



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2022

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon and the President read Prayers.

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 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Tasmanian Health Service 2022-23 Service Plan.
- (2) Report on the state of the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Industry 2020-21.
- (3) Theatre Royal Management Board: Annual Report 2021.
- (4) Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982: Statutory Rules 2022, No. 25, containing Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Environment) Regulations 2022.

4 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move Motions without Notice.

5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Windermere, (Mr *Duigan*) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this week's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.— *Ordered*, That the Honourable Member for Rumney, (Ms *Lovell*) be granted leave of absence from the service of the Council for this day's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

7 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT – NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMBERS.— The President said —

“Honourable Members, before proceeding to the business of the day it is with pleasure that I formally and very warmly welcome recent additions to the staff of the Legislative Council, Lisa Patterson, Tahnee Byas and Megan Graham.

Lisa commenced in the role of Electorate Officer to the Member for Rosevears on 11 July 2022. Lisa has extensive experience in supporting a Member of Parliament having previously been engaged as an Electorate Officer for the Member for Bass since 2019, serving former Member of Parliament and Minister, Sarah Courtney and recently Lara Alexander MP.

Tahnee commenced duties in the office of the Member for Rumney on 18 July 2022 and has extensive experience and expertise having worked in an executive assistant role for the past 11 years.

Megan commenced in her role as Electorate Officer to the Member for Huon on 15 August 2022. Megan was previously employed with the Huon Valley Council and has extensive professional experience in the Huon Electorate including involvement in a variety of community organisations. Megan also has electorate office experience having worked in the offices of Nic Street MP and Paul Harriss, the former Member for Huon.

Lisa, Tahnee and Megan will be observing proceedings in the Legislative Council today as part of their orientation to the Council. On behalf of all Members I extend to them a very warm welcome.”

8 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of four Members who had indicated their desire to speak and of the order in which they were to speak as follows —

- (1) Ms *Webb* - Women’s Health Tasmania initiative, Knit Your Bits;
- (2) Ms *Forrest* - Wynyard Tulip Festival 30-year anniversary;
- (3) Ms *Armitage* - Launceston Rambling Club; and
- (4) Mrs *Hiscutt* - Kentish and Central Coast Councils’ July Storm.

At the conclusion of Special Interest Matters the Council proceeded to Orders of the Day.

9 LITTLE ATHLETICS.— A Motion was made (Ms *Palmer*) and the Question was proposed, That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the importance Little Athletics and similar organisations play in the social, physical and mental wellbeing of Tasmanian children.
- (2) Notes the grounding Little Athletics has given to Tasmanian athletes who have gone on to represent Tasmania and Australia on the National and International stage.
- (3) Acknowledges the significant role volunteers play within such organisations.
- (4) Notes the overall positive contribution such organisations make to the fabric of the Tasmanian society.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

10 AUDITOR-GENERAL REPORT NO. 6 OF 2021-22: ACCESSING SERVICES FOR THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – THE STRONG FAMILIES, SAFE KIDS ADVICE AND REFERRAL LINE.— A Motion was made (Ms *Armitage*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Auditor-General No. 6 of 2021-22, Accessing services for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people – the Strong Families, Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line, be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

-11 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— A Motion was made (Ms *Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts “Review of Auditor-General’s Report No. 4 of 2016-17: Event Funding” be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

12 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

13 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were eight Questions asked.

14 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts "Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 4 of 2016-17: Event Funding" be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

15 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— A Motion was made (*Ms Forrest*) and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts "Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 8 of 2018-19: Student Attendance and Engagement, Years 7 To 10" be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That *Mrs Hiscutt* have leave to Table the Tasmanian Government Department of Education document titled Approach to Student Engagement.

16 SITTING SUSPENDED. — It being 4.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

17 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts "Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 8 of 2018-19: Student Attendance and Engagement, Years 7 To 10" be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

18 REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE "A" INQUIRY INTO FINFISH FARMING.— A Motion was made (*Ms Webb*) and the Question was proposed, That Report of the Inquiry into Finfish Farming in Tasmania be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (*Mr Valentine*)

19 SITTING SUSPENDED.— *Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (*Mrs Hiscutt*)

The Sitting was suspended at 7.01 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 8.00 o'clock p.m.

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And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

21 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 24 August 2022. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

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

The Council adjourned at 9.15 o'clock p.m.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council.*