



# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2024

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024

- 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 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 6 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-  
  
Department of Health: Guidelines for Notifying Diseases and Food Contaminants 2024.
- 7 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
  - (1) Tasmanian Audit Office: Report of the Auditor-General No. 5 of 2023-2024 Access to Oral Health Services. (Paper No. 2).
  - (2) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Braddon, Mr *Garland*.
- 8 BILL NO. 26. – The Attorney-General presented -  
  
“A Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Liability Act 2002, the Corrections Act 1997, the Criminal Code Act 1924, the Police Offences Act 1935, the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013 and the Sentencing Act 1997 and to consequentially amend the Annulled Convictions Act 2003, the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023, the Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2005, the Evidence Act 2001, the Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Act 2001 and the Justice Act 1959”.
- And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
- 9 BILL NO. 25. – The Attorney-General presented -  
  
“A Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act 2004”.
- And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

**10** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Transport have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Transport)

**11** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Motion in relation to the sessional orders from being debated forthwith. (The Minister for Transport)

**12** SESSIONAL ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That for the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House adopts the following Sessional Order:

In Standing Order 263, leave out “two” and insert instead “five”.

**13** MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: TASMANIA’S FINANCES. – Mr *Willie* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Tasmania’s Finances.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**14** BILL NO. 22. – The Taxation Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2024 was, according to Order, 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.

**15** BILL NO. 22. - 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 Duties Act 2001 and the Land Tax Act 2000”,

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

*House of Assembly, 18 June 2024.*

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*.

**16** BILL NO. 23. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Sentencing Amendment (Presumptive Sentencing for Assaults on Frontline Workers) Bill 2024.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Ms *White* was Addressing the Chair.

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

**18** BILL NO. 23. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 24

Mr Abetz  
Mr Barnett  
Mr Behrakis  
Mrs Beswick  
Dr Broad  
Ms Brown  
Ms Butler  
Ms Dow  
Mr Ellis  
Mr Ferguson  
Ms Finlay  
Ms Howlett  
Mr Jaensch  
Mr Jenner  
Ms Ogilvie  
Mrs Pentland  
Mrs Petrusma  
Mr Rockliff  
Mr Shelton  
Ms White  
Mr Willie  
Mr Winter  
Mr Wood  
Mr Fairs (Teller)

NOES 8

Ms Badger  
Mr Bayley  
Ms Burnet  
Mr Garland  
Mr O'Byrne  
Ms Rosol  
Dr Woodruff  
Ms Johnston (Teller)

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.

**19** BILL NO. 23. - 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 Sentencing Act 1997 to provide for a presumption of minimum sentencing in relation to offences causing serious bodily harm to certain frontline workers",

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

*House of Assembly, 18 June 2024.*

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, *Speaker*.

**20** RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly dated 13 June 2024 regarding the appointment of a Joint Sessional Committee on Recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry agrees to Wednesday 19 June 2024 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.

And further informs the House it has resolved that: -

Ms *Forrest*;  
Ms *Lovell*;  
Mr *Vincent*; and  
Ms *Webb*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on the part of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Council, 18 June 2024.*

C. M. FARRELL *President.*

**21** GENDER AND EQUALITY, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly dated 13 June 2024 regarding the appointment of a Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality agrees to the amendment proposed by the House to the Resolution, and Thursday 20 June 2024 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.

And further informs the House it has resolved that: -

Mr *Edmunds*;  
Ms *Forrest*;  
Mr *Harriss*; and  
Ms *Thomas*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on the part of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Council, 18 June 2024.*

C. M. FARRELL *President.*

**22** WORKPLACE CULTURE OVERSIGHT, JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly dated 13 June 2024 regarding the appointment of a Joint Sessional Committee on Workplace Culture Oversight agrees to the amendment proposed by the House to the Resolution, and Thursday, 20 June 2024 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.

And further informs the House it has resolved that: -

Mr *Farrell*;  
Ms *Forrest*;  
Mrs *Hiscutt*; and  
Ms *Lovell*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on the part of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Council, 18 June 2024.*

*C. M. FARRELL President.*

**23** ELECTORAL MATTERS, JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly dated 13 June 2024 regarding the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters agrees to Thursday 20 June 2024 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.

And further informs the House it has resolved that: -

Mr *Gaffney*;  
Ms *O'Connor*;  
Ms *Thomas*; and  
Ms *Webb*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on the part of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Council, 18 June 2024.*

*C. M. FARRELL President.*

**24** ENERGY PRICES AND RELATED MATTERS, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly dated 13 June 2024 regarding the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Energy Prices and related Matters agrees to 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.

And further informs the House it has resolved that: -

Mr *Edmunds*;  
Ms *Forrest*;  
Mr *Harriss*; and  
Mr *Vincent*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on the part of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Council, 18 June 2024.*

*C. M. FARRELL President.*

**25** BILL NOS. 10 & 11. - The Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill 2024 and the Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024 were, according to Order, read the Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Ms *Beswick* took the Chair.

Bill No. 10: -

Clause 60 further considered

Clause 60, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 61 to 84 agreed to.

Clause 85 read.

Amendment proposed (Mr *Winter*)

Page 117, subclause (2)

Leave out the subsection.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 10

Ms *Brown*  
Ms *Butler*  
Ms *Dow*  
Ms *Finlay*  
Ms *Haddad*  
Mr *O'Byrne*  
Ms *O'Byrne*  
Mr *Willie*  
Mr *Winter*  
Dr *Broad* (Teller)

NOES 22

Mr *Abetz*  
Ms *Badger*  
Mr *Barnett*  
Mr *Bayley*  
Mr *Behrakis*  
Ms *Burnet*  
Mr *Ellis*  
Mr *Ferguson*  
Mr *Garland*  
Ms *Howlett*  
Mr *Jaensch*  
Mr *Jenner*  
Ms *Johnston*  
Ms *Ogilvie*  
Mrs *Pentland*  
Mrs *Petrusma*  
Mr *Rockliff*  
Ms *Rosol*  
Mr *Shelton*  
Mr *Wood*  
Dr *Woodruff*  
Mr *Fairs* (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms *White*

Mr *Street*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 85 further considered.

Mr *Behrakis* took the Chair.

Clause 85, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 86 to 87 agreed to.

Clause 88 read.

And the Question being put – That the Clause , as read, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

AYES 25

NOES 7

*Mr Abetz*

*Mr Bayley*

*Mr Barnett*

*Ms Burnet*

*Mrs Beswick*

*Mr Garland*

*Dr Broad*

*Ms Johnston*

*Ms Brown*

*Ms Rosol*

*Ms Butler*

*Dr Woodruff*

*Ms Dow*

*Ms Badger (Teller)*

*Mr Ellis*

*Mr Ferguson*

*Ms Finlay*

*Ms Haddad*

*Ms Howlett*

*Mr Jaensch*

*Mr Jenner*

*Mr O'Byrne*

*Ms O'Byrne*

*Ms Ogilvie*

*Mrs Pentland*

*Mrs Petrusma*

*Mr Rockliff*

*Mr Shelton*

*Mr Willie*

*Mr Winter*

*Mr Wood*

*Mr Fairs (Teller)*

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 89 to 98 agreed to.

Clause 99 read.

Amendment proposed (*Mr Winter*)

Page 128, subclause (3), after “greyhound,”

*Insert* “or in such other extenuating circumstances as determined by the TRAB,”.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 9

*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Ms Finlay*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Mr O'Byrne*  
*Ms O'Byrne*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Ms Butler (Teller)*

NOES 21

*Ms Badger*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Mr Bayley*  
*Mrs Beswick*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Fairs*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Mr Garland*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Mr Jenner*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mrs Pentland*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Ms Rosol*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Wood*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Ms Johnston (Teller)*

PAIRS

*Ms Brown*  
*Ms White*

*Mr Abetz*  
*Mr Street*

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 99, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 100 to 105 agreed to.

Clause 106 read.

Amendment proposed (*Dr Woodruff*)

Page 138, subclause (5)

*Leave out* everything after “thinks fit”

*Insert* instead the following:

“and in particular must be satisfied that –

- (a) the venue for the proposed race meeting is suitable for use as a racecourse;  
and
- (b) adequate first aid and veterinary facilities will be available at the proposed race meeting; and
- (c) any necessary local government approvals have been obtained.”

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;



The Committee divided.

AYES 6

*Ms Badger*  
*Mr Bayley*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Ms Rosol* (Teller)

NOES 24

*Mr Barnett*  
*Mrs Beswick*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Fairs*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Ms Finlay*  
*Mr Garland*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Mr Jenner*  
*Ms O'Byrne*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mrs Pentland*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Mr Wood*  
*Mr O'Byrne* (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, That for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at thirty minutes past Seven o'clock and that the House continue to sit past thirty minutes past Seven o'clock. (The Minister for Transport)

Clause 106 further considered.

Clause 106, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 107 to 190 agreed to.

Clause 191 read.

*Ms Finlay* took the Chair.

Clause 191 further considered.

Amendment proposed (*Dr Woodruff*)

Page 252.

*leave out* “an inquiry, investigation, recommendation or direction made under this or any other Act.”

*Insert instead* “an ongoing inquiry or investigation.”

A Debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed (The Minister for Racing)

*Leave out* the word ‘ongoing’.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment to the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 23

NOES 7

*Mr Barnett*

*Ms Badger*

*Mr Behrakis*

*Mr Bayley*

*Mrs Beswick*

*Ms Burnet*

*Dr Broad*

*Mr Garland*

*Ms Butler*

*Ms Rosol*

*Ms Dow*

*Dr Woodruff*

*Mr Ellis*

*Ms Johnston* (Teller)

*Mr Ferguson*

*Ms Haddad*

*Ms Howlett*

*Mr Jaensch*

*Mr Jenner*

*Mr O’Byrne*

*Ms O’Byrne*

*Ms Ogilvie*

*Mrs Pentland*

*Mrs Petrusma*

*Mr Rockliff*

*Mr Shelton*

*Mr Willie*

*Mr Winter*

*Mr Wood*

*Mr Fairs* (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment, as amended, be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put– That Clause 191, as amended, be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 23

NOES 7

Mr Barnett  
Mr Behrakis  
Mrs Beswick  
Dr Broad  
Ms Butler  
Ms Dow  
Mr Ellis  
Mr Ferguson  
Ms Haddad  
Ms Howlett  
Mr Jaensch  
Mr Jenner  
Mr O'Byrne  
Ms O'Byrne  
Ms Ogilvie  
Mrs Pentland  
Mrs Petrusma  
Mr Rockliff  
Mr Shelton  
Mr Willie  
Mr Winter  
Mr Wood  
Mr Fairs (Teller)

Ms Badger  
Mr Bayley  
Ms Burnet  
Ms Johnston  
Ms Rosol  
Dr Woodruff  
Mr Garland (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 192 to 197 agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Schedule 2 read.

Amendment proposed (Dr Woodruff)

Page 266, Part 3, Clause 3

*Leave out* the clause.

*Insert* instead the following clause:

“3. Minutes

- (1) The Advisory Committee is to cause full and accurate minutes to be kept of its proceedings at meetings and must submit to the Commissioner a copy of the minutes of each meeting within 30 days after the date on which the meeting is held.
- (2) The Commissioner is to cause a copy of the minutes provided to the Commissioner under subclause (1) to be published on a website operated by, or on behalf of, the Commissioner, within 30 days after the date on which the Commissioner received the minutes.”

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7

*Ms Badger*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Mr Garland*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Ms Rosol*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Mr Bayley* (Teller)

NOES 23

*Mr Barnett*  
*Mr Behrakis*  
*Mrs Beswick*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Fairs*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Mr O'Byrne*  
*Ms O'Byrne*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mrs Pentland*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Mr Wood*  
*Mr Jenner* (Teller)

It passed in the Negative.

Schedule 2, as read, agreed to.

Schedules 3 to 7 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024 (No. 11)

Clauses 1 to 30 agreed to.

Title agreed to

Bills to be reported - No. 11 without Amendment and with Amendment to Bill No. 10.

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The House being resumed, Ms *Finlay* reported that the Committee had gone through Bills, and made Amendments thereto in respect of Bill No. 10, and had directed her to report Bill No. 11 to the House without amendment.

And the Question being put - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bills being now read the Third time. (The Minister for Racing)

The House divided.

AYES 24

NOES 7

*Mr Abetz*  
*Mr Barnett*  
*Mr Behrakis*  
*Mrs Beswick*  
*Dr Broad*  
*Ms Butler*  
*Ms Dow*  
*Mr Ellis*  
*Mr Fairs*  
*Mr Ferguson*  
*Ms Finlay*  
*Ms Haddad*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Mr Jaensch*  
*Mr Jenner*  
*Mr O 'Byrne*  
*Ms Ogilvie*  
*Mrs Petrusma*  
*Mr Rockliff*  
*Mr Shelton*  
*Mr Willie*  
*Mr Winter*  
*Mr Wood*  
*Mrs Pentland (Teller)*

*Mr Bayley*  
*Ms Burnet*  
*Mr Garland*  
*Ms Johnston*  
*Ms Rosol*  
*Dr Woodruff*  
*Ms Badger (Teller)*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Bills, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration.  
And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to

And the Question being proposed – That the Bills be read a Third time

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 24

Mr Abetz  
Mr Barnett  
Mr Behrakis  
Mrs Beswick  
Dr Broad  
Ms Butler  
Ms Dow  
Mr Ellis  
Mr Fairs  
Mr Ferguson  
Ms Finlay  
Ms Haddad  
Ms Howlett  
Mr Jaensch  
Mr O'Byrne  
Ms Ogilvie  
Mrs Pentland  
Mrs Petrusma  
Mr Rockliff  
Mr Shelton  
Mr Willie  
Mr Winter  
Mr Wood  
Mr Jenner (Teller)

NOES 7

Ms Badger  
Mr Bayley  
Ms Burnet  
Mr Garland  
Ms Johnston  
Dr Woodruff  
Ms Rosol (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bills were, accordingly, read the Third time.

**26** BILL NO. 10 & 11. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled "A Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing, to ensure the integrity of persons involved in such racing, to safeguard the welfare of animals, and for related purposes", and

"A Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation consequent on the enactment of the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024",

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

*House of Assembly, 18 June 2024.*

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, *Speaker.*

**27** ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Minister for Transport)

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

And the Question being put – That the House do now adjourn;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned at fifty-six minutes past Nine o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Mr *Street* on leave.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, and Minister for Parks and Environment, and the Minister for Minister for Education, and Minister for Disability Services attended Question Time.