



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 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 first inhabitants and the continuing custodians of this land.”

3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.— The President read Prayers.

4 PETITIONS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.— Mr *Vincent* laid upon the table of the Council the Government Responses to the Petitions regarding the proposed Macquarie Point Stadium.

5 MACQUARIE POINT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT.— Ms *Thomas* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government —

The ‘Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure’ Schedule outlines the duration, purpose, financial contributions, additional terms and performance milestones for the Australian Government’s \$240m contribution to the redevelopment of Macquarie Point.

The ‘Additional Terms’ of this agreement require that, in short, Tasmania will produce a refreshed plan for the Macquarie Point site, engage with the community, maintain and enhance amenities for the Hobart community and visitors at Regatta Point, deliver upgrades to Macquarie Wharves 4, 5 and 6, and ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point.

There are six corresponding Performance Milestones to be met under this agreement.

The agreement does not refer to a stadium at Macquarie Point.

- (1) Have all six Performance Milestones under the *Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure* schedule been met?
- (2) Is the Housing Plan publicly available? If not, when will it be released?
- (3) Has the \$240m Federal funding contribution been received? If not, when does the Government expect to receive it?
- (4) Given the agreement does not mention a stadium, how does the Government justify its stated intention to apply Federal funds to this purpose?
- (5) Outside of any stadium investment, what specific investment does the Government intend to make in delivering the projects required under the *Additional Terms* of the Agreement, being:
 - (a) Clause 1.i — produce a refreshed precinct plan for the Macquarie Point site;
 - (b) Clause 1.ii — engage with the community and all affected stakeholders;
 - (c) Clause 1.iii — maintain and enhance existing amenities at Regatta Point;
 - (d) Clause 1.iv — upgrade Macquarie Wharf, with immediate priority to Wharf 6;

- (e) Clause 1.v — deliver upgrades to Wharves 4 and 5;
 - (f) Clause 1.vi — ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point, including affordable, essential worker or social housing.
- (6) Will these investments be incorporated into the 2025-26 budget and forward estimates?
 - (7) What accountability or clawback mechanisms apply if the Performance Milestones and ‘Additional Terms’ are not met?
 - (8) What proportion of the \$240m Federal contribution is the Government allocating to each element of the Precinct Plan (stadium, housing, wharf upgrades, public/community amenities), and will Treasury publish a breakdown of this allocation?

The Leader answered:

- (1) The Tasmanian Government is working to complete the performance milestones under the Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure schedule (FFA). Milestones 1, 2 and 3 are complete. Milestones 4 and 5 are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Milestone 6 was impacted by the 2025 State Election and is expected to be completed shortly after the remaining milestones have been completed.

- (2) The Housing Plan (Milestone 5) has been informed by market sounding and feedback from the Commonwealth. The Plan is consistent with the approach set out in the Precinct Plan, which was informed by public consultation, and recent engagement with industry stakeholders on the master plan development. The Plan will be publicly released after formal acceptance is received from the Australian Government.
- (3) The Australian Government funding associated with the FFA is not yet scheduled to be received. As is standard practise, performance milestones for individual payments will be outlined by the Australian Government following the completion of the other milestones.

Funding for the Australian Government’s commitments under the FFA have been confirmed in the 2025-26 Commonwealth Budget. Importantly, the cashflow set out in the FFA and in the Australian Government’s budget are based on the cashflow required for the delivery and construction of the stadium. Tasmania’s Department of Treasury & Finance have also estimated the financial year cashflows for the payment of these funds in the 2025-26 ‘Interim’ Budget.

- (4) The purpose of the FFA is clear, and that is to support the delivery of the urban redevelopment of the Macquarie Point precinct in Hobart. The Tasmanian Government’s vision for the Macquarie Point Urban Renewal project includes a multipurpose stadium at its core.

The Prime Minister has also publicly confirmed that the funds are available to support the delivery of the stadium.

- (5) The Tasmanian Government, together with the Macquarie Point Development Corporation and TasPorts, is working to ensure that Tasmania can deliver on its commitments under the FFA.
 - (a) The requirements of Clause 1.i and 1.ii are being met through existing resources of Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC).
 - (b) The upgrades to Wharves 4, 5 and 6 are being managed by TasPorts, with the upgrade of Wharf 6 being the subject of a separate FFA. (Clauses 1.iv and 1.v).
 - (c) MPDC will be progressing with the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point, including affordable, essential workers or social housing as a commercial activation of the broader precinct. The commercial development opportunities (including housing and public amenities at Regatta Point) will be supported by a land release strategy and taken to market to develop. (Clauses 1.iii and 1.vi).
- (6) Similar to the 2024-25 Budget, the 2025-26 State Budget will include detail on the Macquarie Point Urban Renewal project as well as the upgrade of Macquarie Wharf 6 over the Budget and Forward Estimates.

- (7) As noted in response 3, the performance milestones for payment are to be negotiated between the Australian and Tasmanian governments. Generally, the Australian Government releases payments to the states once certain milestones have been achieved. This FFA will be no different.
- (8) Once received, the \$240 million contribution from the Australian Government will be used to progress the urban redevelopment at Macquarie Point. As you would be aware, the stadium is at the core of the precinct and will be developed first before the balance of the precinct is developed. The Budget Papers will provide information on the use of these funds and the Macquarie Point Development Corporation's Annual Report will also show how these funds have been applied.

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

- (1) Legislative Council: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (2) House of Assembly: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (3) Legislature-General: Annual Report 2025-2025.
- (4) Report of the Office of the Custodial Inspector: Custody: reception to release inspection report 2025. Inspection of Adult Custodial Services in Tasmania. Presented to the Council on 13 October 2025.
- (5) Office of the Independent Regulator: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (6) Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation (TASCORP): Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (7) Tasmanian Irrigation: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (8) TasRail Annual Report: 2024-2025.
- (9) National Heavy Vehicle Regulator: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (10) Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (11) Metro Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (12) Marine and Safety Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (13) Motor Accidents Insurance Board: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (14) Tasmanian Timber Promotion Board: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (15) Sustainable Timber Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (16) Office of the Governor of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (17) Tourism Tasmania Annual Report: 2024-2025.
- (18) Private Forests Tasmania Annual Report: 2024-2025.
- (19) Tasmanian Community Fund: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (20) Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (21) Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (22) Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (23) Environment Protection Authority: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (24) Theatre Royal: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (25) Recycle Rewards: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (26) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (27) Hydro Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (28) Wellington Park Management Trust: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (29) Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (30) Legal Profession Board of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (31) Public Trustee: Annual Report 2024-2025.

- (32) Aurora Energy: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (33) Stadiums Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (34) TasNetworks: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (35) Department of Justice: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (36) Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC): Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (37) Teachers Registration Board Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (38) Office of the Education Registrar: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (39) Department for Education, Children and Young People: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (40) Integrity Commission: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (41) State Fire Commission: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (42) Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (43) Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024-2025.
- (44) Inland Fisheries Service: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (45) TasTAFE Tasmania Annual: Report 2024-2025.
- (46) Department of State Growth: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (47) Tasmania Development and Resources: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (48) Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (49) Tasracing: Annual Report 2025-2025.
- (50) Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training Board (Keystone): Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (51) Homes Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (52) TasPorts: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (53) TT-Line Company Pty Ltd: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (54) Tasmanian Industrial Commission: Review of Actions Report 2024-2025.
- (55) Tasmanian State Service: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (56) Brand Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (57) Department of Premier and Cabinet: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (58) Macquarie Point Development Corporation: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (59) Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2024-2025.
- (60) Audit Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (61) Department of Treasury and Finance: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (62) Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (63) Chief Psychiatrist: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (64) Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (65) Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (66) Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (67) Solicitor-General: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (68) Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (69) Parole Board of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (70) Department of Health: Annual Report 2024-2025.

- (71) Veterinary Board of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (72) Northern Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Association Inc (NRM North): Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (73) Cradle Coast Authority: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (74) Natural Resource Management (NRM) South Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (75) *Local Government Act 1993*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 24, Local Government (General) Regulations 2025.
- (76) *Local Government Act 1993*: Statutory Rules 2025, No 25, Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.
- (77) *Health Act 1997*: Statutory Rules 2025, No 31, Health (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2025.
- (78) *Animal Welfare Act 1993*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 35, Animal Welfare (Transport of Livestock) Regulations 2025.
- (79) *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 40, Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Rules 2025.
- (80) *Liquor Licensing Act 1990*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 41, Liquor Licensing (Fees) Regulations 2025.
- (81) *Economic Regulator Act 2009*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 46, Economic Regulator (MAIB Premiums) Order 2025.
- (82) *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 49, State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025.
- (83) *Land Acquisition Act 1993*: Notice of Acquisition of land under Section 18, comprising area of land containing 132 m² situate in the City of Hobart. Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor, Municipal Area of Hobart.
- (84) *Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Ltd (Agreement) Act 1999*: Deed varying the agreement contained in the *Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Ltd (Agreement) Act 1999*.

7 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.— In accordance with Sections 19 and 20 of the *Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996*, the Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table of the Council the Register of Members' Interests for 2024-2025 for the electorates of Derwent, Elwick, Hobart, Huon, Launceston, McIntyre, Mersey, Murchison, Nelson, Pembroke, Prosser, Rosevears, Rumney and Windermere.

The 14 Annual Returns having been lodged with the President and this day Tabled will now be published on the Parliament's website.

8 WOOLCOTT REVIEW.— Ms Rattray laid upon the Table of the Council the *Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings* by Peter Woolcott AO, dated November 2025.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.— Mr Vincent laid upon the Table of the Council the Government Response to the Report of the Government Administration Committee A on Homes Tasmania, Tabled Wednesday 12 March 2025.

10 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.— The President read a Message from Her Excellency the Governor as follows:—

MESSAGE

Barbara Baker, Governor

A Bill for an Act to the *Coroners Act 1995*, the *Corrections Act 1997*, the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020* and the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*

Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025
(Bill No. 38 of 2025; Act No. 17 of 2025)

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name of Her Majesty the Queen, assented to the said Bill.

Government House, Hobart, 20 October 2025

11 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Rattray* have leave to move Motions without Notice.

12 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE: ESTABLISHMENT.— *Ordered*, That the Legislative Council establish two Estimates Committees each consisting of five members.

And that –

Ms *Forrest*;
Mr *Harriss*;
Ms *Lovell*;
Ms *O'Connor*; and
Ms *Thomas*
be of Committee A,

and

Ms *Armitage*;
Mr *Edmunds*;
Mr *Gaffney*;
Mr *Hiscutt*; and
Ms *Webb*
be of Committee B.

That the Estimates Committees report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2025 and Budget Papers by no later than Friday, 5 December 2025.

And that the Schedule emailed to Members on Monday, 3 November 2025 be adopted as the Estimates Committees timetable. (Ms *Rattray*)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – ESTIMATES COMMITTEES SCHEDULE 2025

Monday 17 November 2025			
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Eric Abetz MP Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP	Treasurer Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal Minister for Arts and Heritage Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Guy Barnett MP Hon Gavin Pearce MP	Attorney-General Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitat Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Tuesday 18 November 2025			
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Nick Duigan MLC Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP	Minister for Energy and Renewables Minister for Sport Minister for Parks Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy Minister for Environment

Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP Hon Jane Howlett MP	Premier Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence Minister for Racing
Wednesday 19 November 2025			
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Bridget Archer MP	Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Minister for Ageing Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Felix Ellis MP	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management Minister for Skills and Jobs
Thursday 20 November 2025			
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Kerry Vincent MLC	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Housing and Planning Minister for Local Government
Commencing at 9.00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Jo Palmer MLC	Minister for Education Minister for Children and Youth Minister for Disability Services

13 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ESTIMATES COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR MINISTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY TO ATTEND.—

Ordered, That the Legislative Council having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, requests that the House of Assembly give leave to all Ministers to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Council Estimates Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents. (Ms Ratray)

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that House accordingly. (Ms Ratray)

14 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ESTIMATES COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR MINISTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY TO ATTEND.—

A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having passed the following Resolution now transmits the same to the House of Assembly, and requests its concurrence therein:—

Resolved, That the Legislative Council having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, requests that the House of Assembly give leave to all Ministers to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Council Estimates Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

Legislative Council, 4 November 2025

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

15 SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS.— The President advised the Chamber of five Members who had indicated their desire to speak:—

- (1) Ms *Webb* – COTA Tasmania's Generations Connect: Tech Together Film Launch and Program Celebration;
- (2) Mr *Gaffney* – Men's Health Services;
- (3) Ms *Palmer* – The Valley Network;
- (4) Mr *Harriss* – Huon Valley PCYC; and
- (5) Ms *Forrest* – West Coast Wilderness Railway – Pathways Program.

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

16 CONDOLENCE MOTION: MR DESMOND HISCUTT.— *Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That the Legislative Council expresses its deep regret at the passing on 19 June 2025 of Desmond Hiscutt, Member of the Legislative Council from 1995 to 1999, and places on record its appreciation of his service to this State, and further, that this House respectfully tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement. (Mr *Hiscutt*)

17 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms *Webb* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

18 ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE INTO INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT REPORT.— A Motion was made (Ms *Webb*) and the Question was proposed:—

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the Council, and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to be informed by the members of the Tasmanian Planning Commission Independent Expert Assessment Panel (the Panel) that assessed the Macquarie Point Multi Purpose stadium proposal with regard to:
 - (a) The Panel's Integrated Assessment Report, dated September 2025, and Recommendation Report dated September 2025 (the Reports),
 - (b) The content, findings and recommendations in the Reports,
 - (c) The methodologies the Panel used in conducting their assessment, and
 - (d) The data and evidence the Panel relied upon in making their assessment, findings and recommendations.
- (2) That the number of members of the Committee be eleven, and that a Quorum of the Committee be six.
- (3) And that
 - Ms *Armitage*,
 - Mr *Edmunds*,
 - Ms *Forrest*,
 - Mr *Gaffney*,
 - Mr *Harriss*,
 - Mr *Hiscutt*,
 - Ms *O'Connor*,
 - Ms *Rattray*,
 - Ms *Lovell*,
 - Ms *Thomas*, andThe Mover be of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee report by 2 December 2025.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That Ms *Webb*, have leave to Table an email from the Executive Commissioner of the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) regarding a request for a TPC Expert Panel Briefing on the Macquarie Point Stadium Integrated Assessment, dated 31 October 2025.

19 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.

20 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were nine Questions asked.

Ordered, That Ms *Rattray*, have leave to Table an Answer to a Question from Ms *Webb* regarding TAFE subsidy redirections and have it incorporated into the Hansard record.

21 ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE INTO INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT REPORT.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question:—

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the Council, and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to be informed by the members of the Tasmanian Planning Commission Independent Expert Assessment Panel (the Panel) that assessed the Macquarie Point Multi Purpose Stadium Proposal with regard to:
 - (a) The Panel's Integrated Assessment Report, dated September 2025, and Recommendation Report dated September 2025 (the Reports),
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 - (d) The data and evidence the Panel relied upon in making their assessment, findings and recommendations.
- (2) That the number of members of the Committee be eleven, and that a Quorum of the Committee be six.
- (3) And that
Ms Armitage,
Mr Edmunds,
Ms Forrest,
Mr Gaffney,
Mr Harriss,
Mr Hiscutt,
Ms O'Connor,
Ms Rattray,
Ms Lovell,
Ms Thomas, and
The Mover be of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee report by 2 December 2025.
And the Question being put,
It was resolved in the Affirmative.

22 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Ms Rattray have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

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

24 BILL NO. 57.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill 2025.

A Motion was made (Ms Forrest), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

25 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.

26 BILL NO. 57.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill 2025 be now read the Second time.

And the Question being put,

The Council divided.

AYES 2

Ms Forrest
Ms Thomas (Teller)

NOES 10

Mr Duigan
Mr Edmunds
Mr Gaffney
Mr Harriss
Mr Hiscutt
Ms O'Connor (Teller)
Ms Palmer
Ms Rattray
Mr Vincent
Ms Webb

Pair: *Ms Armitage*

Pair: *Ms Lovell*

So it passed in the Negative.

27 SITTING SUSPENDED.—*Resolved*, That the Sitting of the Council be suspended until the ringing of the Division bells. (*Ms Rattray*)

The Sitting was suspended at 6.57 o'clock p.m. and resumed at 8.01 o'clock p.m.

28 BILL NO. 44.— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill 2025.

A Motion was made (*Ms O'Connor*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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 Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ms Forrest in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6, Amendments made. (*Ms O'Connor*)

First Amendment

Page 5, clause 6, paragraph (c).

Leave out "7".

Insert instead "14".

Second Amendment

Same page, same clause, paragraph (d).

Leave out "7".

Insert instead "14".

Third Amendment

Same page, same clause, paragraph (e).

Leave out “7”.

Insert instead “14”.

Clause 6 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10, Amendment made. (Ms O'Connor)

Page 7, clause 10, after “is substituted:”.

Leave out everything.

Insert instead the following:

34. Protection for provision of information

- (1) This section applies if a person provides information to the Inspector or an officer of the Inspector –
 - (a) as requested or required by the Inspector or an officer of the Inspector under this Act; or
 - (b) of their own volition for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) In so far as the information referred to in subsection (1) is provided in good faith, whether the information is true or false, the person –
 - (a) does not incur any civil or criminal liability; and
 - (b) cannot be held to have breached any code of professional etiquette or ethics, or to have departed from any accepted standard of professional conduct; and
 - (c) cannot be held to have contravened any Act –in respect of the provision of that information.

Clause 10 as amended agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendments.

The Council being resumed, Ms *Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council with Amendments.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Bill as amended be made an Order of the Day for a Tuesday next. (Ms O'Connor)

29 ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS IN THE COUNCIL AT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.—

Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein:—

Resolved, That the House of Assembly requests that the Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables to appear before the and give evidence to the House of Assembly Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee.

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

Ordered, that the Message be taken into consideration forthwith. (Ms Rattray)

Ordered, That the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables, be given leave to appear before and give evidence to the House of Assembly Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee. (Ms Rattray)

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that House accordingly. (Ms Rattray)

30 ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS IN THE COUNCIL AT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. — A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council desires to inform the House of Assembly that it agrees to the request of the Assembly in its Message dated 4 November 2025 and has given leave for the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables, to appear before and give evidence to the House of Assembly Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee.

Legislative Council, 4 November 2025

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

31 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS IN THE COUNCIL AT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES COMMITTEES.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having passed the following Resolution begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein:—

Resolved, That the House of Assembly requests that:—

- (1) All Members of the Legislative Council attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2025 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2025-26.
- (2) The Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport, the Honourable the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services and the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning, to appear before and give evidence to, the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

Ordered, That the Message be taken into consideration forthwith. (Ms Rattray)

Ordered, That the Honourable Member for Rosevears, as Minister for Education; Minister for Children and Youth; and Minister for Disability Services, and the Honourable Member for Windermere, as Minister for Energy and Renewables; Minister for Parks; and Minister for Sport, and the Honourable Member for Prosser, as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister for Local Government; and Minister for Housing and Planning, be given leave to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

Ordered, that a Message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that House of Assembly accordingly. (Ms Rattray)

32 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS IN THE COUNCIL AT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ESTIMATES COMMITTEES. — A

Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council desires to inform the House of Assembly that it agrees to the request of the Assembly in its Message dated 4 November 2025 and has given leave for the Honourable Member for Rosevears, as Minister for Education; Minister for Children and Youth; and Minister for Disability Services, and the Honourable Member for Windermere, as Minister for Energy and Renewables; Minister for Parks; and Minister for Sport, and the Honourable Member for Prosser, as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport; Minister for Local Government; and Minister for Housing and Planning, be given leave to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

Legislative Council, 4 November 2025

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

33 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ESTIMATES COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR MINISTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY TO ATTEND.—

A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly doth agree to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 4 November 2025:—

Resolved, That the Legislative Council having appointed two Estimates Committees reflecting the distribution of Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, requests that the House of Assembly give leave to all Ministers to appear before and give evidence to the relevant Council Estimates Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

34 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly has appointed:

- (1) The Honourable Member for Clark, Mr *Vermeij*, to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on the Recommendations of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry in the place of the Honourable Member for Braddon, Mr *Jaensch*.
- (2) The Honourable Member for Braddon, Mr *Jaensch*, to the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality in the place of the Honourable Member for Clark, Mr *Vermeij*.

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

35 BILL NO. 43.— 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 retrospectively the *First Home Owner Grant 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, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *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.
(Ms Rattray)

36 BILL NO. 52.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘A Bill for an Act extend the operation of the *Police Powers (Public Safety) Act 2005* and the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005*’,

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

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *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.
(Ms Rattray)

37 BILL NO. 54.— 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 a Commission for Children and Young People, to establish the statutory positions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Child Advocate and the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, to enable the offices of Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Independent Regulator to be held by a single person, and for related purposes’,

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

House of Assembly, 4 November 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *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.
(Ms Rattray)

38 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o’clock a.m. on Wednesday, 5 November 2025. (Ms Rattray)

A Motion was made (Ms Rattray) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 9.25 o’clock p.m.

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