



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2024

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024

A SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA, CONVENED AND HOLDEN IN THE CITY OF HOBART ON TUESDAY THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY IN THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR SOVEREIGN LORD KING CHARLES III AND IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR

1 PARLIAMENT MEETS. - On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to the Proclamation hereunder annexed, *Laura Elizabeth Ross*, Clerk of the House of Assembly, attending in the House according to her duty at Eleven o'clock a.m. the said Clerk of the House read the Proclamation of Her Excellency the Governor as follows:-

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

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.

AND WHEREAS the Assembly was dissolved on the 14 February 2024 and a General Election of members of the Assembly was held on 23 March 2024.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that I call Parliament together for the despatch of business as soon as practicable.

NOW THEREFORE I, the Honourable Barbara Baker, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and 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 14 May 2024, 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 19 April 2024.

B. BAKER, Governor.

By Her Excellency's Command,
J. P. ROCKLIFF, Premier.

2 MESSAGE TO ATTEND THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSIONERS. - A Message was delivered by *Craig David Muir*, Usher of the Black Rod, who being admitted, advanced to the Bar and said –

“Honourable Members of the House of Assembly: Her Excellency's Commissioners have commanded me to inform this Honourable House that they desire your attendance immediately in the Legislative Council Chambers to hear the Commission read”.

Accordingly, the House proceeded to the Chamber of the Legislative Council; when the Commissioners, sitting in front of the Governor's chair;

The Chief Commissioner said -

“HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND 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 the 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”.

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To the HONOURABLE CRAIG MAXWELL FARRELL, The HONOURABLE RUTH JANE FORREST, The HONOURABLE TANIA VERENE RATTRAY 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 BARBARA BAKER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, dated 19 April 2024, a session of Our Parliament of Tasmania was summoned to be held for the despatch of business on 14 May 2024.

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 CRAIG MAXWELL FARRELL, RUTH JANE FORREST, and TANIA VERENE RATTRAY and 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 The HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER, 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 29 April 2024, and in the Second year of Our reign.

B. BAKER, *Governor*

By Her Excellency's Command,
J.P. ROCKLIFF, Premier.

After which the same Commissioner 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 House being returned.

3 MEMBERS RETURNED TO SERVE IN PARLIAMENT. - The Clerk of the House produced and laid upon the Table of the House a list of the Members returned to serve in this present Parliament, together with the writs: -

The Honourable *Eric ABETZ*, Franklin
Tabatha BADGER, Lyons
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Vica BAYLEY, Clark
Simon BEHRAKIS, Clark
Miriam BESWICK, Braddon
Dr *Shane Thomas BROAD*, Braddon
Meg BROWN, Franklin
Helen BURNET, Clark
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
Anita Joy DOW, Braddon
The Honourable *Felix Ashton ELLIS*, Braddon
Robert FAIRS, Bass
The Honourable *Michael Darrel Joseph FERGUSON*, Bass
Janie FINLAY, Bass
Craig GARLAND, Braddon
Eloise Rafia HADDAD, Clark
The Honourable *Jane HOWLETT*, Lyons
The Honourable *Roger Charles JAENSCH*, Braddon
Andrew JENNER, Lyons
Kristie Joy JOHNSTON, Clark
David James O'BYRNE, Franklin
Michelle Anne O'BYRNE, Bass
The Honourable *Madeleine Ruth OGILVIE*, Clark
Rebekah PENTLAND, Bass
The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne PETRUSMA*, Franklin
The Honourable *Jeremy Page ROCKLIFF*, Braddon
Cecily ROSOL, Bass
Mark David SHELTON, Lyons
The Honourable *Nicholas Adam STREET*, Franklin
Rebecca Peta WHITE, Lyons
Josh WILLIE, Clark
The Honourable *Dean WINTER*, Franklin
Simon Francis WOOD, Bass
Dr *Rosalie WOODRUFF*, Franklin

4 MEMBERS SWORN. - The following Members took and subscribed the Oath: -

The Honourable *Eric ABETZ*, Franklin
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Simon BEHRAKIS, Clark
Miriam BESWICK, Braddon
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
The Honourable *Felix Ashton ELLIS*, Braddon
The Honourable *Michael Darrel Joseph FERGUSON*, Bass
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The Honourable *Jane HOWLETT*, Lyons
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The Honourable *Madeleine Ruth OGILVIE*, Clark
Rebekah PENTLAND, Bass
The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne PETRUSMA*, Franklin
Mark David SHELTON, Lyons
The Honourable *Dean WINTER*, Franklin
Simon Francis WOOD, Bass

5 MEMBERS AFFIRM. - The following Members subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance: -

Tabatha BADGER, Lyons
Vica BAYLEY, Clark
Dr Shane Thomas BROAD, Braddon
Meg BROWN, Franklin
Helen BURNET, Clark
Anita Joy DOW, Braddon
Robert FAIRS, Bass
Eloise Rafia HADDAD, Clark
The Honourable Roger Charles JAENSCH, Braddon
Kristie Joy JOHNSTON, Clark
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The Honourable Jeremy Page ROCKLIFF, Braddon
Cecily ROSOL, Bass
Rebecca Peta WHITE, Lyons
Josh WILLIE, Clark
Dr Rosalie WOODRUFF, Franklin

6 MEMBERS SUBSCRIBE TO CODE OF CONDUCT. - The following Members subscribed to the Code of Conduct: -

The Honourable Eric ABETZ, Franklin
Tabatha BADGER, Lyons
The Honourable Guy BARNETT, Lyons
Vica BAYLEY, Clark
Simon BEHRAKIS, Clark
Miriam BESWICK, Braddon
Dr Shane Thomas BROAD, Braddon
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Josh WILLIE, Clark
The Honourable Dean WINTER, Franklin
Simon Francis WOOD, Bass
Dr Rosalie WOODRUFF, Franklin

7 ELECTION OF SPEAKER. – Mr *Winter* addressing himself to the Clerk of the House moved “That *Michelle Anne O’Byrne*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”; which Motion was seconded by Ms *Dow*.

And Ms *O’Byrne* having consented to the nomination.

And there being no other candidates nominated the Clerk of the House declared Ms *O’Byrne* elected as Speaker.

The Honourable *Michelle Anne O’Byrne* expressed her humble acknowledgement to the House for unanimously choosing her to be their Speaker and thereupon assumed the Chair.

8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE. - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.

9 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER. - *Ordered*, That a Deputation, consisting of the Mover and Seconder, and such other Members as may think fit to go, do wait upon Her Excellency the Governor at half-past One o’clock this day at Government House to notify to Her Excellency the election of The Speaker. (The Minister for Transport)

10 ADJOURNMENT. - *Resolved*, That the House do now adjourn till Three o’clock (The Minister for Transport).

The House adjourned at thirty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock.

The House met at Three o’clock.

11 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER. - The Speaker reported that, accompanied by the Deputation, she had waited on Her Excellency the Governor and that her election as Speaker had been duly notified to Her Excellency in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, and that Her Excellency was pleased to congratulate her on the choice made by the House.

12 MESSAGE TO ATTEND THE GOVERNOR. - A Message was delivered by *Craig David Muir*, Usher of the Black Rod, who, being admitted advanced to the Bar and said:

“Madam Speaker, I am commanded by Her Excellency the Governor to inform this Honourable House it is her pleasure that Members attend her immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber”.

Accordingly, The Speaker, with the Members, proceeded to the Chamber of the Legislative Council, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair at thirty-three minutes past Three o’clock.

13 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At thirty-three minutes past Three o’clock the Speaker left the Chair and stated that she would resume the Chair on the ringing of the bells.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at thirty-one minutes past Four o’clock.

14 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. The Premier said:

“Madam Speaker, I have the honour to inform the House that as a consequence of the election held on 23 March 2024 the following events took place in relation to the appointment of the Government.

On 11 April 2024, Her Excellency the Governor received me to invite me to be commissioned to form Government.

Immediately prior to that invitation I formally resigned my commission as Premier and with that, the following resignations of ministers of the Crown:

The Honourable *Jeremy Rockliff* MP as Premier, Minister for State Development, Trade and the Antarctic, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, and Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing;

The Honourable *Michael Ferguson* MP as Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Minister for Planning;

The Honourable *Guy Barnett* MP as Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Health, and Minister for Veterans' Affairs;

The Honourable *Nicholas Duigan* MLC as Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks, Minister for Heritage, and Minister for Small Business;

The Honourable *Felix Ellis* MP as Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Minister for Skills, Training and Workforce Growth, Minister for Resources, and Minister for Racing.

The Honourable *Roger Jaensch* MP as Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs;

The Honourable *Madeleine Ogilvie* MP as Minister for Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries, Minister for Science and Technology, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs, and Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation;

The Honourable *Joanna Palmer* MLC as Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Community Services and Development, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence; and

The Honourable *Nicholas Street* MP as Minister for Housing and Construction, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Stadia and Events.

I then accepted the invitation to form government and Her Excellency the Governor then made the following appointments of ministers of the Crown:

The Honourable *Jeremy Rockliff* MP as Premier, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, and Minister for Trade and Major Investment;

The Honourable *Michael Ferguson* MP as Deputy Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Infrastructure;

The Honourable *Guy Barnett* MP as Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, and Minister for Veterans' Affairs;

The Honourable *Felix Ellis* MP as Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Minister for Housing and Planning, and Minister for Skills and Training;

The Honourable *Eric Abetz* MP as Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Transport and Leader of the House;

The Honourable *Joanna Palmer* MLC as Minister for Education, and Minister for Disability Services;

The Honourable *Roger Jaensch* MP as Minister for Children and Youth, Minister for Community Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs;

The Honourable *Nicholas Duigan* MLC as Minister for Energy and Renewables, and Minister for Parks and Environment;

The Honourable *Jane Howlett* MP as Minister for Primary Industries and Water, and Minister for Racing;

The Honourable *Madeleine Ogilvie* MP as Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs, Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence; and

The Honourable *Nicholas Street* MP as Minister for Finance, Minister for Sport and Events, and Minister for Local Government.

I also wish to announce the appointment of *Jacquie Petrusma* MP as the government's nominee for Chair of Committees and Deputy Speaker, and to the role of Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, *Simon Wood* MP as Government Whip and Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Wellbeing, and *Simon Behrakis* MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Housing and Planning.

I am also pleased to inform the House that the Honourable *Leonie Hiscutt* MLC will continue as the Leader for the Government in the Legislative Council.

I was honoured by the Governor's formal invitation to me as holder of the commission to form a government, and as Premier of Tasmania to proceed to form a government. ”

15 **OPPOSITION APPOINTMENTS** - The Leader of the Opposition said: “I have the honour to inform the House of the following appointments:-

The Honourable *Dean Winter* MP - Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Trade and Major Investment, Shadow Minister for Tourism and Hospitality and Shadow Minister for Jobs, Workplace Relations and Safety;

Anita Dow MP – Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for TAFE, Skills and Training, Shadow Minister for Industry and Regional Development, Shadow Minister for Local Government, and Shadow Minister for Small Business;

Dr Shane Broad MP – Leader of Opposition Business, Shadow Minister for Housing, Shadow Minister for Planning, Shadow Minister for Building and Construction, Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, and Shadow Minister for Resources;

Josh Willie MP – Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Cost of Living, and Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs;

Janie Finlay MP – Shadow Minister for Energy and Renewables, Shadow Minister for Parks, Environment and Climate Change, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Shadow Minister for Science and Technology;

Ella Haddad MP – Shadow Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Shadow Minister for Community Services, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Shadow Minister for Disability Services, and Shadow Minister for Equality;

Rebecca White MP – Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice, and Shadow Minister for Integrity;

Jen Butler MP – Shadow Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Shadow Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, and Shadow Minister for Women;

The Honourable *Sarah Lovell* MLC – Leader of the Opposition Business in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Education, and Shadow Minister for Children and Youth;

The Honourable *Luke Edmunds* MLC – Shadow Minister for Finance, Shadow Minister for Racing, and Shadow Minister for Sport and Events; and

Meg Brown MP – Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Transport, and Shadow Minister for Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, Shadow Minister for Heritage and Shadow Minister for the Arts.”

16 **TASMANIAN GREENS APPOINTMENTS** – Dr *Woodruff* said “I have the honour to inform the House of the following appointments:-

Dr *Rosalie Woodruff* MP – Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, Spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs, Spokesperson for Commission of Inquiry Response, Spokesperson for Climate Change and Forests, Spokesperson for LGBTIQA+, and Spokesperson for Marine Environment; and

Vica Bayley MP – Deputy Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, Greens Whip, Leader of Greens Business, Spokesperson for Treasury and Finance, Spokesperson for Energy, Spokesperson for Environment and Biodiversity, Spokesperson for Education, Spokesperson for Housing and Consumer Protection, Spokesperson for Sport and Events, Spokesperson for Veterans Affairs, and Spokesperson for Arts;

Cecily Rosol MP – Spokesperson for Health and Mental Wellbeing, Spokesperson for Children and Young People, Spokesperson for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Spokesperson for Community Services, Spokesperson for Heritage, Spokesperson for Trade and Economic Development, Spokesperson for Disability Services, and Spokesperson for Women;

Tabatha Badger MP – Spokesperson for Primary Industries, Spokesperson for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Spokesperson for Parks and Public Land, Spokesperson for Skills and Training, Spokesperson for Tourism and Hospitality, Spokesperson for Prevention of Family Violence, Spokesperson for Small Business, Spokesperson for Science and Information Technology, and Spokesperson for Mining;

Helen Burnet MP – Spokesperson for Preventative Health and Community Wellbeing, Spokesperson for Local Government, Spokesperson for Planning, Spokesperson for Infrastructure, Spokesperson for Transport, Spokesperson for Water, Spokesperson for Workplace Relations and Safety, Spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs, Spokesperson for Waste; and

The Honourable *Cassy O'Connor* MLC – Spokesperson for Attorney-General, Spokesperson for Justice, Spokesperson for Animal Welfare, and Spokesperson for Democracy and Integrity.”

17 CHAIR OF COMMITTEES. - *Resolved*, That the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mrs *Petrusma*, be the Chair of Committees of this House. (The Deputy Premier)

18 PRO-FORMA BILL. - The Premier presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Acts Enumeration Act 1947”. (Bill No. 1)

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

19 SPEAKER REPORTS SPEECH OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. - The Speaker reported that the House had this day been to the Legislative Council Chamber when Her Excellency the Governor was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament and of which the Speaker said she had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy and the same was ordered to be entered into the Journals –

“Mr President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, Madam Speaker and members of the House of Assembly. As the 29th Governor of this State I welcome you to the first Session of the 51st Parliament of Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has been returned for a fourth consecutive term - the first time in our State’s history.

As Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff will deliver the Government’s 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania’s Future for the people of Tasmania– to keep the State’s economy strong, create more jobs, and make Tasmania the best place to live, work and raise a family.

My Government has a plan to build on the successes of the past 10 years, to deliver the certainty and stability that Tasmanians deserve, while taking action on the issues affecting Tasmanians now, particularly cost of living, health and housing.

Importantly, the Government's Plan aims to ensure that young Tasmanians have a future here in Tasmania, no longer needing to move away to learn a trade or get a job, instead flourishing here in their local community.

The Premier has committed the new Government's decisions and actions to be taken in the best interests of the State and to be a government that listens to all Tasmanians.

Tasmanians are fortunate to live in a democracy. Where they are free to speak, free to believe, and free to vote - without fear.

Democratic countries agree to differ, that's the beauty of democracy.

This is the Parliament for which Tasmanians have democratically voted.

This Parliament will be different to previous years.

This Parliament will require a collaborative and consultative approach, though there will be times where views differ.

My Government recognises the goodwill of those who have, in good faith, provided the certainty and stability for Tasmanians to have a workable Parliament in this term.

A stable government is the best thing for Tasmania, and past experience proves this.

A stable government provides confidence for Tasmanian businesses. A stable government provides certainty for the economy.

My Government believes it is incumbent on all Members of Parliament to provide the stability and certainty Tasmanians deserve and need.

Today is the first sitting of our newly commissioned Government, however the important work that was underway will continue.

My Government is committed to keeping Tasmania's children safe and has ensured the vital work to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry continues.

Tasmania is now a growing state with a story to tell – growing in diversity, industry, innovation, attraction, and creativity.

Our reputation as a global gateway for innovation and commerce is building.

But to secure Tasmania as a globally unique place to live, work and visit, we need the facilities and infrastructure to deliver the services our people need.

My Government has a strong record of economic management. However, with national economic headwinds growing, it is more important than ever to have a strong plan for economic development and job creation.

My Government has created more than 50,000 jobs and has a plan for 20,000 more over the next five years.

Unemployment has fallen to record lows of just 4 per cent.

Tasmania's tourism sector has been breaking records, in employment and visitor spending.

Our exports are at record highs.

This has allowed our Government to invest in the priorities Tasmanians care about, like health, housing and cost of living.

My Government will act on the issues now facing Tasmanians.

We shall start by easing people's hip-pocket pressures, right now, with energy bills, half price bus fares, and healthy lunches in schools.

Tasmania's energy prices are already the lowest in the nation, but more needs to be done.

We shall deliver a new supercharged Renewable Energy Dividend, 254,000 Tasmanian households will receive \$250 off their energy bill for the winter period. A further 35,000 small businesses will also receive \$300.

From 1 June, our Government will halve the cost of bus fares and Derwent ferries, across all operators and fare types, and will deliver thousands of dollars daily in immediate relief to Tasmanians.

Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future will also provide cost of living relief for Tasmanian families through our highly successful Healthy School Lunch program.

This initiative is having positive impacts on student attendance, behaviour and health. More children are likely to attend, concentrate and enjoy school when they have a healthy lunch.

Healthy School Lunches provide affordable, healthy lunches, with a voluntary gold-coin contribution per lunch for those who can afford it, saving families up to \$950 each year, per child.

Over the past decade Tasmania has undergone an unprecedented period of population growth, increasing from 513,000 in 2014 to 573,000 today.

In response, our Government has committed to delivering 10,000 more social and affordable homes by 2032.

Despite this, owning a first home lies beyond reach for many Tasmanians, and rental prices are still too high.

In addition, my Government will help to advance the Great Australian Dream of homeownership through a new \$35 million Homes Faster! Package to deliver hundreds more houses, apartments and units over the next two years.

This Package will Stamp Out Stamp Duty so that Tasmanians buying their own home will not pay any stamp duty for a home valued up to \$750,000. This offers savings of up to \$28,935.

It will also add a \$10,000 per unit incentive for developers with up to 50 units, to get more new infill medium or high-density units built close to identified key development areas, along with short-term interest-free loans up to \$1 million for medium density units and apartments to assist with early headworks charges.

The Government's successful MyHome Program will be enhanced to provide home ownership opportunities to even more Tasmanians.

For many Tasmanians, it is hard to secure a rental property in the current market. The 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future will unlock more affordable rentals for Tasmanians through three new initiatives that will directly and immediately help.

The Private Rental Incentive Scheme will be boosted with an additional 200 rentals. The Scheme is an innovative program providing stable and affordable housing. It incentivises landlords to make their properties available at 25-30 per cent below median rates for two years, bringing properties into the market that otherwise would not be available to people on lower incomes.

One hundred per cent land tax exemptions for property owners will also be offered to those who either build-for-rent or switch a short stay home to rent.

In the last four years, my Government has delivered 3,000 more homes for Tasmanians.

Homes Tasmania was established to build opportunities for Tasmanians by working with industry, the private sector and the social housing and homelessness sector to get more homes built more quickly than ever before for those in need.

This term, a target of at least 2,000 'social-housing-only' homes by 30 June 2027 has been set and work is underway to achieve that.

Giving children the best possible start in life and learning, and improving access to early education, regardless of where you live or family circumstances, is a focus of this Government.

Child and family learning centres are providing more opportunities for our young ones and improving educational outcomes.

They offer early learning and educational services in the one place to support families with young children.

My Government will support four new supersized Child and Family Learning Centres – in Huonville, Smithton, Longford and Scottsdale.

These Centres will house free access to psychologists, speech pathologists and social workers, ensuring children are meeting their early educational objectives and are well placed to start Kindergarten.

To access quality early childhood education and care, the workforce needs to grow.

Over the next four years, an Early Years Workforce Fund will be established to grow and upskill our workforce. The Fund will include scholarships and incentives designed to attract and retain early childhood workers, speech pathologists and psychologists.

Upgrades to schools will also continue so that students can access world-class infrastructure, building on the \$8.9 billion investment into education and skills.

Since 2014, 73 school upgrades have been undertaken across our State, including three new schools at Brighton, Legana and Sorell.

More schools need major upgrades, and over the next six years, 16 more schools will be upgraded as part of our School Building Blitz.

An important part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is to lift literacy outcomes for all students.

Ninety-five per cent of all children will learn to read, write and spell if evidence based structured literacy is implemented in all schools, which includes phonics.

Under this Government, structured literacy will be extended to all Kinder to Year 3 students in government primary schools by 2026 and the Year 1 Phonics Check for all Year 1 students.

Our children are our future, and it is imperative to get these basics right at each and every school, for each and every child.

Our health is the most important thing we have.

Every day, \$8.3 million is invested into health services.

Since 2014, 298 hospital beds have been opened, and an extra 2,500 health professionals employed, including 1,390 nurses.

But there is more to do.

My Government has begun implementing the most comprehensive package of improvements to our health system in a generation.

Whether it's a check-up at the GP, calling for an ambulance, or accessing the hospital facilities you need, the 2030 Strong Plan addresses the needs of all Tasmanians.

When it comes to health, timely access to GPs is for most people, the most important.

Unfortunately, currently there are simply not enough GPs to meet demand.

So, my Government is stepping up to the plate and taking action, right now.

Under the new GP Guarantee, when you need a GP, you'll be able to see a GP.

A GP NOW Rapid Response Team is being established with a dedicated team of 10 GPs to be deployed to places of GP shortage while longer-term options are investigated.

Where a GP practice closes on short notice, the GP NOW Rapid Response Team will be deployed so the community has continued GP access.

Up to 40 new regional and rural GPs may be attracted to Tasmania, with offers to pay off their HECS debt up to \$100,000.

To help ensure our hard-working medical professionals, and Tasmanians who need treatment in a hospital, have the best possible facilities. Tasmania's four major public hospitals will be upgraded.

At the Royal Hobart Hospital, \$187 million in capital works will be undertaken over the next six years, including a new diagnostic breast clinic, a new neurology and stroke ward, and a new rapid assessment medical unit.

At the Launceston General Hospital, the size of the Emergency Department will nearly double, a new mental health precinct will be built, along with a new multi-story carpark.

A new Northern Heart Centre will be delivered, strengthening the role of the LGH as a specialist cardiology service for the North and North-West, with recognised best practice cardiac care, and aiming to attract and retain specialist health professionals.

At the North West Regional Hospital in Burnie a new Medical Inpatient building will be constructed, with a new medical ward, critical clinical diagnostics, dialysis and a lung function lab. Additional car parking which has been long sought after will be organised.

At the Mersey Community Hospital, a new sub-acute building for medical oncology services and an inpatient unit for geriatric evaluation and management will be built.

Ramping is a serious problem. Under my Government it will end, so Tasmanians who need emergency hospital care will get the specialist care they need, when they need it.

Last month, a new protocol for patients arriving by ambulance to be transferred to the care of Emergency Department staff within 60 minutes commenced.

The protocol is seeing positive results with the overwhelming target of 80 per cent being reached regularly.

In time, this 60-minute window will reduce to just 30 minutes which is around the average time it takes an ambulance crew to safely transfer their patient to the care of the hospital, freeing up paramedics to deal with other Tasmanians who need their care.

Paramedics and hospitals will need additional resources to implement this policy effectively and the state's largest ever recruitment blitz has already commenced, with advertising for hundreds of new doctors, nurses, paramedics and allied health professionals underway.

An additional 78 full-time paramedics will be recruited in line with immediate demand pressures, including 27 full-time community paramedics for rural and regional communities.

To accommodate these extra paramedics, new ambulance stations will be built at Legana, Snug Cygnet and King Island.

Recruitment will also include more nurses and midwives, albeit in a competitive national market for the same workforce.

To support recruitment, an incentive package will deliver hundreds of nurses into the Tasmanian Health System, offering relocation allowances of up to \$15,000 and \$10,000 scholarships for new Tasmanian graduate nurses.

Health care and childcare professionals are not the only workers Tasmania needs more of and it's important that we encourage young Tasmanians to pursue a career, right here at home.

My Government will partner with industry to address their skills and training requirements so that the economy can continue to grow and create jobs.

In 2014, the Government embarked on the single biggest education reform in a generation – bringing Year 11 and 12 to every high school in the State, to ensure more young people remained engaged in learning, for longer and to create a job-ready generation of young Tasmanians.

Turbo charging Vocational Education and Training is the next step to deliver the workforce of the future.

Twenty per cent of senior secondary school students currently study VET in our schools but the goal is to increase this to 50 per cent by 2030.

With the Tasmanian economy growing and demand for skilled labour at sky-high levels \$2.5 million will be invested to provide more vocational learning in all secondary schools for Year 9 and 10 students.

My Government will partner with peak industry bodies, to design and implement vocational learning that prepares students for apprenticeships and careers in high demand industries, including early education and care services, tourism and hospitality, health and community services, agriculture, and manufacturing.

Youth Build will be expanded to all secondary schools, delivering vocational learning to 3000 students over the next four years.

It offers students with in-classroom and practical learning in construction and architecture, leading to careers in engineering, plumbing, carpentry, electricians, painting and plastering, just to name a few.

It will also create the next generation of young Tasmanians ready to help build our trades workforce of the future, getting more students into apprenticeships and jobs, helping to deliver the strong pipeline of work generated by our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future.

As a result of this Government's vision to build game-changing infrastructure in Tasmania, there is a \$27 billion infrastructure pipeline over the next decade.

This means that Tasmania will require 40,000 workers by 2033 to help build the infrastructure Tasmanians need.

To achieve this, a second wave of the highly successful High Vis Army will be deployed with plumbers and sparkies now included.

The High Vis Army adds to the commitment to build a new Earthworks Training – Dig, Drive, Go site at Quercus Park and a new north-west industry training facility with a focus on renewable energy skills.

Together, these investments will enhance our existing construction sector, and attract even more younger workers to deliver our Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future.

There is no doubt that our most significant economic, environmental, social and community game-changer lies in our globally leading renewable energy strategy.

Tasmanians are proud of their Hydro. It's placed us at the forefront of renewable energy development in Australia. Hydro will once again be a Tasmanian powerhouse that drives our economic growth into the future.

In recent years, Hydro has drifted from its foundational principles.

Hydro will return to these foundational principles with a new Ministerial Charter and directive that Tasmanian prices and Tasmanian jobs must come first.

This will ensure that the Hydro returns to its place as a key economic powerhouse for Tasmania, and once again works to ensure that Tasmanians pay the lowest possible prices for the electricity it generates.

New generation will be driven through the Hydro Tasmania First directive.

But, to bring new generation online for Tasmania's future energy needs, more wind and solar farms need to be built.

Refocusing Hydro Tasmania will help increase new on-island generation for Tasmania's future, supporting wind and solar farm developments, in addition to increasing its hydro generation capacity.

Hydro will be directed to partner with energy generators to build and deliver energy products to market that benefit Tasmania.

They will play a key role in increasing our on-island generation. This will ensure our energy needs are met into the future and provide ongoing energy security for Tasmania.

My government will continue to take action on the things that matter to Tasmanians, such as:

- Tackling cost of living;
- Supporting more Tasmanians into their own homes;
- Ensuring Tasmanians get the healthcare system they deserve;
- Keeping our economy strong, creating jobs, and improving education; and
- Making Tasmania the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Tasmania has come a long way and written a story of strength and resilience.

But there is more work to do.

Now is the time to keep Tasmania moving forward, to maintain the momentum, and raise our sights even higher.

To grow our population further, to build more confidence, to support new and innovative industries, and to attract more investment.

My Government will bring Tasmanians along this journey with them. By standing up for them, every day.

We shall work hard to build a better Tasmania, through innovation and hard work.

We shall keep our economy strong so it can deliver the infrastructure and services Tasmanians need and deserve.

We shall get things done, facing the challenges ahead in housing, health, cost of living and economic growth.

And we shall deliver the stability and certainty that Tasmanians need and deserve.

Tasmania does best when our economy is strong, confidence is high, and opportunities are endless.

This is what the 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is all about.

And it will deliver a better Tasmania.”

20 ADDRESS-IN-REPLY. - A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That the following Address be presented to Her Excellency the Governor in reply to Her Excellency's Speech:-

To Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker, 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, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Assembly 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 His Majesty King Charles the Third, 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. (Mr *Behrakis*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till tomorrow (Mr *Winter*)

21 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Transport have leave to make certain Motions without Notice. (The Minister for Transport)

22 ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINISTERS AT QUESTION TIME. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That pursuant to the provisions of House of Assembly Standing Order 50, a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, requesting that the Legislative Council give leave for any Member of the Legislative Council who is a Minister of the Crown to attend the Assembly so as to respond specifically to Questions without Notice seeking information of the kind covered by the Standing Orders of the Assembly. (The Minister for Transport)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

23 ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINISTERS AT QUESTION TIME. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

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 pursuant to the provisions of House of Assembly Standing Order 50, a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, requesting that the Legislative Council give leave for any Member of the Legislative Council who is a Minister of the Crown to attend the Assembly so as to respond specifically to Questions without Notice seeking information of the kind covered by the Standing Orders of the Assembly.

House of Assembly, 14 May 2024

MICHELLE O'BYRNE, *Speaker*.

24 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House adopt the following Standing and Sessional Orders:-

Standing Orders

The House adopts the following Standing Orders:

- (1) In Standing Order 14, paragraph (1) the word “two” be deleted and the word “three” be inserted instead.
- (2) Following Standing Order 18, the following Standing Order be inserted:-

18A Extension of Day’s Sitting

- (1) A Minister may, at any time, but not so as to interrupt another Member while speaking, move without leave and without notice — “That for this day’s sitting, the House shall not stand adjourned at the time specified for adjournment under Standing Order 18, paragraph (a), and that the House continue to sit past that time.”
 - (2) Such motion supersedes the Main Question, if any, before the Chair.
 - (3) The Question of the extension of the day’s sitting may not be amended and debate thereon shall not be allowed for more than twenty minutes, and in speaking thereon, no Member may exceed five minutes.
 - (4) Upon the resolution of the Question of the extension of the day’s sitting, Debate on the Main Question, if any, shall resume as if uninterrupted.
- (3) In Standing Order 20 the word “Ten” be deleted and the word “Fourteen” be inserted instead.
 - (4) In Standing Order 40

Paragraph (a) be deleted and the following paragraphs be inserted instead:

- (a) Acknowledgement of Traditional People;
 - (aa) Prayers and Reflection;
- (5) In Standing Order 49, by inserting after, “laid upon the Table of the House”, “within 15 sitting days”.
 - (6) In Standing Order 74 add the following words after the word “given”
“, except in the case of notices given pursuant to statute.”
 - (7) In Standing Order 75 add the following new paragraph after paragraph (c):
(d) A Member giving notice of a Motion in exceptional circumstances where the Speaker is satisfied that the nature of the Motion requires more than 250 words.
 - (8) Standing Order 93 be repealed.
 - (9) In Standing Order 115:
 - (a) In paragraph (1)(ii) that the word “him” be deleted and the word “them” be inserted instead.
 - (b) In paragraph (1) (ii) that the words “he has” be deleted and the words “they have” be inserted instead.
 - (10) In Standing Order 120 by leaving out the words “, by reason of sickness or infirmity,”.
 - (11) In Standing Order 129, by adding the following new paragraph:-

- “(2) A Member who has moved a substantive motion, or has moved an Order of the Day, may move the adjournment of the debate pursuant to paragraph (1), but such motion shall not be taken to be the ‘reply’ prescribed by Standing Order 128.”
- (12) In Standing Order 149, paragraph (1) the word “Chairman” be deleted and the word “Chair” be inserted instead.
- (13) In Standing Order 326 the word “three” be deleted and the words “a majority of the Committee” be inserted instead.

Sessional Orders

For the remainder of this Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House adopts the following Sessional Orders:

- (1) In Standing Order 115:
 - (a) In paragraph (1) (a) that the word “thirty” be deleted and the word “twenty” be inserted instead.
 - (b) In Paragraph (1) that the word “forty” be deleted and the word “thirty” be inserted instead.
 - (c) In paragraph (2) that the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
 - (d) Inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (e) –
 - “(f) inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (2) –
 - (3) Paragraph (1) notwithstanding, a Member shall be entitled to speak for thirty minutes during their inaugural speech, and shall not exceed thirty minutes unless by leave of the House.”
- (2) In Standing 130, the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (3) In Standing Order 152, paragraph (2), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (4) In Standing Order 182, paragraph (3), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (5) In Standing Order 192 that the word “two” be deleted wherever occurring and that the word “three” be inserted instead.
- (6) In Standing Order 219, paragraph (2), the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (7) In Standing Order 324 the word “three” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (8) In Standing Order 350 the word “seven” be deleted and the word “five” be inserted instead.
- (9) In Standing Order 18, delete all words after “Unless otherwise ordered” and insert instead:

- (a) The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall be at Ten o'clock a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the adjournment of the House shall be proposed at Seven Thirty o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays unless the House is considering Private Members Time which after the conclusion of, the adjournment shall be proposed, and at Five o'clock p.m. on Thursdays.
 - (b) Whenever this House or a Committee of the whole House shall be sitting at the time specified for the adjournment to be proposed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Standing Order, the business then before the House shall stand adjourned.
 - (c) A Motion for the adjournment of the House may be made at any other time, but not to interrupt any business then before the House, and may only be moved by a Minister.
 - (d) When the adjournment is proposed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Standing Order or the adjournment is moved in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Standing Order, the Speaker shall then call for adjournment issues, when any Member may speak to any matter for seven minutes.
 - (e) After these issues have been debated for a maximum period of one hour, the Speaker shall put the Question "That the House do now adjourn". If the Question is resolved in the Affirmative, the House shall stand adjourned until the next sitting day. If the Question is resolved in the Negative, the House shall continue with the Order of Business in accordance with Standing Order 40.
 - (f) In the event that a Motion for adjournment has been proposed in accordance with paragraph (a), or moved in accordance with paragraph (c) and Negatived, and a subsequent Motion moved that the House do now adjourn, this Question shall be put without debate."
- (10) In Standing Order 40 the following words be inserted after "(b) Questions seeking information;"
- (ba) Constituency questions
- (11) In Standing Order 42, by leaving out all words after, "Unless otherwise ordered:-", and inserting instead the following words:-
- "(a) Private Members Business will have priority after the conclusion of the MPI on Wednesdays.
 - (b) Private Members Business which has been on the Notice Paper for the period required by the Standing Orders may be called on by a Member of the group which has been allocated time pursuant to the following weekly rotations:—

WEEK ONE

For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Franklin
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1 Hour	JLN Members
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK TWO

For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Clark
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1 Hour	JLN Members
For 1 Hour	Government Members

WEEK THREE

For 1 Hour	Independent Member for Braddon
For 1.5 Hours	Opposition Members
For 1.5 Hours	Greens Members
For 1 Hour	JLN Members

For 1 Hour	Government Members
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- (c) the Member calling on an item in Private Members' Business may, in doing so, state that at the conclusion of that time for the debate on that day, the matter be voted upon.
 - (d) at the commencement of the time allocated for a group's Private Members' Business, the Whip or any other Member of that group, may indicate to the Speaker that its time be waived, in which case, the House shall immediately proceed with Government Business for that allocation of time.
 - (e) In the event that the time allocated for private members business expires and the House is in Committee of the whole House on a Bill, or a Member has indicated that they wish to go into committee, the debate be adjourned until the conclusion of the allocated time for private members business that day.
 - (f) At the conclusion of the allocated private member business time the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for up to one and a half hours.
 - (g) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (f), the Chair shall, at the conclusion of one and a half hours, put forthwith any question already proposed from the Chair and any other Question requisite to dispose of the business before the Committee, including any Amendments, New Clauses and Schedules to a Bill that have been moved. No other Amendments, New Clauses or Schedules may be proposed.
 - (h) Should there be more than one Bill subject to paragraph (e) on the same day the Bills will be considered in the order they were previously dealt with during the allocated private members business time that day."
- (12) By leaving out Standing Order 46 and inserting instead:
- 46 Supplementary Questions
- At the discretion of the Speaker, one supplementary Question may be asked immediately by the Member who asked the original question to elucidate an answer.
- (13) In Standing Order 47, after "one hour" insert "and 30 minutes".
- (14) Following Standing Order 48, the following Sessional Orders be inserted:-
- 48A Minimum number of Questions**
Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 47, The Speaker shall ensure that a minimum of questions without notice to be asked shall be seven by the Opposition, four by Members of the Greens, two by Members of the JLN and one by each Independent Member, if such Member seeks the call.
- 48B Time Limits for Questions and Answers**
- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 48, the Speaker shall ensure that:
 - (a) the time taken to ask a Question does not exceed one minute, and the time taken to answer a Question does not exceed three minutes.
 - (b) The time taken to ask a supplementary Question does not exceed 30 seconds, and the time taken to answer a Question does not exceed one minute.
 - (2) If a Point of Order is taken during a Question or during an answer, the Speaker has discretion to order that the timing on the clock be paused.
- 48C Constituency Questions**
- (1) At the conclusion of Questions without Notice, Members may ask questions to Ministers relating to constituency matters.

- (2) The total number of Constituency Questions each sitting day is eight, allocated as follows with the order being at the discretion of the Speaker:
 - (a) Two Government Members;
 - (b) Two Opposition Members;
 - (c) One Green Member;
 - (d) One JLN Members; and
 - (e) Two for any other Member.
- (3) The time limit for each constituency question is one minute.
- (4) Replies to constituency questions must be given in writing by the relevant Minister to the Clerk within 30 days. The Clerk must provide the response to the Member who asked the question and electronically publish the response.

(15) In Standing Order 76:

- (1) In paragraph (2), by leaving out the word “seven” and the inserting instead the word “five”.
- (2) after paragraph (3), by adding the following new paragraph:-
- “(4) Priority shall be given pursuant to the following rotation:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Opposition	Greens	JLN Members
Week 2	Opposition	Greens	Independent Members
Week 3	Opposition	Greens	Opposition
Week 4	Opposition	Opposition	Government Members

(16) In Standing Order 155:

- (1) In heading the words “and sand-glass turned” be deleted.
- (2) Leave out the words “turn a five-minute sand-glass, to be kept on the Table for that purpose, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of five minutes as indicated by such sand-glass” and insert instead the words “set the timer for seven minutes, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of seven minutes”.

(17) In Standing Order 156 delete the word “five” wherever occurring and insert instead “seven”.

(18) In Standing Order 165, after “otherwise corrected”, insert “, or in the case of a Member being absent from a division by reason of the malfunction of the division bells or lifts,”

(19) After Standing Order 183, insert the following:

183A – Cognate Bills

The procedure for two or more Bills to be dealt with as cognate Bills is as follows:

- (1) The Bills shall be initiated by a Member receiving the call and presenting them to the House by stating they are cognate Bills and then reading the short title of each Bill and handing to the Clerk of the House a fair copy of each.
- (2) One motion may be moved and one Question put in regard to, respectively the second reading, referral to the Committee of the whole stage and the third reading of the Bills together.
- (3) The Bills may be considered in the one Committee of the whole.

(20) Leave out Standing Order 358 and insert instead:

358 Suspension of Standing Orders

Any Standing Orders or Orders of the House, except Standing Order No. 94, may be suspended on a Motion duly made on Notice or without Notice, provided that such Motion has the concurrence of a majority of the Members present.

(21) Standing Order 359 be suspended. (The Minister for Transport)

An Amendment was proposed by Mr *Bayley* to insert the following Clauses after Clause (19) of the proposed Sessional Orders:

() Standing Order 281 be suspended.

() The following Sessional Order be inserted –

281A When Instructions to Committee to be moved.

Before the first sitting of the Committee, an Instruction may be proposed as a distinct Motion after the Order of the Day for the Committee has been read or an Order that the Bill be committed forthwith, and before any Question has been proposed thereupon, or as an Amendment to the Question, “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair”.

A Debate arose thereupon.

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

It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative

25 BILLS. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of \$82,050,000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2024” (Bill No. 3)

“A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$3,499,617,000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025” (Bill No. 4)

“A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$20,139,000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government in respect of Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2025” (Bill No. 5)

And Mr *Ferguson* having presented the said Bills, the same were read the First time and made Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

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

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

And the Question being put – That the House do now adjourn;

It was resolved in the Affirmative

The House adjourned at forty-five minutes past Five o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Mr *Street*.