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- 91** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that 6 June 2019, was the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in 1944.
 - (2) Notes that these landings, the greatest seaborne invasion in history, represented the beginning of the end for Hitler's totalitarian empire and the start of the liberation of occupied Europe.
 - (3) Further notes that more than 5,000 ships and 160,000 men participated in the landings on 6 June with more than 9,500 aircraft supporting the action.
 - (4) Honours the memory of the 4,414 Allied personnel, including 14 Australians, who gave their lives on D-Day.
 - (5) Remembers Tasmania's own Lieutenant Kenneth Hudspeth, who was recognised with a Distinguished Service Cross for conducting beach reconnaissance missions on enemy shores.
 - (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to reflect on the sacrifice and bravery of thousands of individuals, like Mr Hudspeth, 75 years on from D-Day. (12 June 2019)
- 92** The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that two highly significant sketches of Tasmanian Aboriginal men have recently been unveiled at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts in Hobart.
 - (2) Notes that the extremely rare portraits are of immense cultural significance to Tasmania, and have led to considerable local and national interest.
 - (3) Further notes that the drawings by artist Nicholas-Martin Petit are some of the most sensitive and important depictions of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the late 1700s.
 - (4) Further notes that these extraordinary sketches, purchased at auction by Libraries Tasmania through the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts Bequest Fund, reveal unique insights into Tasmanian Aboriginal culture prior to the arrival of Europeans. (12 June 2019)
- 93** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises the delivery of counselling is critical to assisting survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
 - (2) Notes the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse that the national Redress Scheme provide for national service standards for the delivery of counselling.
 - (3) Further notes that such standards have been adopted by jurisdictions delivering counselling under the National Redress Scheme.
 - (4) Welcomes the Hodgman Liberal Government's announcement of the establishment of a register of providers capable of meeting such standards.
 - (5) Acknowledges that the Government's action has been welcomed by survivor groups. (12 June 2019)
- 94** The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting survivors of abuse.
- (2) Further notes that whilst we can never undo the suffering, Tasmania's involvement in the Scheme acknowledges the wrong that was done and significantly allows institutions to take responsibility for the harm caused to those in their care.
- (3) Recognises the difficulty that vulnerable persons can face in the justice system.
- (4) Further recognises that witness intermediaries can assist such persons in their interactions with the justice system.
- (5) Further notes the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute (TLRI) that an intermediary scheme be established.
- (6) Welcomes the Government's establishment of a witness intermediary scheme pilot project for Tasmania.
- (7) Further recognises this reform will enhance access to justice for vulnerable persons and boost efficiency of the court process. (12 June 2019)

95 The Minister for the Environment to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government will implement a Container Refund Scheme (CRS) as part of its commitment to protect Tasmania's unique natural environment, provide opportunities to community groups and local businesses, and help to maintain the Tasmanian brand.
- (2) Further notes that drink containers currently account for around 41 per cent of litter by volume in Tasmania, and we know that one of the most effective ways to change littering behaviours is to introduce a container refund scheme as has been seen in other Australian jurisdictions.
- (3) Acknowledges that the majority of Australian states and territories have successfully implemented a CRS.
- (4) Further notes that the CRS will encourage positive, incentivised recycling and re-use behaviours, that will help reach our target of becoming the tidiest state by 2023.
- (5) Further notes that work will now commence on a detailed model and draft legislation, including consultation with the community, businesses and industry, with the CRS expected to be implemented by 2022. (12 June 2019)

96 The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the three-year memorandum of understanding between TasTAFE and the Department of Justice to establish a new campus at the Risdon Prison Complex (RPC).
- (2) Notes that TasTAFE teachers will be based at the RPC campus, delivering a range of courses catering for a variety of sentence lengths including full qualifications, short courses and industry-focused qualifications and skill sets.
- (3) Recognises the importance of prisoner education and learning to help reduce the risk of future re-offending.
- (4) Further notes the transition at the RPC to these new arrangements with TasTAFE will start in July 2019. (12 June 2019)

97 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Has no confidence in the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP.
- (2) Notes that Tasmania's health system has been underfunded by around \$100 million per year, as identified by 2017 RDME Consulting report titled 'An Analysis of Health Funding for the Tasmanian Health Service'.
- (3) Further notes comments from the Liberal Member for Clark, Hon. Sue Hickey MP on 12 June 2019 that Mr Ferguson "should consider his position."
- (4) Further notes Ms Hickey's comment: "He's lost the faith of the doctors. He's lost the faith of the nurses. There's not a lot of faith in the Parliament. He just stands up every day and says thanks for this report... He can't keep glossing over this. This is a serious issue. And it probably just needs fresh blood."
- (5) Acknowledges correspondence from the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) registrars, Ambulance Tasmania paramedics, the AMA and the ANMF all describe unacceptable and dangerous conditions for patients and employees in the health system.

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- (6) Highlights the Minister's deliberately misleading statements regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health facilities at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital (LGH).
- (7) Further notes that in the five years he has been Minister for Health, the State of Tasmania's health system has gotten worse and he is unfit to continue in the role.
- (8) Further notes the Report of the Auditor-General No. 11 of 2018-2019, Performance of Tasmania's four major hospitals in the delivery of the Emergency Department services.
- (9) Further highlights with concern an increase in ambulances ramped for greater than 30 minutes since 2012-2013 of 239%, despite an increase in overall ambulance presentations of only 20% over the same period.
- (10) Further highlights with concern a significant downward trend in patients with a length of stay of less than four hours in the emergency department at all four major hospitals in Tasmania, noting that there is a wide body of research indicating that Emergency Department stays of greater than 4 hours are linked to higher rates of adverse events.
- (11) Further notes that the rate of emergency department adverse events has increased across all four major hospitals by around 60% during the period that he has been Minister for Health, and that adverse events are defined as an event or circumstance that could have, or did lead to, unintended or unexpected harm, loss or damage to any person receiving care or services from health services, and can include avoidable deaths.
- (12) Points out with concern that mental health patients are languishing for more than seven days in the emergency departments and that while they are waiting for a bed they psychologically deteriorate, self-harm and attempt suicide.
- (13) Reminds members that the Minister delayed the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment by a year, and has now confirmed a further delay to completion of Stage 1 of the redevelopment.
- (14) Further notes the minister continues to deny women access to legal reproductive health services in the public health system.
- (15) Further notes that this House has voted to establish health roundtables with key stakeholders and all sides of politics to examine solutions to the health crisis, and that the Minister for Health has done nothing to progress those cross-party efforts and has deliberately ignored the will of this House.
- (16) Further reminds members that ministerial responsibility is a fundamental tenet of Westminster democracy that means ministers must take ultimate responsibility for failures in their portfolios.
- (17) Further notes that the minister has demonstrated through his lack of action a complete disregard for the health of Tasmanians and for the wellbeing of his health workforce, and that Tasmanians should not be expected to suffer the consequences of his incompetence any longer. (12 June 2019)

98 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Censures the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for his complete lack of urgency in responding to the housing and homelessness emergency.
- (2) Notes the Liberal Government promised to build 900 new homes and has only delivered 316 homes in the past five years.
- (3) Recognises the public housing waitlist has grown to over 3000.
- (4) Further notes waiting times have tripled to average 56 weeks for priority applicants – including women escaping domestic violence.
- (5) Further notes children have been removed from their parents' care due to homelessness.
- (6) Calls on the Minister to direct additional funding to provide shelter for people this winter and work with the sector to implement urgent solutions within 30 days to support Tasmanians facing homelessness. (12 June 2019)

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- (2) Notes that winter is already upon us and it is estimated that approximately 1,600 people are sleeping rough in Tasmania.
- (3) Further notes the Liberal Government promised to build 900 new homes and has only delivered 316 homes in the past five years.
- (4) Recognises the public housing waitlist has grown to over 3,200.
- (5) Further notes waiting times have tripled to average 56 weeks for priority applicants – including women escaping domestic violence.
- (6) Further notes children have been removed from their parents' care due to homelessness.
- (7) Agrees that urgent action is required now to deal with the housing crisis. (13 June 2019)

100 Ms *White* to move—That the House refers the following matter to the Standing Committee of Privileges and Conduct — Whether the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP has misled the House with particular reference to the following:—

- (a) on 18 June 2019 the Minister amended a Motion titled "Short Stay Accommodation" to commit the Government to "the delivery of 900 new homes by the end of June 2019, with over half of that supply to be delivered in the greater Hobart region";
- (b) on 13 June 2019 the Minister claimed it was a "falsehood" that he had committed to the delivery of 900 new homes;
- (c) the Minister misled the Parliament on 18 June 2018 and is now trying to cover his tracks; and
- (d) the House agreed to amendments to the Motion on the basis of the commitments made by the Minister; (13 June 2019)

102 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Motor Neurone Disease (MND) affects over 420,000 people globally with over 140,000 people diagnosed with MND each year, which is 384 new cases every day.
- (2) Further notes that over 2,000 Australians are living with MND, including more than 40 Tasmanians, with MND Australia reporting more than 2 people per day die from MND.
- (3) Further notes that on the Queen's Birthday holiday "The Big Freeze 5 at the G" at the MCG, coordinated by FightMND, saw a variety of celebrities take on the freeze challenge for MND, which has so in 2019 raised over \$4.8 million and tens of millions since 2015.
- (4) Thanks Neale Daniher, football great and former Essendon and Melbourne player - as well as coach of Melbourne Football Club from 1998 to 2007 - for his courage in living with MND and supporting fundraising efforts for research and advocacy.
- (5) Recognises that, 21 June 2019, is MND Global Day, a global day of recognition for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and MND—a disease that affects every country on the globe.
- (6) Congratulates and thanks both MND Australia and MND Tasmania, who for over twenty two years, have proved an effective advocate, promoted optimal care and support options for those living with MND and tirelessly raised funds for research into the cause and, ultimately, cure for MND. (13 June 2019)

103 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the retirement of Rick Tipping, Executive Officer of the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) Tasmania and his dedication to the needs of low income Tasmanians for nearly two decades.
- (2) Notes that Mr Tipping was instrumental in establishing NILS Tasmania in 2002, with the organisation providing more than 20,000 no interest loans to Tasmanians in need over this time.
- (3) Further notes that through a partnership between Aurora Energy and NILS Tasmania, formed in 2015, more than 1,500 Tasmanians have received over \$1.8 million in

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subsidy funding to purchase energy efficient applications for their home through the Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program.

- (4) Acknowledges the Government's commitment of \$1 million over four years towards the NILS Tasmania Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program to expand the reach and impact of this invaluable program.
- (5) Further acknowledges the \$44.8 million in electricity concessions that provides much needed support to over 90,000 Tasmanians every year.
- (6) Welcomes John Hooper as the new Executive Officer of NILS Tasmania, and the partnership the Government, Aurora Energy and NILS Tasmania will continue to forge together to look after the needs of Tasmania's most vulnerable individuals and families. (13 June 2019)

104 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that an institution's involvement in the National Redress Scheme is an important step in acknowledging the wrongs that were done, as well as means to provide survivors access to a sense of justice.
- (2) Acknowledges the Government's commitment of \$70 million towards the State's involvement in the National Redress Scheme.
- (3) Welcomes the unanimous decision by all of Tasmania's local Councils to join the National Redress Scheme.
- (4) Urges all relevant institutions who have not yet done so to formally join the National Redress Scheme. (30 July 2019)

105 The Minister for Corrections to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the recent opening of the new \$620,000 Community Corrections facility at Devonport.
- (2) Further notes this is just one part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to providing enhanced case management services on the North-West Coast, with the new office creating an additional three full-time equivalent position.
- (3) Recognises the great work done by our dedicated community corrections staff, and the critical role they play in the rehabilitation of offenders. (30 July 2019)

106 The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges a major boost for the Tasmanian racing industry with the announcement of a lucrative new partnership deal between Tasracing and Ladbrokes.
- (2) Recognises that the partnership will open up new marketing opportunities for clubs across all codes, while also allowing Tasracing to broaden its promotion to the national market.
- (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment to ensuring Tasmania's racing industry continues to grow, with the economic benefits reaching far beyond the racecourse (30 July 2019)

107 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Mr Richard Connock has been reappointed to the position of Ombudsman for a further five years.
- (2) Congratulates Mr Connock who has served in this position, which incorporates the roles of Health Complaints Commissioner, Custodial Inspector, Principal Official Visitor and Co-ordinator of the Official Visitors Scheme, since 2015.
- (3) Further notes that this follows the Hodgman Liberal Government's increased funding of \$245,000 per year for the Office of the Ombudsman in the 2019/20 State Budget to support the Office of the Ombudsman's Right to Information work.
- (4) Recognises that this additional funding will enable the recruitment of a new Principal Officer and new Investigation and Review Officer to increase the capacity of the office in relation to Right to Information requests.
- (5) Further notes the Ombudsman in performing a wide range of functions and diversity of services, operates in an impartial and objective way to resolve complaints and improve the quality and standard of Tasmanian public administration. (30 July 2019)

108 The Minister for the Arts to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Acknowledges a new exhibition celebrating contemporary Tasmanian portraits by prominent and award winning Tasmanian artist, Geoff Dyer has opened at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG).
- (2) Recognises this exhibition, 'Geoff Dyer:Portraits', represents the first time the portraits have been publicly displayed in Tasmania, and the only time they have been exhibited as a group.
- (3) Notes the works depict a range of Tasmanians, including Alec Campbell (Gallipoli survivor), Richard Flanagan (author), David Walsh (founder of MONA), John Clark (former Director of the National Institute of Dramatic Arts) and Jim Everett (writer and poet) among others.
- (4) Further notes this exhibition will shine a new light on this lesser-known aspect of Geoff Dyer's art, while also providing a unique insights into the portrait process and the life of each person pictured. (30 July 2019)

109 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges 48 students from 22 schools took part in the week-long Youth Parliament 2019 held from 15-19 July.
- (2) Recognises the students were involved in debating and passing a number of 'Youth Bills', including the Connecting Tasmania Bill (public infrastructure), School Support Services Bill (education) and the Roadkill Reduction Bill (wildlife protection).
- (3) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government supported the 2019 Youth Parliament program with a \$13,750 grant through YMCA Hobart.
- (4) Further acknowledges the work of Tasmanian Parliament staff who provide considerable assistance with liaison and education staff, catering and the venue. (30 July 2019)

110 The Minister for Energy—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns the Greens and Dr Bob Brown on their hypocrisy, having previously actively campaigned for the shutdown of the entire Australian coal industry to be replaced with renewables, to now opposing renewable energy developments in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the public statements by the Greens and Dr Brown opposing the Robbins Island wind farm development, that if approved, would not only create hundreds of jobs on Tasmania's North West, but also have the potential to inject up to 1000 megawatts of renewable energy into the grid.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Robbins Island Wind Farm development, combined with other wind farms, the proposed Marinus second interconnector and pumped hydro developments, have the potential to inject up to \$5 billion into our State's economy and create thousands of jobs, particularly in regional Tasmania.
- (4) Further notes that the proposed wind farm at Robbins Island, like other developments of this size and type, is subject to rigorous development and environmental approvals, with the opportunity for public submissions. (30 July 2019)

111 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to helping Tasmanian farmers be as competitive as possible and our 'On-Farm Energy Audit and Capital Grant Program' has been an outstanding success.
- (2) Notes the \$750,000 'On-Farm Energy Audit and Capital Grant Program' was launched in 2018 and has already had 80 applications worth \$560,000 approved, with an additional 15 applications currently being assessed.
- (3) Further notes that an additional \$250,000 will be made available to the Program to specifically help dairy farmers achieve energy savings, and will be reopening soon.
- (4) Further acknowledges that the additional funding allows dairy farmers to engage a qualified professional to review their energy use, identify savings and then to implement recommended energy efficiency measures, including for capital costs.
- (5) Further notes our \$429 million per annum dairy industry supports thousands of jobs across hundreds of farms and growing the industry is a key part of the Hodgman Liberal Government's comprehensive AgriFood Plan to grow the annual value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.

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- (6) Commends the dairy industry, farmers and processors for their valuable contribution to primary industries in Tasmania. (30 July 2019)

112 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a passionate supporter of our farmers and agribusiness, and the vital role they play in building a stronger economy and creating jobs and vibrant rural communities.
- (2) Further notes that only the Hodgman Liberal Government has a target to grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion by 2050 backed-up by a comprehensive Sustainable AgriFood Plan that is delivering on that target.
- (3) Further notes that according to the latest data the value of Tasmania's agricultural production increased by more than nine per cent in 2017-18 to just over \$1.6 billion.
- (4) Recognises that \$100 million invested in the 2019 Budget is supporting farmers and agribusiness with initiatives ranging from irrigation development, industry development across all key agricultural sectors, research and innovation, the Rural Financial Counselling Service, Farm Business Mentoring, Blundstone Scholarships, the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and Rural Youth Tasmania leadership programs, the TFGA Living Next Door to a Farmer Campaign, Agrigrowth Liaison Officers and the FarmPoint website and helpline, agricultural education and skills plus many more.
- (5) Condemns any acts of environmental and animal activism to unfairly target, restrict, and invade on a farmer's legitimate rights and business.
- (6) Acknowledges and supports Tasmanian farmers who produce the food and fibre that our families, state and nation relies on. (30 July 2019)

114 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Federal Liberal Government's decision to fund couples counselling under the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children.
- (2) Further notes that experts in women's safety and advocates have advised the Government that this action was not recommended in the National Action Plan.
- (3) Further notes the Government was advised against the move as the "Specialised Family Violence Services" grant guidelines contained no specifications as to specialist domestic and family violence knowledge or expertise nor the need to employ domestic and family violence safety mechanisms.
- (4) Further notes the listed organisations eligible to apply for the grant are largely faith-based services delivering family relationship services and not specialist domestic and family violence services and there has been no consultation or transparency with the sector as to how these organisations were selected.
- (5) Further notes that no reference was made in the grant guidelines as to any requirement to meet the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions which were developed under the National Plan to ensure perpetrators are held to account through effective interventions that stop their violence.
- (6) Further notes that experts have advised that the risk of couples counselling is injury and death, and that any type of intervention in these settings should only be performed by specialist practitioners.
- (7) Recognises that *couples counselling is not safe for victims of domestic abuse*.
- (8) Calls on the Government to listen to survivors of domestic abuse and to the specialist services that support them, and to act in accordance with the evidence of interventions which are proven to be safe and effective in addressing domestic abuse including women's specialist services providing information, support, safety planning, referrals, court advocacy, case management, supported accommodation and counselling, as well as accredited men's behaviour change services, ensuring that these services are culturally safe and specific services for Aboriginal, CALD and LGBTIQ communities.
- (9) Further calls upon the Premier and the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Hon. Will Hodgman MP to immediately act to ensure that Federal funding in Tasmania is delivered according to the National Action Plan recommendations to qualified specialist services. (30 July 2019)

117 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Acknowledges pill testing is an evidence-based harm reduction measure supported by health professionals, including the professional association for Australian doctors and medical students and the Australian Medical Association (AMA).
- (2) Recognises pill testing trials interstate and overseas have resulted in a material reduction in harm to young people attending music festivals, and have provided educational resources otherwise little used by young people.
- (3) Further acknowledges trials in Europe and Australia showed pill testing services led to young people taking less drugs.
- (4) Notes the Tasmanian Police Commissioner, Mr Hine, has indicated he is “happy” to discuss Pill Testing with festival organisers.
- (5) Further recognises other former police commissioners have been vocal supporters of the importance of having pill testing at festivals to save lives.
- (6) Commends Pill Testing Australia for their science-based trials, demonstrations and education.
- (7) Calls on the Hodgman Liberal Government to implement a Pill Testing Trial in time for the coming summer’s festival season. (31 July 2019)

118 The Minister for Energy to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges a major milestone for Cattle Hill Wind Farm has been achieved with TasNetworks completing and energising the connection of the wind farm to the transmission network.
- (2) Notes that seven of the total 48 wind turbines have been installed at the site and that, once complete, the facility will produce enough clean energy to power approximately 63,500 Tasmanian homes.
- (3) Further notes that the project is a game changer for the Central Highlands region, currently employing approximately 150 people on site with up to 10 permanent jobs once the farm is completed.
- (4) Further acknowledges that the project proponent Goldwind Australia has proactively engaged local Tasmanian businesses with multi-million dollar contracts secured with Hazell Bros, Gradco, and Haywards.
- (5) Further acknowledges that it is projects like Cattle Hill Wind Farm that will assist in achieving our Tasmania First energy policy of reaching 100 per cent net self-sufficient in renewable energy, by 2022, if not ahead of time.
- (6) Further notes that this significant development helps underpin the importance of our Battery of the Nation Plan and Project Marinus which have the potential to inject billions into the Tasmanian economy and deliver thousands of local jobs. (31 July 2019)

119 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data released recently, confirms that, under the Hodgman Liberal Government, Tasmania is the strongest State in the nation for the annual growth of dwelling approvals.
- (2) Notes that the 2018-19 financial year saw 3,121 dwellings approved, which is the strongest growth of any state and 9.5 percent higher than approvals for 2017-18.
- (3) Acknowledges the recently published Housing Industry Association (HIA) Housing Scorecard, which has confirmed that, under the Hodgman Liberal Government, Tasmania has also seen the biggest improvement in the nation in terms of building conditions, and now sits second to Victoria in favourable residential building conditions.
- (4) Further notes the Scorecard and today's building approvals data both demonstrate that this Government's policies are encouraging more Tasmanians to build a home, are working.
- (5) Further notes that Tasmania was also the only jurisdiction to record growth in the value of building jobs for 2018/19, with more than \$1.7 billion approved across the year – over 11 percent higher than 2018.
- (6) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to creating the right conditions to support the sector and ensure these great outcomes continue well into the future. (31 July 2019)

120 The Minister for Planning to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Notes that the 2018 Housing Summit Communique was broadly endorsed by all participants.
- (2) Confirms a key action was to introduce enabling legislation into Parliament to fast track the required zoning changes for the identified government land and accelerate supply of affordable housing was agreed to by attendees.
- (3) Acknowledges that the 'Housing Land Supply Act' was passed by this House in 2018 unanimously and without amendment.
- (4) Further notes that the intent of the legislation is to fast track the rezoning process only and that any subsequent development would subject to any normal planning process.
- (5) Supports the re-zoning of government land for the purposes of increasing the supply of affordable homes for Tasmanians. (31 July 2019)

121 The Minister for Human Services to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Government's commitment to a comprehensive reform of child safety services to ensure children, young peoples and their carers get the help they need at the earliest opportunity.
- (2) Notes that this investment is aimed directly at supporting front line workers, improving the safety of children and young people, increasing appropriate support for families and intervening earlier with families in need.
- (3) Further notes that early data indicates that the 'Strong Families Safe Kids, Advice and Referral Line' is already seeing a reduction in overall notifications because it concentrates on providing more support to families at the beginning.
- (4) Further acknowledges that by giving families and carers the support they need earlier, children are less likely to be removed from their families. (31 July 2019)

122 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Homelessness Week is 5-11 August 2019, with the theme 'Housing ends homelessness'.
- (2) Congratulates the City of Hobart and Shelter Tasmania for supporting the National Launch of Homelessness Week in Hobart on Monday 5 August 2019, where people can come and learn about essential services to support our homeless community.
- (3) Recognises that the data from the 2016 census shows that the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Tasmania was 1,622; and young people aged 12 to 24 comprised one quarter of all Tasmanian people experiencing homelessness (25%).
- (4) Further notes that Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) in Tasmania provide immediate emergency accommodation (including shelters), supervised accommodation and placement support services for young people and transitional support services for people experiencing homelessness to (re)establish themselves in independent living. These services also provide information and advice, advocacy and financial supports.
- (5) Further notes that:—
 - (a) in 2017-18, an estimated 6,508 Tasmanians received support from an SHS; of these, 41% were alone, while 37% were parent(s) with children; and
 - (b) in 2017-18, the rate of unmet need (when a person at risk of or experiencing homelessness asks for assistance and it cannot be provided) for short-term or emergency accommodation was 28 per day (10,336 for the financial year); of these, 42% of unassisted requests were from people under 25 and 37% of unassisted requests involve parent(s) with children. (1 August 2019)

123 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the data from the 2016 census shows that the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Tasmania was 1,622.
- (2) Further recognises that Specialist Homeless Services (SHS) are stretched beyond capacity and are forced to turn away thousands of people requesting short-term or emergency accommodation.
- (3) Notes that the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP:—
 - (a) promised a workplan to detail the Government's emergency support for homelessness assistance on 14 June 2019;

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- (b) announced funding of \$5 million to address homelessness on 21 June 2019; and
 - (c) more than 6 weeks later, announced emergency accommodation support in Hobart on 30 July 2019 without releasing a workplan for delivering additional assistance.
- (4) Condemns the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP for:—
 - (a) his complete lack of urgency and transparency in responding to the homelessness emergency;
 - (b) failing to release a detailed workplan and timeframe; and
 - (c) failing to provide emergency accommodation in regional areas and additional SHS support services across Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Minister for Housing to urgently:—
 - (a) assess the current level of demand for SHS across Tasmania and the capacity of the sector to meet demand;
 - (b) fund additional emergency accommodation and support services for people living outside Greater Hobart;
 - (c) ensure the additional funding supports youths under 18;
 - (d) increase recurrent funding to SHS providers to provide ‘wrap around’ services; and
 - (e) release a workplan outlining the details of the \$5 million package, including deliverables, timeframe and budget allocation. (1 August 2019)

124 Ms *Butler* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that dangerous combustible cladding has been identified on 43 Tasmanian buildings.
- (2) Acknowledges that 42 out of 43 buildings were re-assessed and classified as being in a low-risk category according to the audit criteria.
- (3) Notes that in regards to the use of ACP there is no such thing as a low risk or high risk it is simply risk.
- (4) Further notes that the Minister for Building and Construction, Hon. Elise Archer MP has been aware of the significant risk combustible cladding represents to the public since 2014.
- (5) Further recognises that the Government's inaction has led to instability in the Tasmanian Building and Construction industry.
- (6) Call upon the Minister, in the interest of public safety to table the list of 43 buildings with combustible cladding as a matter of urgency.
- (7) Further notes the 2017 Senate inquiry into aluminium composite cladding and non-conforming building products recommended a ban on the use and importation of combustible cladding.
- (8) Further calls on the Tasmanian Government to implement a total ban on the importation, sale and use of Polyethylene core aluminium composite panels as a matter of urgency.
- (9) Further calls on the Tasmanian Government to undertake a program of product substitution and replacement of all Polyethylene core aluminium composite panels in Tasmania. (1 August 2019)

125 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the backflip from the Federal Labor Opposition which recently expressed support for a Morrison Government Bill that included minimum mandatory sentences of four years’ jail for crimes relating to child abuse.
- (2) Notes the Tasmanian Labor Party is out of step with its Federal Labor colleagues, with its ongoing opposition to minimum mandatory sentences for serious sexual offences against children.
- (3) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP to demonstrate leadership and show greater respect for the concerns of the community and victims of crime.
- (4) Supports the introduction of minimum mandatory sentences for serious sexual offences against children and assaults on frontline workers. (1 August 2019)

126 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Recognises the World Meteorological Organization recorded July 2019 as the hottest month ever recorded on the planet, and the heatwave that roasted Europe a one-in-a-thousand-year event made 100 times more likely by human-driven climate change.
- (2) Understands wildfires continue to devastate vast areas of Siberia, and the Greenland ice sheet is melting at a near record rate, reflecting the human-induced global heating that is rapidly accelerating.
- (3) Acknowledges with concern the bushfires that ravaged 3% of the State last summer, and which are expected to increase unless we reverse atmospheric overheating.
- (4) Further acknowledges with compassion that parts of rural eastern Australia suffer terrible drought, with ten major town such as Tamworth, Dubbo and Armidale at high risk of running out of water within six months if it doesn't rain.
- (5) Applauds the leadership of the Darwin City Council, which followed the lead of Hobart City Council and hundreds of other jurisdictions worldwide, and declared its community is living in a climate emergency.
- (6) Calls on the Liberal and Labor Parties to declare we are living in a climate emergency, and respond accordingly. (6 August 2019)

127 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises there has been a worldwide collapse in recycling waste, as an increasing number of countries continue to follow China's effective ban on importing most rubbish.
- (2) Agrees that avoiding recyclable material ending up in landfill, and maintaining consumer confidence in the recycling system, are essential.
- (3) Understands that SKM Recycling, which has kerbside recycling collection contracts with five southern councils, has been declared insolvent and will cease trading.
- (4) Acknowledges all Tasmanian councils face increasingly precarious off-island recycling conditions, with greater risk of recycling going to landfill.
- (5) Further agrees Tasmania needs to develop a local recyclables processing industry to provide jobs and enable us to embrace the circular economy.
- (6) Calls on the Government to immediately bring on a State waste levy that would provide the finance for an on-island recycling industry. (6 August 2019)

128 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania has an historic Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) debt with a current balance of \$157,600,258.
- (2) Further notes Tasmanian Labor has repeatedly called on the Commonwealth Government to relieve the debt, which would free up approximately \$15 million a year for quarantined investment in more housing stock and housing maintenance.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmanian cross-bench Senator Hon. Jacqui Lambie reportedly secured agreement with the Federal Government to forgive Tasmania's social housing debt in return for her support of the Federal Government's tax package.
- (4) Further notes that Federal Minister for Finance, Hon. Mathias Cormann MP indicated the demand would be "considered on its merits" and take six to eight weeks to deliver.
- (5) Condemns Tasmanian senior Senator Hon. Eric Abetz for his comments that waiving Tasmania's State housing debt would "encourage bad behaviour".
- (6) Further notes that on 20 June 2019 the Federal Minister for Housing, Hon. Michael Sukkar MP attended a Homelessness Crisis Forum, and on 5 August 2019 Federal Assistant Minister for Housing, Hon. Luke Howarth attended the national launch of Homelessness Week in Hobart but both failed to offer any assistance to relieve Tasmania's crisis in housing and homelessness.
- (7) Calls on the Hodgman Liberal Government to provide details on the deal that has been struck with the Morrison Government regarding the Commonwealth housing debt. (6 August 2019)

129 Ms *Standen* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Calls on the Minister for Housing, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP to advise the House at the end of financial year 2018-19:—
 - (a) the number of properties of housing stock owned and managed by the Director of Housing; and

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- (b) the number of properties of Community managed housing stock owned by the Director of Housing available for accommodation (dwellings ready to live in).
- (2) Further calls on the Minister to advise:—
 - (a) how many properties from the social housing portfolio (public and community housing) have been:—
 - (i) sold;
 - (ii) repurposed;
 - (iii) de-commissioned; and
 - (iv) otherwise lost to social rental housing supply;
 - (b) how much additional new stock for the purpose of social housing has been delivered in 2018-19 financial year; and
 - (c) how much additional new stock for the purposes of social housing is anticipated to be delivered in the 2019-20 financial year. (6 August 2019)

131 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that poker machine addiction leads to poverty, child neglect, social disadvantage, family violence, mental ill health and, in some tragic circumstances, suicide.
- (2) Notes that poker machines are installed in more socio-economically disadvantaged communities around Tasmania intentionally, leeching money from those who can least afford it.
- (3) Acknowledges with deep dismay that the Liberals' gambling policy will lock poker machines into those communities until 2043.
- (4) Understands the Tasmanian Parliament is a finely balanced sovereign entity.
- (5) Calls on the Labor Party to:—
 - (a) renounce their betrayal of the thousands of Tasmanians who voted for them on the basis of the pokies policy; and
 - (b) recommit to their election policy of removing poker machines from pubs and clubs. (6 August 2019)

132 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania has the weakest electoral donation laws in the country.
- (2) Further notes that the current laws are not good enough and must change immediately.
- (3) Acknowledges the Hodgman Government's review into the Electoral Act has been underway for longer than a year, and no timeline has been announced for tabling much needed donation reform.
- (4) Supports lowering of the disclosure threshold from the current \$13,500 to \$1,000, meaning political parties would have to disclose any donation it receives.
- (5) Further supports applying the same disclosure threshold to candidates for lower house elections who currently don't have to disclose any donations at all.
- (6) Further supports requiring donations to be disclosed within 14 days.
- (7) Further supports setting spending limits for political parties and individual candidates.
- (8) Calls on the Hodgman Government to announce the recommendations from its Electoral Act review and commit to urgently introducing legislation into State Parliament that gives effect to the reforms detailed above. (6 August 2019)

133 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania continues to move forward under the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government.
- (2) Further acknowledges that support for the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government's policies among Tasmanian small and medium businesses remains the highest in the country, according to the Sensis business index.
- (3) Condemns the economic mismanagement of the former Labor-Green Government, which took Tasmania backwards, destroying jobs and crippling our economy.
- (4) Notes that less than a year and half ago, Tasmanians again rejected the instability of another Labor-Green deal.

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- (5) Further notes that Labor continue to further the Green policy agenda, with a job-destroying pokies policy and the repeated blocking of guaranteed jail time for serious sexual offenders and people who assault frontline workers.
- (6) Further notes that in 2015, Labor voted with the Greens 62.5% of the time.
- (7) Further notes that in 2018, Labor and the Greens voted together 81 per cent of the time – 4 times out of 5.
- (8) Further notes that in 2019 to date - Labor has voted with the Greens more than 90 per cent of the time - 9 times of 10.
- (9) Further acknowledges that Tasmania can never again afford the uncertainty and instability of a Labor-Green deal. (6 August 2019)

134 The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—

- (1) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Rebecca White MP to clearly put on record whether the Labor Party remains committed to its Medi-Hotel policy of putting unwell Tasmanians into hotel rooms.
- (2) Acknowledges that rural hospitals, like those at Oatlands, New Norfolk, Scottsdale, Smithton and Dover could be put at risk by Labor's Midi-Hotels policy, which could see patients they treat, instead placed in inner-city hotels.
- (3) Notes that following the implementation of Medi-Hotels in Victoria it was found to be more expensive to keep people in Medi-Hotels than in hospitals.
- (4) Further calls on Labor to reveal how many hospital beds or wards, or rural hospitals it would close to fund Medi-Hotels.
- (5) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has invested in providing more than 130 more hospital beds around Tasmania.
- (6) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government has invested strongly in rural health in Tasmania, with a new St Helens Hospital, coming redevelopment of the King Island Hospital, and a wide range of other investments around the State. (6 August 2019)

135 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Council on The Ageing (COTA) Tasmania and Relationships Australia recently held a community consultation, 'People 65+ Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop', inviting a broad cross-section of the North West Tasmanian community to participate. The session was attended by volunteers and staff from North West residential aged care homes; local community organisations and community members.
- (2) Recognizes that the Workshop, very importantly identified 10 risk factors for mental ill-health and suicide:—
 - (a) loneliness;
 - (b) bereavement;
 - (c) mental illness;
 - (d) pain;
 - (e) loss of roles;
 - (f) lack of purpose;
 - (g) fear of Aged Care;
 - (h) change of finances;
 - (i) dementia; and
 - (j) confusion with My Aged Care.
- (3) Acknowledges that good mental health is a key factor associated with healthy ageing and there are certain sub-groups of the older population at higher risk of developing mental ill-health and include people in hospital, supported accommodation and older carers.
- (4) Further notes that Seniors Week 2019 is 14 – 20 October 2019 following the launch on Tuesday 1 October 2019 of the International Day of Older Persons.
- (5) Congratulates COTA Tasmania and Relationships Australia for initiating this very important first step in identifying the risk factors and, based on the feedback, are now proactively addressing some of the issues and concerns identified, by launching their 'Roadshow - Age Care Know How Sessions' (6 August 2019)

136 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Acknowledges that Tasmania's Bee-keeping industry is not only a major producer of world class honey but the multi-million dollar bee dependent pollination industry is vital for our valuable fruit and vegetables crops.
- (2) Further acknowledges that the honey industry, which is underpinned by our unique Manuka and Leatherwood honeys', is a major employer, tourist attraction and exports dollars to regional communities.
- (3) Recognizes that due to fires and climate change, the Bee industry faced many challenges in what was a historically difficult season, which is why in March 2019, the Hodgman Liberal Government worked closely with stakeholders, including the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association, the Tasmanian Crop Pollination Association, the TFGA and Fruit Growers Tasmania to provide both strategic and immediate assistance to ensure a strong, sustainable future for the Tasmanian honey and pollination industries.
- (4) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment of \$750,000 over three years to support the Bee Industry Futures, including \$500,000 towards infrastructure upgrades to improve resource access. (6 August 2019)

137 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the King Island District High School will begin delivery of the Years 11 and 12 Extension Program in 2020.
- (2) Recognizes that the King Island District High School students will be able to have access to Years 11 and 12 one year earlier than expected and that the courses on offer will include Australian School based Apprenticeships.
- (3) Further notes that the King Island District High School is part of the successful Hellyer Regional Collective made up of local colleges and high schools who are working together so that students can successfully finish year 12.
- (4) Acknowledges that the acceleration of access to Years 11 and 12 on King Island is a significant game changer for the community of King Island, as it enables young people to not only enter into an apprenticeship of their choice whilst remaining on the island; but have the potential to further their ambition by continuing in a trade or even start their own business without having to leave their local community.
- (5) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on its commitment to education by not only delivering a record education expenditure of over \$7.1 billion over the next four years but innovative problem – solving collaboration with schools as it continues its plan to extend all high schools to Year 12 by 2022. (6 August 2019)

138 The Minister for State Growth to move—That the House:—

- (1) Reaffirms the support previously shown for sensible and sustainable development in our natural areas in a considered way.
- (2) Notes that a cable car on kunanyi/Mt Wellington has the potential to bring significant investment to the State and create new jobs, both during construction and once operational.
- (3) Agrees that it is time a cable car proposal is properly considered and notes the sensible steps taken by the Government to support this.
- (4) Welcomes a key milestone for this important project being achieved with a development application being lodged with the Hobart City Council for assessment under the planning process. (6 August 2019)

139 Mr *Tucker* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's extension school program, which enables greater options for every young Tasmanian to continue to senior secondary education, regardless of their geographical location or personal circumstances.
- (2) Notes that since the introduction of the program in 2015, it has been embraced by the school communities across Tasmania including district and high schools at Campbell Town, St Marys, St Helens, Oatlands, Sorell and the Tasman.
- (3) Commends Extension School staff, students and communities for working collaboratively to drive change in retention and improve attainment.

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- (4) Acknowledges that extension schools and colleges work in partnerships to support and ensure senior secondary education is tailored to each students individual needs and learning is at the heart of the extension school initiative.
- (5) Further commends the 43 schools across the State now offering Years 11 and 12, which far exceeds the initial target. (6 August 2019).

141 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Tasmania was Australia’s largest producer of industrial hemp for the 2018-19 season with 49 licenced growers planting 1,361 hectares – an increase of almost 300 per cent on the previous year.
- (2) Further notes that the farm-gate value of industrial hemp has also trebled to around \$1.9 million.
- (3) Recognises confidence in the sector has increased rapidly following the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand allowing food produced from low-THC hemp to be legally sold in Australia and New Zealand.
- (4) Acknowledges Tasmania has led the way in positive regulation to support the industrial hemp industry and the Hodgman Liberal Government is continuing to pursue opportunities for further growth.
- (5) Further notes, as part of our comprehensive AgriFood plan, the Government is providing the Hemp Association of Tasmania with \$150,000 over three years to support the Association with grower communications, product development and branding to encourage sustainable growth in the industrial hemp industry.
- (6) Congratulates the Hemp Association of Tasmania (HAT) on their recent launch of certified pure Tasmanian hemp brand launched recently at the HAT as grower awards.
- (7) Further congratulates Sam Bond who was awarded the top crop award for his 10 hectares crop grown at Cressy. (6 August 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*