



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
SESSION OF 2025
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

THURSDAY, 13 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 **SPEAKER’S STATEMENT: OFFENSIVE WORDS.** – The Speaker said:

“As I indicated yesterday, this morning I will make a statement to the House in relation to the practice of Standing Orders 144 and 127. Standing Order 144 applies to offensive or unbecoming words in reference to a member of the House. The practice of the House is that where a member takes personal offence to such words, the Speaker may direct that the member who made the comment is to withdraw the words. What constitutes offensive language needs to take into account both the nature and context of the words spoken.

Criticism or commentary of a member's political or policy positions is not something that is regarded as offending Standing Order 144, as such an approach would mean that a significant number of contributions made by all members in this House would offend this Standing Order. Such comments are instead open to debate, and members have the ability to put alternative views on the record during the debate or through using other forms of the House.

Standing Order 127, on the other hand, enables a member to make a personal explanation, usually when the member has some objection to make or some explanation to give. Such a claim is most often made on the basis that the member has been misrepresented or misquoted. There is, therefore, a difference between offensive language or imputing unbecoming motive that would require a withdrawal under Standing Order 144, and a member claiming that they have been misrepresented or misquoted, which falls within the operation of Standing Order 127. Providing a personal explanation under Standing Order 127 also gives the member the opportunity to rebut the comments made by the other member and to put their position on the record. It does not require that the member who made the comment needs to withdraw it.

During the Leader of the Greens' contribution to the appropriation bill yesterday, the Leader of the Opposition indicated that he was personally offended by the following comments made by the Leader of the Greens, Dr Woodruff:

As the Leader of the Opposition has said time and again, since Labor backflipped on its original opposition to a stadium, they will give their unconditional support to the Liberals and they will back it, whatever the cost.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Willie, then said:

I've never said that.

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And shortly after:

Point of order, personal offence. I haven't actually said any of those.

I then provided the opportunity to the Leader of the Opposition to make a personal explanation to address these comments at the end of the conclusion of the item of business. This is because the basis of the honourable Leader of the Opposition's objection to the words was that he had not said any of those comments. He has met the criteria for Standing Order 127 that the honourable Leader of the Opposition had been misrepresented or misquoted, therefore he could provide a personal explanation. As is the practice of the House, I did not enable the personal explanation to be made immediately but gave the Leader of the Opposition the call when the Leader of the Greens had concluded her contribution so as not to interrupt the business before the House.

As the Leader of the Opposition asked for the words to be withdrawn, I subsequently asked the Leader of the Greens to withdraw the comments until such time as I could review the *Hansard*. Having now read the *Hansard*, I wish to clarify for the House that on this occasion, these comments did not need to be withdrawn by Dr Woodruff as they were commentary on the member's political or policy position, rather than something that could be regarded as personally offensive words.

To summarise, enabling the honourable Leader of the Opposition to provide a personal explanation, as was provided yesterday, was appropriate under Standing Order 127, not Standing Order 144, and Dr Woodruff did not need to withdraw her words. This approach in relation to the operation of Standing Order 127 and 144 will continue to be adopted.”

5 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.

6 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS. – In accordance with Sessional Order No. 48C, Constituency Questions were asked.

7 PAPERS. – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Police Powers (Controlled Operations) Act 2006: Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: (Tas) Annual Report – Controlled Operations 2024-2025.
- (2) Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Act 2006: Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission: (Tas) Annual Report – Surveillance Devices 2024-2025.
- (3) Police Powers (Assumed Identities) Act 2006: Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (Tas) Annual Report – Surveillance Devices 2024-2025.
- (4) Magistrates Court Act 1987: Magistrates Court of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (5) Supreme Court of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (6) Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1973: Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (7) Guardianship and Administration Act: Office of the Public Guardian: Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (8) Mental Health Act 2013: Report to the Minister for Justice on the Activities of Official Visitors - Annual Report 2024-2025.
- (9) Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017: Annual Report 2024-2025.

8 INTEGRITY, JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: REPORT BROUGHT UP. – Ms *Haddad* brought up the following Report of Joint Standing Committee on Integrity:-

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Annual Report 2025 (Paper No. 29).

Ordered, That the said Report be received. (Ms *Haddad*)

9 BILL NO. 46 - A Message from the Legislative Council -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021".

Legislative Council, 13 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, *President.*

10 BILL NO. 60 - A Message from the Legislative Council -

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to amend the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013".

Legislative Council, 13 November 2025.

C.M. FARRELL, *President.*

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

12 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 2 December next. (The Treasurer)

13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the following from taking place:—

- (1) That upon Notice of Motion No. 29 being debated by the House and the debate having closed but before the Speaker puts the Question to the House, that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 49) made on 21 October 2025.
- (2) That the Committee consider each clause and schedule in the following manner:—
 - (a) the Chair is to call on each clause or schedule, and ask if any Member has any question thereon;
 - (b) if no questions are asked, or a question or questions having been asked, no further questions are asked, the Chair shall declare that the clause or schedule has been considered, without question being put;
 - (c) the Report of the Committee of the whole House be limited to 'The Committee has considered the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 49)'; and
 - (d) for the avoidance of doubt, the Committee of the whole is not empowered to amend any clause or schedule of the Order.
- (3) That upon the Report of the Committee of the whole House being brought up, the Speaker shall immediately put the Question proposed by the Motion. (Mr *Bayley*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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AYES 9

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

NOES 25

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Mr Di Falco
Mr Ellis
Mr Fairs
Mr Ferguson
Ms Finlay
Mrs Greene
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
Ms Dow (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent all Members from being able to speak to Notice of Motion No. 29 for up to 40 minutes each. (*Dr Woodruff*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 10

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

NOES 24

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

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So it passed in the Negative.

15 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: HOUSING SHORTAGE AND HOMELESSNESS. – Prof. *Razay* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Housing Shortage and Homelessness.

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

17 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: HOUSING SHORTAGE AND HOMELESSNESS. – And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

18 SITTING TIMES. - *Ordered*, in accordance with Standing Order 18A, That for this day's sitting the House not stand adjourned at Six o'clock and that the House continue to sit past Six o'clock. (The Treasurer)

19 MACQUARIE POINT PRECINCT ORDER. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House approves, in accordance with section 26(9) of the State Policies and Projects Act 1993, the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 (Statutory Rules 2025, No. 49) made on 21 October 2025. (The Treasurer)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 25

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*
Mrs *Greene*
Ms *Haddad*
Ms *Howlett*
Mr *Mitchell*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mr *Pearce*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mr *Shelton*
Mr *Vermey*
Mr *Willie*
Mr *Winter*
Mr *Jaensch* (Teller)

NOES 9

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

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

20 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Treasurer)

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

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21 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

Letters regarding budget programs.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight past Nine o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except.

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.