



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 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 commenced.
- 5 MEMBER SUSPENDED. - In accordance with Standing Order No. 149 the Speaker Ordered the Honourable Member for Lyons Mr *Mitchell* to withdraw from the House until the conclusion of the Matter of Public Importance due to repeated interjections.
- 6 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 7 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.
- 8 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020: Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 30).
 - (2) Residential Tenancy Act 1997: Residential Tenancy Amendment Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 44).
- 9 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023: Electoral Disclosure and Funding Regulations 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 33).
 - (2) Land Acquisition Act 1993 (Section 18):
 - (a) Dated 1 September 2025, land situate in the City of Clarence, Municipal Area of Clarence, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P188502, registered in the name of Tasmania Golf Club Inc. for road purposes;
 - (b) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Parish of Dallas, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P186658, registered in the names of Richard James O'Reilly and Sally Lee Anne Maree O'Reilly for road purposes;

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- (c) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Parish of Dallas, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head Lot 3 on Plan of Survey P186654, registered in the name of Neville Dale Smith for road purposes;
- (d) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Parish of Dallas, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P187712, registered in the name of Neville Dale Smith for road purposes;
- (e) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Town of Hellyer, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P186654, registered in the names of Katrina Louise McNab and Luke Jonathon McNab for road purposes;
- (f) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Parish of Dallas, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lots 1 and 2 on Plan of Survey P186651, registered in the names of Denise Mary Bramich and Peter Robert Bramich for road purposes; and
- (g) Dated 22 May 2025, land situate in the Town of Hellyer, Land District of Wellington, Municipal Area of Circular Head, Lot 2 on Plan of Survey P186654, registered in the names of Janet Gae Popowski and John Maxwell

10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: REPORTS BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Butler* brought up the following Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Works:-

- (1) Tasman Highway: Duplication of Midway Point Causeway and McGees Bridge (South East Traffic Solution) (Paper No. 22)
- (2) Kings Meadows Community Health Centre (Paper No. 25)

Ordered, That the said Reports be received. (Ms *Butler*)

11 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Commissioner for Children and Young People: Annual Report 2024-2025.

12 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

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*.

13 GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

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 Energy and Renewables, to appear before and give evidence to the House of Assembly Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee.

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Legislative Council, 4 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

14 BILL NO. 65. – The Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Collections for Charities Act 2001 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1964”.

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

15 BILL NO. 62. – The Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs 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.

16 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BUDGET. – Mr *Willie* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Budget.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

17 BILL NO. 37. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995".

Legislative Council, 5 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

18 BILL NO. 36. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Hydro-Electric Corporation Act 1995, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993".

Legislative Council, 5 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

19 BILL NO. 42. - A Message from the Legislative Council. -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER

The Legislative Council having this day agreed, with Amendments, to a Bill, intituled – “A Bill for an Act to amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Electricity Reform Act 2012, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Government Business Enterprises (Sale) Act 2003, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”,

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now returns the same to the House of Assembly, and to requests its concurrence therein.

Legislative Council, 5 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration at a later hour. (The Treasurer)

20 AFL MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM REQUIREMENT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

(1) Notes that:—

- (a) the State's public debt is approaching \$13 billion, the highest in Tasmania's history, placing growing pressure on essential services such as health, housing, education, and mental health;
- (b) the Government nevertheless remains committed to a \$1.13 billion stadium project at Macquarie Point, despite widespread public opposition and escalating costs;
- (c) the final cost of the stadium and surrounding infrastructure will further increase the cost to the public purse;
- (d) Tasmania already possesses suitable AFL venues which could be upgraded at a fraction of the cost of a new build;
- (e) the proposed stadium has become a symbol of misplaced priorities, at a time when Tasmanians are struggling with record housing shortages and declining service standards; and
- (f) the AFL's requirement for a new stadium as a condition of Tasmania's entry into the national competition cannot be justified, given both the State's fiscal position and available facilities.

(2) Calls on the Government to:—

- (a) reopen negotiations with the AFL to remove the Macquarie Point stadium requirement from the current agreement; and
- (b) continue Tasmania's unprecedented financial support of the Tasmanian Devils AFL team and ensure the team's establishment proceeds without further burdening the State's finances, through a further \$5.9 million stadium subsidy to be paid annually in lieu of the income the Macquarie Point stadium would have generated for the club. (Mr *George*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Mr *Bayley* was addressing the Chair.

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

22 AFL MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM REQUIREMENT. – And the Question being again proposed

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

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AYES 10

Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Ms Burnet
Mr Di Falco
Mr Garland
Mr George
Ms Johnston
Ms Rosol
Dr Woodruff
Prof Razay (Teller)

NOES 24

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Ms Haddad
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Mr Mitchell
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Mrs Greene (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

23 TT-LINE PAYMENT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the Rockliff Government is responsible for the biggest infrastructure stuff-up in Tasmania's history, the Spirits fiasco – which has plunged TT-Line into financial crisis and left Tasmanian taxpayers footing the bill.
- (2) Recognises that:—
 - (a) unplanned costs associated with the Spirits replacement project have now exceeded half a billion dollars;
 - (b) these cost blowouts have pushed TT-Line to the brink of insolvency; and
 - (c) the upcoming State Budget, to be delivered on 6 November 2025, will include a \$75 million bailout payment to TT-Line as a direct result of the Rockliff Government's incompetence.
- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) outline in full how it intends to fund the \$75 million bailout payment to TT-Line; and
 - (b) be honest with the Tasmanian people about whether the 2026-27 Budget will include a further bailout for the Spirits project. (Mr *Willie*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

24 STADIUM EXPENDITURE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House accepts:—

- (1) Capital expenditure for the stadium is officially estimated at \$1.3 billion - \$865 million funded by State Government and proponent borrowings.
- (2) Additional elements required to build or operate the stadium that are not included in this cost estimate include:—

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- (a) additional site works (32 million);
 - (b) northern access road and event plaza (\$75.9 million);
 - (c) carpark (\$97 million);
 - (d) event buses (\$49 million);
 - (e) Tasmania Symphony Orchestra compensation and upgrades (\$4.45 million); and
 - (f) Davey, Collins and Hunter Streets path widening (\$17.6 million).
- (3) The State of Tasmania is entirely liable for any future costs, including cost overruns, penalty payments to the AFL, and failure to acquit the federal funding grant for urban renewal.
- (4) The Coordinator-General stated in the Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday 22 October 2025 that the State Government will pay between \$45 million and \$70 million annually on interest alone, without repaying capital costs.
- (5) Further borrowing could be required to fund operational expenditure for the stadium, net operating cash deficits, penalty payments, and life cycle and event attraction costs.
- (6) At past cost estimates, the stadium is estimated to add at least \$2 billion of debt to the state over 10 years, and that figure would be greater with updated costs and aforementioned unbudgeted components.
- (7) S&P Global revised its long-term credit rating outlook for Tasmania from stable to negative, and Tasmania's rising debt burden increases the likelihood of a credit rating downgrade, increasing debt servicing costs and resulting in reduced public services.
(Mr Bayley)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

25 RECREATIONAL HUNTING. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—
That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) the crucial role recreational hunting plays in deer management; and
 - (b) the cultural and historical significance of hunting in Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) recreational hunting generates over \$80 million to the Tasmanian economy; and
 - (b) several regional Tasmanians rely on harvested meat to provide for their families.
- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) expand Sustainable Timber Tasmania land access to recreational hunting;
 - (b) support recreational hunters as the primary method of deer management;
 - (c) maintain deer status as partially protected;
 - (d) explore amending legislation that prohibits the donation of game meat to charitable organisations to combat food insecurity; and
 - (e) maintain the ban on 1080 poison to target deer populations. (Mr Di Falco)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendment proposed (Mr Di Falco)

Leave out paragraph 3(c).

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

And it was Resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion as Amended be agreed to.

The House divided.

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The House divided.

AYES 27

Mr *Abetz*
Mrs *Archer*
Mr *Barnett*
Dr *Broad*
Ms *Brown*
Ms *Butler*
Mr *Di Falco*
Ms *Dow*
Mr *Ellis*
Mr *Fairs*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Finlay*
Mr *Garland*
Mrs *Greene*
Ms *Haddad*
Ms *Howlett*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *Mitchell*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mr *Pearce*
Prof *Razay*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Vermey*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *O'Byrne* (Teller)

NOES 7

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

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) the crucial role recreational hunting plays in deer management; and
 - (b) the cultural and historical significance of hunting in Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) recreational hunting generates over \$80 million to the Tasmanian economy; and
 - (b) several regional Tasmanians rely on harvested meat to provide for their families.
- (3) Calls on the Government to:—
 - (a) expand Sustainable Timber Tasmania land access to recreational hunting;
 - (b) support recreational hunters as the primary method of deer management;
 - (c) explore amending legislation that prohibits the donation of game meat to charitable organisations to combat food insecurity; and
 - (d) maintain the ban on 1080 poison to target deer populations.

26 BELL BAY ALUMINIUM. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
 - (a) Bell Bay Aluminium in Northern Tasmania is Australia's only aluminium smelter powered entirely by renewable energy, directly employing more than 550 Tasmanians and supporting nearly 300 local businesses in the supply chain;
 - (b) the Tasmanian Liberal Government has worked tirelessly alongside industry, local government, and community stakeholders to secure the smelter's future - including advocacy to the Commonwealth to ensure Tasmania receives its fair and appropriate share of national industry support;
 - (c) the Australian Government has offered substantial support packages to mainland smelters (including to Tomago Aluminium in New South Wales) while

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- withholding confirmation that Bell Bay Aluminium will be eligible for assistance under the Green Aluminium Production Credit Scheme;
- (d) Hydro Tasmania is engaged in good faith negotiations, offering Bell Bay Aluminium a competitive, commercial energy price (consistent with its Charter and Australia's competition law obligations) to put Tasmanian jobs and the economy first; and
 - (e) despite repeated requests since the start of 2025, the Australian Government has failed to provide any assurance that Bell Bay Aluminium will be treated equitably under the national scheme.
- (2) Acknowledges that maintaining Bell Bay Aluminium is in both the State's interest and the national interest in that it is critical to Australia's sovereign industrial capability and the long-term future of Tasmanian jobs, exports, and economic activity.
- (3) Calls on the Australian Government to immediately:—
- (a) confirm that Bell Bay Aluminium is entitled to access the Green Aluminium Production Credit Scheme; and
 - (b) work with the Tasmanian Government to deliver a fair and equitable outcome that recognises Tasmania's renewable energy advantage. (Mr *Ferguson*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Amendment proposed (Ms *Finlay*)

Leave out paragraphs 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e) and paragraph 3(a) and 3(b).

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

The House divided.

AYES 12

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

NOES 22

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

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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27 BILL NO. 42. - The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill 2025.

(In the Committee)

Amendments

Clause 6

First Amendment

Page 5, proposed new section 20A, subsection (1), after “section 20(1),”,
Insert “a motion that approves”,

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, same subsection, after “must be”.
Leave out “approved”.
Insert instead “passed”.

Third Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, subsection (2)
Leave out that subsection.

Clause 8

First Amendment

Page 7, proposed new subsection (1A), after “under subsection (1) if”.
Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new subsection, after “proposed sale is”.
Leave out “approved”.
Insert instead “passed”.

Third Amendment

Same page, proposed new subsection (1B)
Leave out that subsection.

Clause 10

First Amendment

Page 9, proposed new section 7A, subsection (1), after “this Act if”.
Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, same subsection, after “Enterprise is”.
Leave out “approved”.
Insert instead “passed”.

Third Amendment

Same Page, Same proposed new section, subdivision (2).
Leave out that subsection.

Clause 14

First Amendment

Page 13, proposed new section 11A, subsection (3), after “effect unless”.
Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, same subsection, after “first been”.
Leave out “approved”.
Insert instead “passed”.

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Third Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, subsection (4).

Leave out that subsection.

Clause 16

First Amendment

Page 15, proposed new subsection (3), after “effect unless”.

Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new subsection, after “first been”.

Leave out “approved”.

Insert instead “passed”.

Third Amendment

Same page, proposed new subsection (4).

Leave out that subsection.

Clause 18

First Amendment

Page 17, proposed new subsection (1A), after “effect unless”.

Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new subsection, after “first been”.

Leave out “approved”.

Insert instead “passed”.

Third Amendment

Same page, proposed new subsection (1B)

Leave out that subsection.

Clause 20

First Amendment

Page 19, paragraph (a) after “both Houses of Parliament”,

Insert “have approved a proposal for”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same paragraph, after “Each House of Parliament”.

Insert “have passed a motion that approves”.

Third Amendment

Same page, paragraph (b)

Leave out paragraph

Insert instead the following paragraph

(b) by omitting subsection (6)

Fourth Amendment

Same page, paragraph (c)

Leave out that paragraph

Clause 22

First Amendment

Page 21, proposed new section 9A, subsection (3), after “effect unless”.

Insert “a motion that approves”.

Second Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, same subsection, after “first been”.

Leave out “approved”.

Insert instead “passed”.

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Third Amendment

Same page, same proposed new section, subsection (4).

Leave out that subsection.

Clause 24

First Amendment

Page 23, before paragraph (a)

Insert the following paragraph

(x) by inserting in subsection (1) “a motion approving” after “them unless”.

Second Amendment

Same page, paragraph (b)

Leave out the paragraph

Insert instead the following paragraph

(b) by omitting subsection (2)

Third Amendment

Same page, paragraph (c)

Leave out the paragraph

Amendments agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House being resumed, Mr *Fairs* reported that the Committee had considered the Amendments to it referred, and had come to a certain Resolution which was read as follows:-

To agree to the Amendments of the Legislative Council.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be agreed to. (The Treasurer)

28 BILL NO. 42. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly does agree to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled-

“A Bill for an Act amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Electricity Reform Act 2012, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Government Business Enterprises (Sale) Act 2003, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

29 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Minister for the Environment)

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

30 PAPERS. – Dr *Woodruff*, *by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House documents in relation to Native forestry.

31 PAPERS. – Ms *Badger*, *by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House documents in relation to Willow Court.

The House adjourned at forty-four minutes past Nine o'clock.

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LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

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.