



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2024 - 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025

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**1 COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the first inhabitants and the continuing custodians of this land.”

**3 PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.

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

- (1) Tasmanian Audit Office: Report of the Auditor-General No. 9 of 2024-25 - Department of Health’s funding of community service organisations. Dated 26 May 2025.
- (2) Tasmanian Audit Office: Report of the Auditor-General No. 10 of 2024-25 - Effectiveness of shared services arrangements in the General Government Sector. Dated 26 May 2025.
- (3) National Education and Care Services FOI & Privacy Commissioners & Ombudsman: Annual Report 2023-2024 - Education and Care Services Ombudsman and National Education and Care Services Freedom of Information & Privacy Commissioners.
- (4) Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority: Annual Report 2023-2024:
- (5) Education and Care Services National Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024.
- (6) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*: Statutory Rules 2025, No. 10, Fisheries (Scallop) Amendment Rules 2025.
- (7) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*: Fisheries (Biosecurity) Order 2025.
- (8) *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*: Fisheries (Biosecurity) Order (No.2) 2025.
- (9) *Crown Lands Act 1976*: Notice No. 104 in accordance with Section 64. University of Tasmania Newnham Campus.

**5 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**— Ms *Forrest* presented a Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts on the Tasmanian Government's Proposed Hobart Arts Entertainment and Sports Precinct Planning Process.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be printed. (Ms *Forrest*)

*Ordered*, That consideration of the Report and its noting be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. (Ms *Forrest*)

**6 ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.**— The President read a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MESSAGE

Christopher Shanahan, Lieutenant-Governor

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act 2004*  
*Electoral Amendment (Alternative Voting Procedures) Act 2025*  
(Bill No. 4 of 2025; Act No. 9 of 2025)

A Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts and other legislation and provide for matters of a transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the *Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding Act 2024*  
*Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2025*  
(Bill No. 8 of 2025; Act No. 6 of 2025)

A Bill for an Act to amend multiple Acts to enable the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to review and determine certain matters in accordance with the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020*  
*Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Additional Jurisdictions) Act 2025*  
(Bill No. 46 of 2024; Act No. 7 of 2025)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Tasmania) Act 1994*, the *Competition Policy Reform (Tasmania) Act 1996*, the *Corporations (Tasmania) Act 1990*, the *Federal Courts (State Jurisdiction) Act 1999*, the *Gene Technology (Tasmania) Act 2012*, the *Human Embryonic Research Regulation Act 2003*, the *Legal Profession (Board of Legal Education) Rules 2021*, the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel National Law Application) Act 2013*, the *New Tax System Price Exploitation Code (Tasmania) Act 1999*, the *Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005*, the *Therapeutic Goods Act 2001*, and the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2013*  
*Justice Miscellaneous (Administrative Review Tribunal) Act 2025*  
(Bill No. 36 of 2024; Act No. 8 of 2025)

having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty the King, assented to the said Bills.

*Government House, Hobart, 16 May 2025*

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

The Sitting was suspended at 11.05 o'clock a.m. and resumed at 11.26 o'clock a.m.

**8 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT – JOINT SITTING TO CHOOSE A SENATOR FOR TASMANIA.**— The President said —

“For completeness of the official record I wish to advise the Council that following the Joint Sitting of the Parliament at 11.15 o'clock am this day Josh Dolega has been duly chosen to hold a place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Anne Urquhart.

A copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Joint Sitting will be tabled by the Clerk of the Council when printed.”

**9 STATEMENT BY THE ACTING LEADER.**— Ms Palmer said —

“I rise to advise the Council that I will be Acting Leader in the interim until the leader is appointed.”

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

**11 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE: ESTABLISHMENT.**— *Ordered*, That the Legislative Council establish two Estimates Committees and that Committee A shall consist of 6 members and Committee B shall consist of 5 members.

And that –

The Member for Murchison,  
The Member for Huon,  
The Member for Rumney,  
The Member for Hobart,  
The Member for Elwick and  
The Member for Montgomery  
be of Committee A

and

The Member for Launceston,  
The Member for Mersey,  
The Member for McIntyre,  
The Member for Nelson, and  
The Member for Pembroke  
be of Committee B.

That the Estimates Committees report upon the proposed expenditures contained in the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) and Budget Papers by no later than Friday, 27 June 2025.

And that the Schedule emailed to Members on Monday, 26 May 2025 be adopted as the Estimates Committees timetable. (Ms *Palmer*)

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

### SCHEDULE 2025

Tuesday 10 June 2025			
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Guy Barnett MP	Treasurer Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Roger Jaensch MP	Minister for Children and Youth Minister for Community Services Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Minister for Finance
Wednesday 11 June 2025			
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Nick Duigan MLC  Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP	Minister for Energy and Renewables Minister for Sports and Events Minister for Parks  Minister for Environment Minister for Arts and Heritage
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP  Hon Jane Howlett MP	Premier Minister for Tourism Minister for Trade and Major Investment  Minister for Hospitality and Small Business Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Racing

Thursday 12 June 2025			
Commencing at 8:30 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Jacque Petrusma MP  Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP	Minister for Health Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Minister for Veterans' Affairs  Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation Minister for Innovation, Science, Technology and Digital Economy
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Felix Ellis MP	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs Minister for Skills and Training
Friday 13 June 2025			
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee A (Chamber)	Hon Eric Abetz MP  Hon Kerry Vincent MLC	Minister for Business, Industry and Resources Minister for Transport  Minister for Infrastructure Minister for Local Government
Commencing at 9:00 am	Committee B (Committee Room No. 2)	Hon Jo Palmer MLC	Minister for Education Minister for Disability Services Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence

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

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

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

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

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

A Message to the House of Assembly:—

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

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

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

*Legislative Council, 27 May 2025*

C.M. FARRELL, *President*

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

- (1) Ms *Thomas* – Aurora Disability Services;
- (2) Ms *Palmer* – Free 2b Girls;
- (3) Mr *Duigan* – Grassroots Action Network Tasmania;
- (4) Ms *Gaffney* – Tom Quilty Gold Cup; and
- (5) Ms *Forrest* – Work experience student, Willow Cummins.

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

**16 TOURISM TASMANIA ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024.**— A Motion was made (Ms *Rattray*) and the Question was proposed, That the Tourism Tasmania Annual Report 2023-2024 be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

**17 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

**18 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were seven Questions asked.

**19 TOURISM TASMANIA ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024.**— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Tourism Tasmania Annual Report 2023-2024 be considered and noted.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**20 TASMANIAN PLANNING DRAFT INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT REPORT ON PROPOSED MACQUARIE POINT MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM PROJECT.**— A Motion was made (Ms *O'Connor*) and the Question was proposed, That the Tasmanian Planning Commission Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR) on the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance be considered and noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

**21 SITTING SUSPENDED.** — It being 4.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

**22 TASMANIAN PLANNING DRAFT INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT REPORT ON PROPOSED MACQUARIE POINT MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM PROJECT.**— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Tasmanian Planning Commission Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR) on the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance be considered and noted

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

**24 ORDER OF BUSINESS.**— *Ordered*, That intervening business be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 4. (Ms *Forrest*)

**25 REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That That the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts “University of Tasmania Financial Position” be considered and noted.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**26 TASMANIAN BUDGET 2025-26: ESTIMATES COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR MINISTERS IN THE ASSEMBLY TO ATTEND.**—  
A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly doth agree to the following Resolution communicated to it by the Legislative Council on 27 May 2025:—

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

*House of Assembly, 27 May 2025*

MICHELLE O’BYRNE, *Speaker*

**27 ADJOURNMENT.**— *Resolved*, That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o’clock a.m. on Wednesday, 28 May 2025. (Ms *Palmer*)

*Resolved*, That the Council do now adjourn. (Ms *Palmer*)

The Council adjourned at 6.20 o’clock p.m.

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