adjourned

| No. 25 of 2024 | Electoral Amendment Bill                        |
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| No. 35 of 2024 | Expungement of Historic Offences Amendment Bill |

## Second Reading Negatived

No. 53 of 2024 Land Use Planning and Approvals (Development Assessment Panels) Bill

#### Awaiting Third Reading

No. 3 Police Offences Amendment (Knives and Other Weapons) Bill

#### Third Reading Negatived

No. 30 of 2024 Sentencing Amendment (Presumption of Mandatory Sentencing) Bill

## Agreed to by Both Houses

| No. 3 of 2024  | Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24) Bill                 | Act No. 1 of 2024  |
|----------------|--|--------------------|
| No. 4 of 2024  | Supply (No. 1) Bill  | Act No. 2 of 2024  |
| No. 5 of 2024  | Supply (No. 2) Bill  | Act No. 3 of 2024  |
| No. 7 of 2024  | Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order) Bill                                  | Act No. 8 of 2024  |
| No. 8 of 2024  | State Litigator (Consequential Amendments) Bill                                      | Act No. 7 of 2024  |
| No. 10 of 2024 | Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill   | Act No. 16 of 2024 |
| No. 11 of 2024 | Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill                      | Act No. 14 of 2024 |
| No. 12 of 2024 | Surveyors Amendment Bill   | Act No. 4 of 2024  |
| No. 13 of 2024 | Taxation Legislation (Affordable Housing and Employment Support) Bill                | Act No. 5 of 2024  |
| No. 14 of 2024 | Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Bill                                      | Act No. 6 of 2024  |
| No. 16 of 2024 | Police Offences Amendment (Begging Repeal) Bill                                      | Act No. 10 of 2024 |
| No. 17 of 2024 | Industrial Hemp Amendment Bill   | Act No. 22 of 2024 |
| No. 18 of 2024 | Human Tissue Amendment Bill  | Act No. 11 of 2024 |
| No. 19 of 2024 | Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)                           | Act No. 27 of 2024 |
| No. 20 of 2024 | Forestry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill   | Act No. 19 of 2024 |
| No. 21 of 2024 | Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation<br>Amendment Bill     | Act No. 12 of 2024 |
| No. 22 of 2024 | Taxation Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill                                 | Act No. 9 of 2024  |
| No. 23 of 2024 | Sentencing Amendment (Presumptive Sentencing for Assaults on Frontline Workers) Bill | Act No. 29 of 2024 |
| No. 24 of 2024 | Work Health and Safety Amendment (Safer Workplaces) Bill                             | Act No. 15 of 2024 |
| No. 26 of 2024 | Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry) Bill                                   | Act No. 17 of 2024 |
| No. 28 of 2024 | Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Bill                             | Act No. 18 of 2024 |
| No. 29 of 2024 | Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding Bill                                   | Act No. 21 of 2024 |

| No. 32 of 2024 | Historic Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill                                     | Act No. 25 of 2024 |
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| No. 33 of 2024 | Farm Debt Mediation Bill  | Act No. 20 of 2024 |
| No. 34 of 2024 | Tasmanian Development Amendment Bill  | Act No. 13 of 2024 |
| No. 36 of 2024 | Justice Miscellaneous (Administrative Review Tribunal) Bill                   | Act No. 8 of 2025  |
| No. 37 of 2024 | Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill  | Act No. 26 of 2024 |
| No. 38 of 2024 | Family Violence Amendment (Protecting People and Their Pets) Bill             | Act No. 30 of 2024 |
| No. 39 of 2024 | Appropriation (No.1) Bill   | Act No. 23 of 2024 |
| No. 40 of 2024 | Appropriation (No.2) Bill   | Act No. 24 of 2024 |
| No. 41 of 2024 | Judicial Commissions Bill   | Act No. 28 of 2024 |
| No. 46 of 2024 | Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Additional Jurisdictions) Bill   | Act No. 7 of 2025  |
| No. 47 of 2024 | Public Health Amendment (Vaping) Bill   | Act No. 2 of 2025  |
| No. 48 of 2024 | Health Miscellaneous Bill   | Act No. 3 of 2025  |
| No. 49 of 2024 | Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Supporting Development) Bill       | Act No. 31 of 2024 |
| No. 51 of 2024 | Family Violence Amendment Bill  | Act No. 5 of 2025  |
| No. 52 of 2024 | Land Use Planning and Approvals (Stony Rise Development Approval) Bill        | Act No. 32 of 2024 |
| No. 55 of 2024 | Electoral Disclosure and Funding (Donation Disclosure) Amendment Bill         | Act No. 1 of 2025  |
| No. 1          | Appropriation (Supplementary Appropriation for 2024-25) Bill                  | Act No. 4 of 2025  |
| No. 4          | Electoral Amendment (Alternative Voting Procedures) Bill                      | Act No. 9 of 2025  |
| No. 8          | Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding (Transitional and Consequential | Act No. 6 of 2025  |
|                | Provisions) Bill  |                    |
|                |   |                    |

## **Current Committees and Membership**

## **Standing Committees**

**Committee of Privileges:** Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray Standing Orders Committee: Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest (The Chair of Committees), Ms Armitage and Ms Rattray Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint)<sup>1</sup>: Mr Harriss and Ms Rattray Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Mr Harriss and Ms Rattray Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Ms Forrest and Ms Thomas Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms Armitage and Ms O'Connor Parliamentary Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (Joint): Mr Gaffney, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas Sessional Committees House Committee (Joint): Mr Farrell (The President) and Ms Forrest Library Committee (Joint): Ms Armitage, Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray Final Report of Commission of Inquiry (Joint): Ms Forrest, Ms Lovell and Ms O'Connor Workplace Cultural Oversight (Joint): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest and Ms Lovell Gender and Equality (Joint): Ms Forrest, Mr Harris and Ms Thomas Government Administration A: Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas Government Administration B: Ms Armitage, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray Select Committee Energy Prices (Joint): Ms Forrest, Mr Harris and Ms Lovell

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joint Committees are made up of Members from both Houses. For House of Assembly Members of these Committees please see the House of Assembly Notice Paper.

## Dates of Meetings of the Legislative Council

The following are the Council's proposed sitting dates for 2025. These dates are indicative only and subject to change.

| March     | 11, 12, 13                               |
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| April     | 1, 2, 3, 4 (QC), 8, 9, 10                |
| Мау       | 9 (QC), 27, 28, 29                       |
| June      | 3, 4, 5                                  |
| July      | 1, 2, 3                                  |
| August    | 19, 20, 21, 22 (QC), 26, 27, 28, 29 (QC) |
| September | 16, 17, 18, 19 (QC), 23, 24, 25, 26 (QC) |
| October   | 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30, 31 (QC)          |
| November  | 4, 5, 6, 21 (QC), 25, 26, 27             |

The sitting schedule is available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0024/87261/Sitting-Schedule-LC-2025.pdf.

## Meetings of the Legislative Council (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

| 11.00 am | Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers                                 |
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|          | Presentation of Petitions  |
|          | Notices of Questions   |
|          | Notices of Motions   |
|          | Answers to Questions on Notice   |
|          | Tabling of Papers  |
|          | Messages   |
|          | Special Interest Matters [Tuesdays only]                               |
|          | Motions and Orders of the Day [Government Business takes precedence on |
|          | Wednesdays and Thursdays]  |
| 1.00 pm  | Break  |
| 2.30 pm  | Question Time  |
| 3.00 pm  | Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day                            |
| 4.00 pm  | Break [Tuesdays and Wednesdays only]                                   |
| 4.30 pm  | Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day                            |
|          | Adjournment  |

## **Quorum Calls of the Legislative Council (Fridays)**

When the Legislative Council sits on a Friday it is called a Quorum Call. This sitting is primarily for the purpose of receiving Messages from the House of Assembly, and the Council does not conduct any substantive business.

9.30 am Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Adjournment

## Standing and Sessional Orders of the Legislative Council

The work of the Legislative Council is governed by its Standing and Sessional Orders, as agreed by the Council. The Council's Standing Orders are available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/legislative-council/lcstandingorders