



TASMANIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2024

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2024

- 1 COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 9.30 o'clock a.m.
- 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 PAPERS.**— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - (1) *Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017: Annual Report 2022-2023.*
 - (2) *Container Refund Scheme Act 2022: Statutory Rules 2023, No. 93, containing Container Refund Scheme Regulations 2023.*
 - (3) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995: Statutory Rules 2023, No. 97, containing Fisheries (Giant Crab) Rules 2023.*
 - (4) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995: Statutory Rules 2023, No. 98, containing Fisheries Amendment (Vessel Monitoring Systems) Rules 2023.*
 - (5) *Gas Industry Act 2019: Statutory Rules 2024, No. 4, containing Gas Industry Regulations 2024.*
 - (6) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995: Fisheries (Biosecurity) Order 2024.*
- 5 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.**— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$82 050 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2024

Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24) Act
(Bill No 3 of 2024; Act No. 1 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$3 499 617 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025

Supply Act (No. 1) 2024
(Bill No 4 of 2024; Act No. 2 of 2024)

A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$20 139 000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government in respect of Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025

Supply Act (No. 2) 2024
(Bill No 5 of 2024; Act No. 3 of 2024)

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

Government House, Hobart, 7 June 2024

6 BILL NO. 7.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*,

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

House of Assembly, 23 May 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

7 BILL NO. 8.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Annulled Convictions Act 2003*, the *Crown Proceedings Act 1993*, the *Ombudsman Act 1978*, the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*, the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932*,

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

House of Assembly, 23 May 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

8 BILL NO. 12.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act may be cited as the *Surveyors Amendment Act 2024*,

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

House of Assembly, 11 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

9 BILL NO. 13.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Duties Act 2001*, the *Land Tax Act 2000*, the *Land Tax Rating Act 2000* and the *Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017*,

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

House of Assembly, 11 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

10 BILL NO. 14.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act to establish an independent monitor to monitor and report to Parliament on the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, any recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse that have been accepted by the State but not yet implemented, and certain other relevant recommendations and for related purposes’,

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

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
(Mrs *Hiscutt*)

11 JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024: -

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of both Houses, and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon 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, including:
 - (a) the Tasmanian Government’s response and plan to implement the Recommendations;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Government’s progress in implementing the Recommendations;
 - (c) outcomes related to implementation of the Recommendations, both partially and fully implemented;
 - (d) monitoring progress reports provided to Parliament, as provided for by Recommendation 22.1 by the independent Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor (when appointed);
 - (e) overseeing the performance and proper execution of functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, as provided for by Recommendation 18.9;
 - (f) any other relevant matters that either House may refer to the Sessional Committee; and
 - (g) any other matters incidental thereto; and
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Wednesday 19 June at 9:15 o’clock a.m. as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

Ordered, That consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly be made an Order of the day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

12 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND EQUALITY.— A

Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 21 May 2024:—

That a Joint Sessional Gender and Equality Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –

- (1) (a) Any bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
(b) Any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and
(c) Any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion; and
- (2) That Notice of any own Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee’s Resolution; and
- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

with the following Amendment:—

After paragraph (3) inserting

“(4) That the Committee be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament.”

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday, 20 June next at 9.15 o’clock a.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

Ordered, That consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly be made an Order of the day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

13 JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON WORKPLACE CULTURE OVERSIGHT.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 21 May 2024:—

- (1) That a Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers and with leave to report from time to time, to oversee the implementation of any recommendations, by the relevant employer, contained in the report Motion for Respect – Report into Workplace Culture in the Tasmanian Ministerial and Parliamentary Services (August 2022).”
- (2) That the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be 4.

with the following Amendment:—

- (3) After paragraph (2), inserting ‘(3) That the Committee be authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday, 20 June next at 1.10 o’clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

Ordered, That consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly be made an Order of the day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

14 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024: —

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed for the term of the 51st Parliament with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon —
 - (a) Such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister, or established by the Committee's own motion that relate to:
 - (i) the *Electoral Act 2004*;
 - (ii) the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*;
 - (iii) provisions of the *Constitution Act 1934* that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; and
 - (iv) the administration, operation, and practices associated with, the aforementioned electoral laws, and any other law relating to electoral matters; and
 - (b) Any Bill relating to the electoral laws referred to in paragraph 1(a) and any other law relating to electoral matters as may be referred to it by either House of Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make;
- (3) The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry pursuant to paragraph (2) within 18 months of the date of this Resolution being agreed to by both Houses;
- (4) Notice of any own motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
- (5) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Thursday 20 June next at 2.00 o'clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 3 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker.

Ordered, That consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly be made an Order of the day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

15 JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY PRICES AND RELATED MATTERS.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has agreed to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 23 May 2024:—

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon energy prices and related matters in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference —

- (a) Factors that impact energy prices for Tasmanian household and small and medium business customers, with particular reference to energy generation, distribution and retail costs.
 - (b) The challenges related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including —
 - i) role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - ii) energy requirements;
 - iii) expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - iv) private energy generators;
 - v) energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - vi) energy security considerations.
 - (c) Opportunities related to energy supply and energy costs in Tasmania including —
 - i) role and participation of State-owned energy entities;
 - ii) energy requirements;
 - iii) expansion of State-owned renewable energy generation including associated community and economic benefits;
 - iv) private energy generators;
 - v) energy generation, storage and transmission capacity; and
 - vi) energy security considerations.
 - (d) Tasmania's past, current, and future participation in the National Electricity Market with a focus on impacts for Tasmania, including matters related to the national renewable energy transition:
 - i) current and future energy demand;
 - ii) costs, risks and benefits; and
 - iii) resource opportunities.
 - (e) Marinus Link Pty Ltd and associated energy power developments (Battery of the Nation and North West Transmission Development) including —
 - i) likely beneficiaries;
 - ii) funding arrangements, including the potential for private sector contribution;
 - iii) impact on Tasmanians' energy bills and concessional pricing arrangements; and
 - iv) alternative options and associated costs and/or benefits to Tasmania including costs and cost of a 'do nothing approach'.
 - (f) Any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions received by the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A Inquiry into Energy Prices in Tasmania from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
 - (3) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters from the Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament.
 - (4) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the Legislative Council be four.

The House of Assembly has appointed four Members to serve on the said committee and set Friday, 28 June 2024 at 2.00 o'clock p.m. as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the said Committee.

House of Assembly, 13 June 2024

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, Speaker

Ordered, That consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly be made an Order of the day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

16 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 18 June 2024. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

The Council adjourned at 9.50 o'clock a.m.

C.L. VICKERS, *Clerk of the Council*.