



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2021

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2021

- 1 **COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 **PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 **DELIVERY RIDERS FOR FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES IN TASMANIA.**
— Ms *Webb* asked the Honourable the Leader of Government, — With regard to delivery riders for food delivery services in Tasmania:
 - (1) (a) What actions are being taken by the Government to assess issues that affect the safety and working conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania; and
(b) what actions are being taken to address these issues?
 - (2) Which findings and recommendations of the New South Wales Joint Taskforce on Food Delivery Safety does the Government consider to be relevant to the conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania?
 - (3) Which findings and recommendations of the report into On-demand Platform Work in Australia by the Senate Select Committee on Job Security does the Government consider to be relevant to the safety and working conditions of food delivery riders in Tasmania?

The Leader answered,

- (1) Our Government remains committed to making sure the health and safety of Tasmanian workers is protected.

This is a complex area, with issues relating to work health and safety, workers compensation and motor accidents compensation.

Tasmania’s work health and safety legislation is harmonised with the model work health and safety laws. It is risk-based legislation where businesses and undertakings (businesses) are required to assess the risks based on their environment and control the risks, so far as reasonably practicable, in their context.

Our Government is a member of and actively participates in Safe Work Australia’s research and education. Safe Work Australia has produced guidance material to assist delivery riders in staying safe at work.

- (2) The context of the industry in Tasmania is different to that in NSW.

Where practicable, we will consider adopting any new initiatives that can improve the ongoing safety of workers in this sector.

- (3) The first interim report: on-demand platform work in Australia of the Senate Select Committee on Job Security was released in June 2021. I note that public hearings are ongoing and the Select Committee is still accepting submissions. The Committee is due to report by 30 November 2021.

The first interim report made 15 recommendations.

Recommendations three and four are actions the interim report has assigned to Safe Work Australia. They relate to data collection and the development of high-level guidance. Tasmania will participate in the consideration of these recommendations as a member of a Safe Work Australia.

Recommendations five and six are assigned to the Australian Government. They relate to the introduction of, or amendment of, the model work health and safety regulations, and the reform of state-based workers compensation schemes in relation to platform workers.

There are other recommendations that relate to working conditions under the Fair Work Act (which is an Australian Government responsibility).

The Government will consider the Committee's final report when it is released.

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

- (1) Report of the Auditor-General: No 1 of 2021-22. COVID-19 Support Measures – Community Support. 31 August 2021.
- (2) Independent Review of the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008. Final Report. June 2021.
- (3) Right to Information: Annual Report on the administration of the Right to Information Act 2009 for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.
- (4) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 26, containing Vehicle and Traffic (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2021.
- (5) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 27, containing Vehicle and Traffic (Review of Decisions) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (6) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 28, containing Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (7) Traffic Act 1925: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 29, containing Traffic (Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (8) Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 30, containing Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (9) Traffic Act 1925: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 31, containing Road Amendment Rules 2021.
- (10) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 42, containing Vehicle and Traffic (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (11) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 43, containing Vehicle and Traffic (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021.
- (12) Collections for Charities Act 2001: Statutory Rules 2021, No. 65, containing Collections for Charities Regulations 2021.

6 REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— Ms *Forrest* presented a Report of the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts - “Review of The Tasmanian Government Fiscal Sustainability Report 2021”.

Ordered, That the Report be received. (Ms *Forrest*)

Ordered, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)

7 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of five Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —

- (1) Ms *Forrest* - Walking Wynyard project;
- (2) Ms *Armitage* - Launceston Airport;
- (3) Mr *Gaffney* - Proposed Leith Overpass;
- (4) Mr *Valentine* - Honorary degree bestowed upon businessman and philanthropist, Bruce Neill; and
- (5) Ms *Ratray* - Presbyterian Women’s Association Anniversary.

At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

8 BUDGET PAPERS 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATION BILLS (NO.1 AND NO.2) 2021: TAKE NOTE.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Budget Papers and the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2021 be noted.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

9 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

10 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were two Questions asked.

11 BUDGET PAPERS 2021-22 AND APPROPRIATION BILLS (NO.1 AND NO.2) 2021: TAKE NOTE.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Budget Papers and the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2021 be noted.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT.— *Ordered*, That the Council at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday 1 September 2021. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

A motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That Mr *Gaffney*, have leave to Table papers relating to Susan Neill-Fraser appeal collated by Barbara Etter APM and Hugh Selby as set out in email to Members of the Legislative Council dated 25 August 2021.

And the Question being put, That the Council do now adjourn.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 5.44 o'clock p.m.

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