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THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 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 PETITIONS. – Ms *Rosol* presented a Petition from approximately 69 residents of Tasmania, and an E-Petition from approximately 809 citizens of Tasmania requesting that the House reject any attempt by the Tasmanian Government to convert any FPPF land to PTPZ land and support the conversion of all FPPF land to permanent reserves as was the intention of the TFA. (HA12 and 13/2025).

Which Petitions were read and received.

- 7 PETITION. – Ms *Haddad* presented an E-Petition from approximately 1093 citizens of Tasmania, requesting the House recognise the need of northern and north western Tasmanians to be able to access appropriate clinical care including treatment for arthritis and persistent pain, and call upon the Government to deliver its 2023 Budget commitment to establish Statewide Musculoskeletal (MSK) services including the development of permanent northern based rheumatology services and persistent pain clinics. (HA14/2025).

Which Petition was read and received.

- 8 PAPERS. – The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Report of the Independent Review of grants of legal assistance under Employment Direction 16 to public officers appearing before the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings 24 March 2025.

- 9 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

(1) Housing Land Supply (Mornington) Order 2025 Statutory Rules 2025, No.

(2) Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008: Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Report on the State of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Industry 2023-24.

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

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TasTAFE (Skills and Training Business) Act 2021: TasTAFE: Legislative Review - Final Report – June 2025.

- 11** PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Animal Research Statistics Tasmania: Annual Report Number 29 (2024) - September 2025.

- 12** PAPERS. – The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Welbeing laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Tasmanian Health Service: Annual Service Plan 2025-2026.

- 13** PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Mr *Winter* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts:-

Annual Report 2024-25 (Paper No. 19)

Ordered, That the said Report be received. (Mr *Winter*)

- 14** PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Lyons, Mr *Mitchell*.

- 15** BILL NO. 59. – The Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancy Act 1997”.

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

- 16** BILL NO. 55. – The Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Tasmanian Community Fund Act 2005”.

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

- 17** BILL NO. 53. – The Minister for Environment presented -

“A Bill for an Act to repeal the Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction Act 2003”.

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

- 18** BILL NO. 58. – The Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy presented -

“A Bill for an Act to ensure that certain land vested in the University of Tasmania is not disposed of without the prior approval of both Houses of Parliament and to consequentially amend the University of Tasmania Act 1992”.

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

- 19** LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Treasurer have leave to make certain a Motion without Notice. (The Treasurer)

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20 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 4 November next. (The Treasurer)

21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Second Reading of the Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 51) from being moved at this Day's sitting. (The Treasurer)

22 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: CHRONIC AND PERSISTENT PAIN. – Mr *Garland* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Chronic and persistent pain.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

23 BILL NO. 38. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Coroners Act 1995, the Corrections Act 1997, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020 and the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988",

Legislative Council, 25 September 2025.

C M. FARRELL, President.

24 INAUGURAL SPEECH. – The Member for Clark, Mr *Vermey*, made a statement to the House.

25 PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES DETERMINATION, DISALLOWANCE OF. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House disallows, in accordance with section 3G of the Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 2012, the determination contained in the May 2025 Report of the Full Bench of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission into Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances, laid upon the Table of the House on Tuesday, 3 June 2025. (The Treasurer)

A Debate arose thereupon.

The House divided.

AYES 19

Mr *Abetz*
Mrs *Archer*
Ms *Badger*
Mr *Barnett*
Mr *Bayley*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Fairs*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Howlett*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mr *Pearce*
Prof *Razay*
Mr *Rockliff*
Ms *Rosol*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Vermey*
Dr *Woodruff* (Teller)

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Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Mr *Di Falco*
Ms *Dow*
Ms *Finlay*
Mr *Garland*
Mr *George*
Ms *Greene*
Ms *Haddad*
Ms *Johnston*
Mr *Mitchell*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter* (Teller)

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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26 BILL NO. 51. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2025.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation)

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

28 BILL NO. 51. - 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.

29 BILL NO. 51. - 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 Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017",

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

House of Assembly, 25 September 2025.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

30 GREYHOUND RACING TRANSITION: 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 9 September 2025 regarding the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition does agree to the establishment of the Committee and further informs the House of Assembly it has resolved that: -

Ms *O'Connor*;
Ms *Rattray*; and
Ms *Webb*

be appointed to serve on the Committee on the part of the Council and that Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at 10.00 o'clock am, be the time and Committee Room 1 be the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

Legislative Council, 25 September 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, *President*.

Ordered, That the Message be taken into consideration forthwith. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That the proposed time and date of the first meeting be agreed to. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That:-

Ms *Johnston*;
Mr *Vermey*; and
Mr *Winter*

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be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on the part of the House of Assembly. (The Treasurer)

31 GREYHOUND RACING TRANSITION: JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Message of the Legislative Council dated 25 September 2025 regarding the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition agrees to Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at 10.00 o'clock as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

And further informs the Council it has resolved that:-

Ms Johnston
Mr Vermey; and
Mr Winter

be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on the part of the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly, 25 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

32 BILL NO. 45. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill 2025 was.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing)

A Debate arose thereupon.

33 PAPERS. – The Minister for Environment laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Question on Notice taken from Mr Vica Bayley MP.

34 BILL NO. 45. - And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, 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.

(In the Committee)

Mr Fairs took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

New Clause A

New Clause A was brought up by *Ms Rosol* and read a First Time as follows:-

To follow Clause 5.

A. Section 36 further amended (Offences relating to certain restricted substances)

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Section 36 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2B) the following subsection:

(2C) For the purposes of section 6A of the *Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1970*, a substance in respect of which subsection (2A) applies is taken to have been obtained in accordance with this Act.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put – That New Clause A be read a Second Time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 5;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

New Clause B

New Clause B was brought up by Ms *Rosol* and read a First Time as follows:-

To follow Clause 10.

B. Section 48 further amended (Possession of narcotic substances, &c.)

Section 48 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2D) the following subsection:

(2E) For the purposes of section 6A of the *Road Safety Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1970*, a raw narcotic or narcotic substance in respect of which subsection (2A) applies is taken to have been obtained in accordance with this Act.

And the Question being put – That New Clause B be read a Second Time and made part of the Bill to follow Clause 10;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clauses 11 to 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to
Bill to be reported with Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mr *Fairs* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the Bill being now read the Third time. (The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing)

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.
And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

35 BILL NO. 45. - 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 Poisons Act 1971”,

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

House of Assembly, 25 September 2025.

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker.*

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36 RECOMMENDATIONS OF 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 9 September 2025 regarding the re-establishment of the Joint Recommendations from Commission of Inquiry Committee has agreed to the following resolution:

- (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:
 - (i) the Tasmanian Government's response and plan to implement the Recommendations;
 - (ii) the Tasmanian Government's progress in implementing the Recommendations;
 - (iii) outcomes related to implementation of the Recommendations, both partially and fully implemented;
 - (iv) monitoring progress reports provided to Parliament, as provided for by Recommendation 22.1 by the independent Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor (when appointed);
 - (v) overseeing the performance and proper execution of functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, as provided for by Recommendation 18.9;
 - (vi) any other relevant matters that either House may refer to the Sessional Committee; and
 - (vii) any other matters incidental thereto; and
- (2) The number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

with the following amendments:-

In paragraph (1)(d) *leave out* "(when appointed)"

In paragraph (1) (e) *leave out* "Commissioner" and *insert instead* "Commission"

After paragraph (1) *insert* the following new paragraph (2) and renumber existing paragraph (2) as paragraph (3):

- “(2) That the said Committee be authorised to receive all evidence, submissions and related correspondence and papers received by the Joint Sessional Committee inquiring into the Tasmanian Government's response to child sexual abuse in institutional settings from the Fifty First Parliament; and”

In paragraph (3), as renumbered, *leave out* "four" and *insert instead* "three".

Further, the Legislative Council has resolved that: -

Ms O'Connor;
Ms Lovell; and
Ms Webb

be appointed to serve on the Committee on the part of the Council and that Monday, 6 October 2025 at 12.00 o'clock am, be the time and Committee Room 2 be the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

Legislative Council, 25 September 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

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Ordered, That the Message be taken into consideration forthwith. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That the proposed time and date of the first meeting be agreed to. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That:-

Mrs *Greene*;
Mr *Jaensch*; and
Ms *Rosol*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on the part of the House of Assembly. (The Treasurer)

37 RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: JOINT SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Message of the Legislative Council dated 25 September 2025 regarding the appointment of a Joint Sessional Committee on the Recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry agrees to the amendments proposed by the Legislative Council to the Resolution, and Monday, 6 October 2025 at 12.00 o'clock as the time, and Committee Room 2 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

And further informs the Council it has resolved that:-

Mrs *Greene*;
Mr *Jaensch*; and
Ms *Rosol*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on the part of the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly, 25 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

38 ENERGY 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 9 September 2025 regarding the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on Energy Prices has agreed to the following resolution:

- (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

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- (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 Fiftieth and Fifty-First Parliament.
 - (4) That the number of Members to serve on the said committee on the part of the House of Assembly be four.

with the following Amendments:

Leave out paragraph (2) and renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

In paragraph (3) (as renumbered) *leave out* "Fiftieth and".

Further, The Legislative Council has resolved that –

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

be appointed to serve on the Committee on the part of the Council and that Wednesday, 15 October 2025 at 2.00 o'clock am, be the time and Committee Room 1 be the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

Legislative Council, 25 September 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, *President.*

Ordered, That the Message be taken into consideration forthwith. (The Treasurer)

Ordered, That the proposed time and date of the first meeting be agreed to. (The Treasurer)

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A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That:-

Mr *Bayley*;
Mr *Garland*;
Mr *Ferguson*; and
Ms *Finlay*;

be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on the part of the House of Assembly. (The Treasurer)

Amendment proposed by the Treasurer to leave out “Mr *Ferguson*” and insert instead “Mr *Vermey*”.

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

39 ENERGY MATTERS: JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Message of the Legislative Council dated 25 September 2025 regarding the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters and agrees to the amendments proposed by the Legislative Council to the Resolution, and Wednesday, 15 October 2025 at 2.00 o'clock as the time, and Committee Room 1 as the place, for holding the first meeting of the Committee.

And further informs the Council it has resolved that:-

Mr *Bayley*;
Mr *Garland*;
Ms *Finlay*; and
Mr *Vermey*

be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on the part of the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly, 25 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

40 BILL NO. 43.- The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill 2025.

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.

And the Bill was, accordingly, 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.

(In the Committee)

Mr *Fairs* took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Amendments proposed (Ms Johnston)

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First amendment

Page 4, paragraph (a), after “amount is”.

Leave out “\$30 000; or”

Insert instead “\$30 000.”

Second amendment

Same page, paragraph (b).

Leave out that paragraph.

Insert instead the following paragraph.

(b) by omitting paragraph (b).

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The House being resumed, Mr Fairs reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, at a later hour, on tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

41 ADJOURNMENT. – The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

42 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Answer to Question asked by Ms Tabatha Badger MP regarding public buildings and public land parcels.

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

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Ms *Burnet*.

The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport; the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services; and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning attended Question Time.