



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 REFLECTION ON THE SPEAKER. – The Honourable Member for Clark, Mr *Bayley*, made a statement to the House noting that the Speaker had written to him to unreservedly withdraw and apologise for comments made about the Speaker on Twitter on 18 August. Mr *Bayley* further acknowledged he was unaware of the tenet of parliamentary practice whereby the Speaker's actions may only be criticised by a substantive motion being moved in the House and would bear this in mind in the future. Mr *Bayley* unreservedly withdrew the comments and apologised
- 5 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 PRIVILEGE: CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE. – Ms *White* said:-

“Mr Speaker, I raise a question of privilege in accordance with Standing Order 81. I move - That the Minister for Energy and Renewables, the Honourable Guy Barnett, having been ordered by the House to -

(1) Outline to the House, before 6pm on 16 August 2023, the latest cost estimate for:

- (a) Marinus Link;
- (b) North West Transmission Developments; and
- (c) Battery of the Nation projects,

and having failed to do so, this House refers the Minister to the Privileges and Conduct Committee.”

- 7 PRIVILEGE: CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE. – Mr Speaker said:-

“The Member has raised a matter of privilege pursuant to Standing Order 81. This matter was raised on the last sitting day where I declined to give it precedence over orders of the day. I do not consider that there have been any further circumstances arise that would alter that determination. I note there is ministerial statement listed today which has been foreshadowed as relating to energy. I remind members that there are other forms of the House that are available should the member wish to consider these.”

- 8 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18): Dated 6 June 2023, land situate in the of Town of Bridgewater, Municipal Area of Brighton, Lot 1 on P185246 registered in the name of Leonard Charles Bird for road purposes.
- (2) Answer to Question on Notice: No. 78 of 2023.
- (3) Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997:
 - (a) Marine and Safety (General) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 47);
 - (b) Marine and Safety (Motor Boats and Licences) By-Laws 2023;
 - (c) Marine and Safety (Prescribed Offences) By-Laws 2023;
 - (d) Marine and Safety (Fees) Amendment By-Laws 2023;
 - (e) Marine and Safety (Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 46).
- (4) Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999:
 - (a) Vehicle and Traffic (Offence Detection Devices) (Rescission) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 56);
 - (b) Vehicle and Traffic (Offence Detection Devices) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 33).
- (5) Traffic Act 1925:
 - (a) Road Amendment Rules 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 34);
 - (b) Traffic (Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment (Offence Detection Devices) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 32).

9 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Animal Welfare Act 1993: Animal Welfare (Sheep) Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 54).
- (2) Inland Fisheries Act 1995: Inland Fisheries Amendment Regulations 2023 (Statutory Rules 2023, No. 59).

10 PAPERS. – The Minister for Housing and Construction laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Question on Notice: No. 54 of 2023.

11 SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Finlay* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation:-

Annual Report 2022-2023 (Paper No. 14)

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

12 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor :-

MESSAGE.

B. BAKER, *Governor*.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1935 (Bill No. 2 (*Act No. 14 of 2023*))

A Bill for and Act to amend the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002 to require disclosures in relation to members of Parliament to be made to the Ombudsman or Integrity Commission, and to allow disclosures in relation to staff of members of Parliament to be made to the Integrity Commission (Bill No. 22 of 2021 (*Act No. 15 of 2023*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the State Policies and Projects Act 1993 (Bill No. 14 (*Act No. 16 of 2023*))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 and the Road Rules 2019 (Bill No. 7 (*Act No. 17 of 2023*))

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 31 August 2023.

13 BILL NO. 7. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 and the Road Rules 2019".

Legislative Council, 23 August 2023.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

14 BILL NO. 4. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

MR SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill, intituled –

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Anti-Discrimination Act 1998, the Court Security Act 2017, the Public Trustee Act 1930 and the Youth Justice Act 1997”,

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

Legislative Council, 24 August 2023.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration at a later hour. (The Attorney-General)

15 BILL NO. 57 of 2022. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

MR SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill, intituled –

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006”,

now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein.

Legislative Council, 24 August 2023.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration at a later hour. (The Attorney-General)

16 BILL NO. 22. – The Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988.”

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

17 BILL NO. 23. – The Minister for Health presented -

“A Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer of certain employees of the North West Private Hospital in order to facilitate the transfer of maternity services at that hospital to the Department of Health.”

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

18 BILL NO. 25. - Mr *Bayley* presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Metro Tasmania Act 1997 for the purposes of prohibiting Metro Tasmania from charging a fare for public transport services.”

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

19 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: ENERGY PROJECTS. – The Minister for Energy and Renewables made a Statement to the House in relation to Tasmanian Energy Projects.

20 PAPERS. – The Minister for Energy and Renewables laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Table 1 – Project Marinus – key publicly available information as of 5 September 2023.

21 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT NOTED. – A Motion was made and the Question proposed – That the Ministerial Statement made by the Minister for Energy and Renewables be noted. (Ms *White*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

22 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY. – Ms *Dow* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Government Transparency.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

24 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

25 BILL NO. 8. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation Amendment Bill 2023.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

26 SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, in accordance with Sessional Order 18A that for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock. (The Attorney-General)

27 BILL NO. 8. - And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the debate.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

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

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

28 BILL NO. 8. - A Message to the Legislative Council. –

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to amend the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation Act 1985 and to consequentially amend certain other Acts for related purposes”,

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

House of Assembly, 5 September 2023.

MARK SHELTON, Speaker.

29 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Deputy Premier)

The Speaker proposed – That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at fifty-nine minutes past Six o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. – All present during the day except Ms *Ogilvie*.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Community Services and Development, and Minister for Disability Services attended Question Time.