



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018

A SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA, COMMENCED AND HOLDEN IN THE CITY OF HOBART ON TUESDAY THE FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF OUR SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND AND IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— On which day being the first day of the meeting of this Session of Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to Proclamation hereunder annexed, the Council met at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

2 PARLIAMENT OPENED BY COMMISSION. — Her Excellency's Commissioners, the Honourable James Scott Wilkinson, the Honourable Leonie Anne Hiscutt and the Honourable Kerry Finch appointed by Her Excellency the Governor, having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher of the Black Rod, Stuart MacGregor Wright, and being seated on the dais, the Honourable James Scott Wilkinson in the centre with the Honourable Leonie Anne Hiscutt on his right hand, and the Honourable Kerry Finch on his left hand; the Clerk of the Council read Her Excellency's Proclamation, as follows:—

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS by the *Constitution Act 1934* it is provided that the Governor shall call the Parliament of Tasmania together for the despatch of business after every general election of members of the Assembly, within 90 days after the dissolution of the Assembly, unless the Governor, by proclamation, shall extend the time for so doing by such further period not exceeding 30 days as she may think necessary

AND WHEREAS the Assembly was dissolved on 28 January 2018 and a general election of members of the Assembly was held on 3 March 2018

AND WHEREAS I consider it necessary that the time for calling Parliament together after the said general election be extended until 1 May 2018:

NOW THEREFORE I, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, exercising the power and authority vested in me, do hereby fix 11.00 am on Tuesday 1 May 2018, in the Houses of Parliament situated in the City of Hobart in Tasmania, as the time and place that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business; and the members of the said Parliament are hereby required to give their attendance at the same time and place accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand at Hobart in Tasmania on 4 April 2018.

KATE WARNER, Governor.

By Her Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM E.F. HODGMAN, Premier.

3 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE.— The Senior Commissioner commanded the Usher of the Black Rod, *Stuart MacGregor Wright*, to let the Members of the House of Assembly know —

“The Commissioners desire their immediate attendance in the Council to hear the Commission read”.

Who being come;

The Honourable *James Scott Wilkinson* said:— ‘Honourable Members of the Legislative Council; Members of the House of Assembly:— Her Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be here at this time, has been pleased to cause a Commission under the Seal of State to be prepared in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament. This will more fully appear by the Letters Patent themselves, which the Clerk of the Council will now read’.

4 LETTERS PATENT READ.— The said Letters Patent were read by the Clerk of the Council as follows: —

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To the HONOURABLE JAMES SCOTT WILKINSON, The HONOURABLE LEONIE ANNE HISCUTT, The HONOURABLE KERRY FINCH being Members of Our Legislative Council; And to all to whom these presents shall come —

GREETING:

WHEREAS by a Proclamation under the hand of Her Excellency The HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, dated 4 April 2018, a session of Our Parliament of Tasmania was summoned to be held for the despatch of business on 1 May 2018.

And whereas it is expedient for the session of the Parliament of Our State to be opened by Commissioners:

We do by these Our Letters Patent, appoint you the said JAMES SCOTT WILKINSON, LEONIE ANNE HISCUTT, and KERRY FINCH or any two of you, to be Commissioners with full power in Our name in the name of Our Governor of Our said State to do things which are to be done on Their part in this Parliament.

AND further by these presents we command that all and every of the members of Our Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and all others whom they concern, meet in Our said Parliament there to diligently attend to the business thereof.

IN testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Professor The HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia at Hobart in Tasmania on 18 April 2018, and in the sixty-seventh year of Our reign.

KATE WARNER, *Governor*

By Her Excellency's Command,

JEREMY ROCKCLIFF, Acting Premier.

Then the Honourable JAMES SCOTT WILKINSON, said: "Honourable Members of the Legislative Council and Members of the House of Assembly: “We have it in command from Her Excellency the Governor to let you know that as soon as the new Members of the House of Assembly shall be sworn and the House of Assembly has elected its Speaker in accordance with the Constitution Act, Her Excellency will in person at three o'clock this afternoon in this place declare the causes of her calling this Parliament together”.

The Members of the House of Assembly withdrew.

5 SITTING SUSPENDED.— At 11.09 o'clock a.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the sitting at 3.00 o'clock p.m.

6 GOVERNOR PRESENT.— Her Excellency the Governor entered the Council, and being seated, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod, *Stuart MacGregor Wright*, to let the Assembly know that it is Her Excellency's pleasure that they attend her immediately in this House'.

Who being come with their Speaker.

Her Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:—

Mr President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, Madam Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly

As the 28th Governor of this State, I welcome you to the first session of the Forty-Ninth Parliament of Tasmania, 162 years since responsible government began in Tasmania, with the first sitting of the bicameral Parliament in 1856.

Much like that momentous occasion, the State election on 3rd March this year has delivered an historic outcome.

In delivering a second term for the majority Liberal Government, it was the first time since the 1970s that any political party surpassed 50 per cent of the primary vote in consecutive elections, and indeed, the first time in over 100 years, that a conservative party achieved that result.

In another first for Tasmania, the new make-up of the House of Assembly has more women than men.

In fact, Tasmania has become the first Australian State Parliament ever to achieve this, and it is a milestone of national significance and worthy of celebration.

The election also resulted in five brand new Members for the House of Assembly.

The Honourable Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania, received an unprecedented personal endorsement, and is determined to lead my Government responsibly, in the best interests of Tasmanians.

Moreover, in a fast-paced and changing world, the people of Tasmania put their trust in the Liberal Government to provide certainty and stability for their future – a duty my Government takes very seriously.

Tasmania is a vastly different place than it was just a few years ago.

In many cases, the State is leading the nation, in business confidence, export growth, building approvals, international and domestic tourism to name a few.

Economic conditions and employment growth are the strongest they have been in many years.

There is no doubt that Tasmania as a whole is a more confident, more vibrant and positive place.

My Government has a strong resolve to see the State continue to move forward, to ensure that Tasmania's chance for prolonged and permanent growth is not squandered, and the State does not go backwards.

Rapid growth, however, brings its own set of challenges.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said "*You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today*".

My Government does not resile from the challenges brought by strong economic growth; indeed, it welcomes the opportunities.

It is acutely aware of the task ahead, with a long-term plan and policies to address Tasmania's growth and ensure that all Tasmanians, no matter where they live, can share in the benefits.

Despite the perceptible change in Tasmania, the issues that the majority of Tasmanians care about have remained comparatively constant.

Tasmanians want to see a strong economy that delivers jobs and secures opportunities for their children and future generations.

They want a government that will deliver quality health and education services, keep their families safe, and keep cost of living pressures down.

They want a government that will provide a vital safety net for those most in need.

They want a government that invests in the infrastructure that our growing State needs; and they want to protect our precious way of life.

Tasmanians have entrusted my Government with a duty to deliver on these core responsibilities, to govern Tasmanians with a steady hand and a sense of purpose, and to lead the State with resolve, compassion and integrity.

In this term, my Government remains committed to further strengthen our economy and create more full-time, secure jobs for Tasmanians.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has recently confirmed that Tasmania's economy is one of the best performing in Australia, the third strongest in the country.

Today, we enjoy record employment levels.

There are 11,800 more Tasmanians in work than just four years ago, and Tasmanian businesses are the most confident in the country.

My Government will continue to work to strengthen the Tasmanian economy, and ensure all regions of the State benefit from economic growth and new jobs, by reducing payroll tax rates for businesses and providing one of the most competitive tax regimes in the country for small and medium-sized businesses.

Investment in flagship industry sectors, like tourism, agriculture and fisheries and resources, will continue in order to harness and solidify recent growth, creating more jobs and building a strong foundation for those sectors for years to come.

Growth in the economy and an increasing population brings its own set of challenges, with demand for skilled labour and an increased need and competition for housing, as more people move to Tasmania for jobs and lifestyle reasons.

To meet the demand for skilled labour, my Government will give priority to ensuring more young people have the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship, through payroll tax rebates and targeted small business grants focused on growth sectors of the economy, such as building and construction, tourism and hospitality, and advanced manufacturing.

New Centres of Excellence in Agriculture, Trades and Water, and Hospitality will ensure Tasmanians have the right skills for jobs in these important growth areas.

To meet the demand for housing, my Government will build on the first stage of its Affordable Housing Strategy, with an additional investment of \$125 million to increase supply, as well as a suite of incentives to help boost the supply of housing in Tasmania.

Already, my Government has convened a Housing Summit and legislation to support a number of the outcomes will be introduced shortly.

The market is also responding to demand for extra supply: the trend for dwelling commencements is up 29 per cent compared to just one year ago.

My Government is a firm believer in the power of education, and the opportunity it provides, not just for quality of life, but choice in life.

Nothing is more important.

During this term, Tasmania will see record levels of funding invested into the education system. That includes new teachers and other vital school staff.

There will be more support for the early years, which are so critical to a child's development, and greater mental health support in our schools.

For the first time, we will progressively remove school principals from staffing formulas, enabling principals to focus more on school leadership, with extra teachers in the classroom to allow this to happen, starting in schools with the greatest need.

New schools will be built, and other schools significantly redeveloped, in key regions of growth and demand.

My Government will also continue its plan to extend all high schools to Year 12, ending once and for all the notion that school ends at Year 10, and giving students and families choice and the best chance to get ahead in life, no matter where they live.

The plan for education builds on improvements made in the past few years including increased retention to Year 12, engaging families in education, and improvements in literacy and numeracy.

Over the past four years, there has been much work done to rebuild the health system, including record funding, additional hospital beds, more staff, and a real focus on addressing elective surgery backlogs.

However, there remains more to do. Increasing demand on the health system is an issue affecting the entire country.

For Tasmania, this is another challenge of a growing population, coupled with an ageing demographic.

My Government has listened to the concerns of Tasmanians and responded with an even greater investment in health funding over the next six years.

To meet increasing demand, the focus will be on increasing capacity on the frontline, in our hospitals, with additional beds and health staff including paramedics, combined with a suite of new out-of-hospital services.

These include new community mental health beds and support, alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds, and in-home or in-community management of chronic disease.

Keeping Tasmanians safe is a key priority of my Government.

During this term in office, my Government will recruit an additional 125 frontline police officers, to meet the need for higher levels of policing due to a larger population and a higher number of public events.

A suite of legislative changes will be introduced, including stronger bail laws for individuals accused of serious crimes, or who are deemed to be at high risk of reoffending while on bail, placing the onus of proof on serious and repeat offenders to justify why they should be granted bail.

My Government will also reform Tasmania's dangerous criminal declaration laws to ensure dangerous criminals are not released when the courts and prosecutors believe they are too dangerous to re-enter society.

Legislation will be introduced to abolish the outdated practice of releasing prisoners early via remission and to tackle family violence with a new offence of persistent family violence, and new one-punch laws will also be introduced.

My Government is investing in the infrastructure our growing State needs for the 21st century and beyond, with around a billion dollars in new capital funding.

Two new projects – one in the south and one in the north – will increase prisoner capacity at the Tasmanian Prison Service, including a new remand facility on the Risdon Prison site and a new prison in the north of the State, providing a safer environment for both prisoners and correctional officers.

Alone, these multi-million dollar investments will see the creation of more than 4000 direct and indirect jobs during construction.

Perhaps for the first time in the State's history, traffic congestion has become a regular problem.

To address it, millions of dollars will go towards new roads and road upgrades, addressing traffic hotspots and improving the safety of our roads, for Tasmanians and visitors alike, in all regions.

My Government has also committed to more frequent public transport options to outer urban areas.

The next term of Government will see almost 1500 more affordable homes built over five years, new and upgraded hospital facilities around the State including in regional areas like St Helens and King Island, and investment in a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and community amenities.

The redevelopment of the Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club is just as important to that local community, as investment in Tranche 3 irrigation schemes is to farmers around Tasmania.

It is important every Tasmanian shares in the billion-dollar infrastructure spend.

One of the most important jobs for any government is to ensure protection of Tasmania's lifestyle.

Not many places are able to boast World Heritage wilderness at their backdoor, the cleanest air in the world, easy access to some of the world's best beaches and fishing and camping spots – not to mention our fantastic mountain-bike trails and walking tracks, our historic architecture and low-rise cities, and the freshest and internationally-renown produce.

Tasmania's way of life is unparalleled.

My Government recognises that the Tasmanian way of life is precious, and is determined to protect what makes our State unique; but also to ensure quality of life and affordable living, and keeping the cost of living pressures down.

Over the next four years, my Government has targets and plans to:

- invest in and future-proof our beautiful National Parks and reserves, protect our pest and disease-free status that gives our State a competitive advantage, and safeguard our natural environment; and
- ensure zero net emissions, make Tasmania 100 per cent energy self-sufficient and break links with the National Electricity Market to ensure Tasmania has the lowest regulated electricity prices in the country.

During this term of office, there will be no new taxes imposed on Tasmanians, and cost of living increases for Government services, on average, will be at or below the rate of inflation for the next four years.

Mr President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, Madam Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly,

I mentioned at the outset that it has been 162 years since Tasmania achieved responsible government, having changed its name from Van Diemen's Land.

The year was 1856, and the newly elected bicameral Parliament sat together for the first time.

On the auspicious opening of the first session of the Parliament of Tasmania, Governor Sir Henry Fox Young reflected on the issues of importance to elected members and Tasmanians.

He spoke about public education and the establishment of new schools; infrastructure, including the construction of electric telegraphs and public roads and bridges; law reform and policing; and the sale of public land as rapidly as possible to Tasmanians wishing to become – and I quote – “bona fide occupiers and cultivators”.

It seems that some matters, especially those naturally associated with growth of an economy, or a colony in this case, are enduring.

However importantly, our first Governor also spoke about the fact that Tasmanian freedom had passed from name into a reality, guaranteed not by positive laws, but by what he called the enduring “bulwarks of Free popular Institutions” – or in other words, a free democratic system of government fortified by the system of voting by ballot in an election.

Democracy is essentially the freedom to express views, and elections have been a fundamental tenet of democracy for the past 162 years in Tasmania, and will remain so.

On 3rd March 2018, all Tasmanians were given the freedom to democratically decide on their government.

My Government received the endorsement of the people of Tasmania at that election, and has been given the honour and privilege of governing Tasmania with a common sense of purpose, and a plan and a vision for the State.

I leave you now to the discharge of your important duties, and I trust that divine providence will guide your deliberations and further the true welfare of the people of Tasmania. Thank you.

The Governor withdrew.

The Members of the House of Assembly withdrew.

7 SITTING SUSPENDED.— At 3.26 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the sitting at 5.10 o'clock p.m.

8 TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.— The President said: “This being the first sitting day of the new Parliament we acknowledge the traditional people of the land upon which we meet today, the Mouheneener People.”

9 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

10 BILL NO.2.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to bring in a Bill for and Act to amend the *Partition Act 1869*.

And Mrs *Hiscutt* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

11 PRESIDENT REPORTS SPEECH. — The President reported the Speech of Her Excellency the Governor.

12 ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.— A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed — That the following Address be presented to Her Excellency the Governor in reply to Her Excellency's Speech:—

To Her Excellency Professor the HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY —

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to both Houses of Parliament.

We desire to record our continued loyalty to the throne and Person of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and at the same time to assure Your Excellency that the measures which will be laid before us during the Session will receive our careful consideration.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

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

- (1) Guardianship and Administration Act 1995: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 66, containing Guardianship and Administration Regulations 2017.
- (2) Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Act 2016: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 77, containing Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Regulations 2017.
- (3) Daylight Saving Act 2007: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 83, containing Daylight Saving Regulations 2017.
- (4) Fire Service Act 1979: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 84, containing Fire Service (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2017.
- (5) Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Act 2017: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 88, containing Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Regulations 2017.
- (6) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1995: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 90, containing Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Regulations 2017.
- (7) Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 101, containing Supreme Court Amendment Rules 2017.
- (8) Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 102, containing Supreme Court (Fees) Rules 2017.
- (9) Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 103, containing Supreme Court Forms Amendment Rules 2017.
- (10) Building Act 2016: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 104, containing Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2017.

- (11) Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988: Statutory Rules 2017, No. 117, containing Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Regulations 2017.
- (12) Marine and Safety Authority Act 1997: Statutory Rules 2017, containing Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations 2017.
- (13) Legislative Council Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee 'A' 2017: Report with Minutes of Proceedings.
- (14) Legislative Council Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee 'B' 2017: Report with Minutes of Proceedings.
- (15) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996 – Primary Return of the Honourable Member for Pembroke Hon Jo Siejka MLC.

14 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.— Mrs *Hiscutt* made a Ministerial Statement in regard to Ministerial Appointments as follows:

"Mr President, I want to inform the Council that as a result of the general election for the House of Assembly held on Saturday 3 March 2018 Her Excellency the Governor made the following ministerial appointments at Government House on 21 March 2018:

The Honourable WILLIAM EDWARD FELIX HODGMAN MP
 Premier
 Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events
 Minister for Trade
 Minister for Parks
 Minister for Heritage

The Honourable JEREMY PAGE ROCKLIFF MP
 Deputy Premier
 Minister for Education and Training
 Minister for Infrastructure
 Minister for Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries

The Honourable ELISE NICOLE ARCHER MP
 Attorney-General
 Minister for Justice
 Minister for Corrections
 Minister for Environment
 Minister for the Arts

The Honourable GUY BARNETT MP
 Minister for Resources
 Minister for Energy
 Minister for Building and Construction
 Minister for Veterans' Affairs

The Honourable SARAH JANE COURTNEY MP
 Minister for Primary Industries and Water
 Minister for Racing

The Honourable MICHAEL DARREL JOSEPH FERGUSON MP
 Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management
 Minister for Health
 Minister for Science and Technology

The Honourable PETER CARL GUTWEIN MP
 Treasurer
 Minister for State Growth
 Minister for Local Government

The Honourable ROGER CHARLES JAENSCH MP
Minister for Human Services
Minister for Housing
Minister for Planning

The Honourable JACQUELINE ANNE PETRUSMA MP
Minister for Disability Services and Community Development
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Minister for Women
Minister for Sport and Recreation

I also formally advise the Council that on the same day the Honourable the Premier appointed me Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

I also announce the appointment of Mark Shelton, MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development”.

15 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move Motions without Notice to establish Sessional and other Orders.

16 SESSIONAL ORDER: E-PETITIONS.— *Ordered*, That the Sessional Orders relating to E-petitions which were in place in the last session of the Forty-Eighth Parliament, be again approved for this session.

The sessional orders were as follows: —

1. An E-Petition is a Petition:
 - (a) in the correct form, stating a grievance and containing a request for action by the Council;
 - (b) sponsored by a Member and lodged with the Clerk for publication on the Parliament's Internet Website for a nominated period ("posted period");
 - (c) persons may elect to indicate their support of ("join the petition") by electronically providing their name, address (including postcode) and signifying their intention to join the Petition.
2. The posted period for an E-Petition is to be a minimum of one week and a maximum of six months from the date of publication on the Parliament's Internet Website.
3. The Member sponsoring the E-Petition must provide the Clerk with the details of the Petition in the correct form; the posted period and a signed acknowledgment that they are prepared to sponsor the E-Petition.
4. Once published on the Parliament's Internet Website an E-Petition cannot be altered.
5. Only one E-Petition dealing with substantially the same grievance and requesting substantially the same action by the Council shall be published on the Parliament's Internet Website at the same time.
6. Once the posted period for an E-Petition has elapsed, a paper copy of the Petition shall be printed by the Clerk in full (including the details of the persons who joined the Petition) and presented to the Council in the name of the Member that sponsored the E-Petition.
7. An E-Petition published on the Council's Internet Website, but not presented to the Council prior to the prorogation or dissolution of Parliament, shall be presented to the subsequent Parliament and becomes a Petition of the subsequent Parliament.
8. An E-Petition may be sponsored during any adjournment of the Legislative Council and during any period of prorogation.
9. Persons must join an E-Petition by filling out their correct details and personally agreeing to join the E-Petition, and by no one else, except in the case of incapacity from sickness.
10. A person cannot sign or join an E-Petition more than once.

11. Only the name and address of the Principal Petitioner shall be made public on the Legislative Council's website.
12. The Clerk may decline to publish an E-Petition on the website not in conformity with these Orders and shall advise the sponsoring Member accordingly.
13. The Clerk shall ensure that all Government responses to E-Petitions are posted on the website.
14. The Clerk or any Member may seek a ruling from the President of the Legislative Council relating to the conformity or otherwise of any E-Petition with these Orders.
15. The Clerk is authorised to create and maintain an appropriate internet website on which to publish E-Petitions, responses to E-Petitions and other explanatory information and do all things necessary in order to give effect to these Orders.
16. The Clerk must dispose of all electronic personal data relating to the posting and joining of an E-Petition within six months after an E-Petition is printed and presented to the Legislative Council.
17. The Standing Orders for petitions have application to E-Petitions insofar as they can be applied. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

17 SESSIONAL ORDERS: IN LIEU OF STANDING ORDERS NOS. 29(2), 138(2) AND (4).— *Ordered*, That the following Sessional Orders apply in lieu of Standing Orders 29(2), 138(2) and (4)—

29. Adjournment for want of a Quorum when notice taken by Member

- (2) At any time after the Council has proceeded to business, if a Member notices that seven Members including the President or Deputy President are not present, and so states, the Bells shall be rung as for a Division, and if a quorum is not present at the expiration of *four* minutes the President shall adjourn the Council without a Question first put, until the next ordinary sitting time.

138. After division called —

How Division taken

- (2) The President will order the division bells to be rung for *four* minutes.

Locking of Doors

- (4) After the *four* minutes have expired, or such lesser time at the discretion of the President, he or she will order the doors to be locked and no Member will enter or leave the Chamber until after the division. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

18 SESSIONAL ORDER: IN LIEU OF STANDING ORDER NO. 200 — *Ordered*, That the following Sessional Order apply in lieu of Standing Order 200—

- (1) The evidence taken by any Select Committee of the Council, and documents presented to such Committee, which have not been reported to the Council shall not, unless authorised by the Committee, be referred to in the Council by any Member or published or disclosed by any Member or by any other person.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to —
 - (a) any proceedings of the Committee that are open to the public and the news media;
 - (b) press releases or statements made by a Member of the Committee on the authority of the Committee; and
 - (c) written submissions presented to a Select Committee and authorised to be published by the Committee. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

19 SESSIONAL ORDER: SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS — *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Order 39 be suspended for the duration of this Session to enable Special Interest Matters be called on each sitting Tuesday before Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day are proceeded with. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

20 PRAYERS.— *Ordered*, That upon the President taking the Chair at the commencement of each day's sitting, the following prayers shall be read —

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee to vouchsafe thy blessing upon this parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of thy glory and the true welfare of the people of Tasmania.

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen". (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

21 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

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

23 PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY.— The President said:—

"By my authority I have determined that advisers to the Honourable the Leader of the Government, be authorised to go onto the Floor of this House for the duration of the Session in order to advise and support that Honourable Member".

24 PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT: STAFF APPOINTMENT— The President said:—

"Honourable Members I am very pleased to advise the House that on 7 December 2017 I appointed Mr Griffin Blizzard to the position of Electorate Officer supporting the Honourable Member for Pembroke in her eastern shore electorate office which is now located in Bayfield Street, Rosny Park. The appointment followed our usual selection process with a recommendation made to me.

Griffin has a background in administration having spent the last four years at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research supporting over three hundred academic, professional and higher research degree staff and students with a focus on human resource coordination.

I have met Griffin and he is an impressive young man who brings with him a range of skills which will be of great value to the Honourable Member for Pembroke and her constituents.

Griffin will be spending further time here in the Parliament when our sittings resume later this month.

On behalf of all members I wish Griffin well in his new role."

25 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. on Friday, 4 May 2018. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

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

The Council adjourned at 5.25 o'clock p.m.

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