



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 6

Tuesday 4 November 2025

The Council meets at 11.00 am

Notices of Motion

1 Condolence Motion, Mr Desmond Hiscutt

Given by: Mr *Hiscutt*

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council expresses its deep regret at the passing on 19 June 2025 of Desmond Hiscutt, Member of the Legislative Council from 1995 to 1999, and places on record its appreciation of his service to this State, and further, that this House respectfully tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

2 Deaths and Injuries from Quad Bikes or ATV use in Tasmania

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes with concern the high rate of deaths and injuries from quad bike or ATV use in Tasmania, with more than 20 deaths since the year 2000.
- (2) Further notes more than 1400 Australians are seriously injured in quad bike accidents each year.
- (3) Expresses its sincere condolences to grieving loved ones, including the devastated parents of 14 year old Jocelyn Daguman who died in an ATV accident at Boyer in February 2023.
- (4) Recognises the findings of both Coroner Cooper in 2017 and Coroner Webster in 2024, who recommended stronger regulation of quad bike use to save lives.
- (5) Agrees with Coroner Cooper's recommendations, following his investigation into seven quad bike deaths between 2012-2015, to provide for increased community education promoting the use of helmets and seatbelts, and legislation that:
 - (a) Requires mandatory training and licensing of all persons using quad bikes
 - (b) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating adult quad bikes
 - (c) Prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating youth-sized quad bikes other than in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

- (d) Prohibits children under the age of 6 from operating any quad bike under any circumstances
- (6) Recognises there has been a substandard response to the Coroners' recommendations by the Rockliff Government.
- (7) Calls on the Rockliff Government to act to prevent such tragedies in the future and implement all the Coroner's recommendations to strengthen quad bike and ATV safety in Tasmania.

3 Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24, and recent public statements of Custodial Inspector Richard Connock, be considered and noted.

4 Tasmania's Forest Carbon 2025 Update Report

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 12 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the release of the report 'Tasmania's Forest Carbon – 2025 Update', a co-sponsored project by the Tasmanian Climate Collective, the Tree Projects and the Wilderness Society, and authored by internationally respected scientist, Dr Jen Sanger.
- (2) Accepts the scientific fact that unlogged forests are the reason Tasmania can claim to be one of the first jurisdictions in the world to become net zero, evidenced by the State's greenhouse accounts from 2012 onwards.
- (3) Notes the report finds Tasmania's forests currently draw down an estimated 22 million tonnes of carbon each year, which would more than triple by 2050 if native forest logging ceases and forests are managed for climate, biodiversity, recreation and tourism.
- (4) Recognises the report finds that ongoing native forest logging and burning is also the State's single biggest emitter, with industrial scale forestry burns accounting for the emission of an estimated 1.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂e) each year.
- (5) Notes with concern federal and state government moves to facilitate the further burning of native forest for biomass, including at Goliath Cement in Railton.
- (6) Agrees that the single most effective step Tasmania can take to reduce emissions is to end native forest logging and burning – the necessary and ethical response to accelerating global heating which will impact on our communities, environment and economy with increasing intensity in the decades ahead.

5 Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 23 September 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes:
 - a) The State Government's Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction (No. 1) 2022 requiring a mandatory cashless card system for poker machines in Tasmanian hotels, clubs and casinos, including loss limits, breaks in play and optional commitment for time spent playing be developed and implemented;
 - b) The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission undertook extensive public consultation on the implementation of the proposed poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card;
 - c) The proposed mandatory pre-commitment card was originally scheduled to be implemented by the end of 2024, and intended to cap losses at \$100 per day, or \$5,000 per year;
 - d) The State government announced on the 16 October 2024, that the Department of State Growth had engaged Deloitte Access Economics to undertake an analysis of the social and economic impact of the Government's poker machine mandatory pre-commitment card policy; and
 - e) That the terms of reference or contract provided for the Deloitte Access Economic review have not been released publicly; and
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes:
 - a) In November 2024, the Premier announced an indefinite pause on proceeding with the proposed mandatory pre-commitment card; and
 - b) In June this year, the Premier further stated a mandatory pre-commitment card will not be introduced in Tasmania unless there is a national approach on the issue;
- (3) That the Legislative Council also notes with concern the state annual poker machine losses for 2024-25 which totalled \$193,908,165, a decade high level of losses from the Tasmanian community; and
- (4) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to release immediately the 2024 Deloitte Access Economics' social and economic impact review report of the poker machine pre-commitment card policy.

6 Tasmanian Planning Commission Final Integrated Assessment Report

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 24 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Tasmanian Planning Commission Final Integrated Assessment Report, released on 17 September 2025, into the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance be considered and noted.

7 Report of the Auditor-General No. 3 of 2025-26: Proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point Land

Given by: Ms Forrest

Date: 25 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Report of the Auditor-General No. 3 of 2025-26: Proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point Land, dated 24 September 2025, be considered and noted.

Orders of the Day

General Business

1 [Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 57\)](#)

Mover: Ms Forrest

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

2 [Custodial Inspector Amendment \(Protection from Reprisal\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 44\)](#)

Mover: Ms O'Connor

Date: Read a First time on 25 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

Government Business

1 [Government Business Governance Reforms Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 36\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Reported without amendment by the Committee of the Whole Council on 25 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Third reading

2 [Government Business \(Sale Reforms\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 42\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Reported with amendments by the Committee of the Whole Council on 25 September 2025

Status: Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of Whole Council

3 [Commissions of Inquiry Amendment \(Private Sessions Information\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 37\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Reported without amendment by the Committee of the Whole Council on 25 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Third reading

4 [Sentencing Amendment \(Aggravating Factors\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 41\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Second reading debate adjourned on 25 September 2025 (Ms Armitage)

Status: Awaiting resumption of Second reading debate

Spoken: Ms Rattray, Ms Armitage

5 Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence: Establishment of Joint Standing Committee

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Message received and made an Order of the Day on 12 September 2025

Status: Message to be considered

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,

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence be appointed with the power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –
 - (a) Any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine family, domestic and sexual violence impacts, and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;
 - (b) Any matter related to family, domestic and sexual violence referred to it by either House; and
 - (c) Any matter related to family, domestic and sexual violence, initiated by its own motion.
- (2) That Notice of any Motion Inquiry shall be reported to both Houses within two (2) sitting days of the Committee's Resolution; and
- (3) That the number of Members to serve on the said Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be 3.

House of Assembly, 9 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

1 [Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 49\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

2 [Residential Tenancy Amendment \(Pets\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 40\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

3 [Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 46\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

4 [Justice Miscellaneous \(Explosives Offences\) Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 47\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 25 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

5 [Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 51\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 25 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

6 Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill 2025 (Bill No. 45)

Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 26 September 2025
Status: Awaiting Second reading

Bill *Pro forma* (Pursuant to Standing Order 6)¹

7 Partition Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 35)

Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Introduced on 19 August 2025
Status: Read a First time

C.L. VICKERS, Clerk of the Council

Awaiting Government Response

Questions on Notice

2 Plan to Address Youth Offending

Asked by: Ms Thomas
To: Leader of the Government
Date: 23 September 2025

Question:

Over the past six months, the Glenorchy community has reportedly been significantly impacted by a surge in youth offending, therefore:

- (1) Will the Government develop a *Plan to Address Youth Offending*, with consideration to including the following elements:
 - a) Commitment to a proactive Tasmania Police presence on the beat in Glenorchy, Claremont and Moonah;
 - b) Urgent legislative change to provide security guards with more powers to intervene in antisocial behaviour and training to support the use of their powers;
 - c) Increased investment in surveillance technology including a central CCTV monitoring system and 24/7 security monitoring and control room for Greater Hobart, to respond to crime or emerging events in a timely manner;
 - d) A review of sentencing and diversion program outcomes under the *Youth Justice Act 1997* to evaluate whether they are meeting the needs and expectations of the community, victims and young people;
 - e) A review of youth bail laws, with reference to section 24C of the *Youth Justice Act 1997*;
 - f) Legislation providing for workplace protection orders, as it is reported by business owners that ban notices are not an effective deterrent;
 - g) Minimum packaging standards for knives and other sharp objects and a ban on the importation of knives and sharp objects by minors;

¹ Standing Order 6 provides that a *Pro forma* Bill is to be introduced at the start of each new Parliament. The introduction of such a Bill is a symbolic gesture in some Parliaments with a Westminster system and signifies Parliament's independence from the direction of the Crown. The Bill does not progress past the First reading.

- h) Case study research into the 30 youth offenders with 50 or more police charges in 2024 – to properly define the problem, to identify the specific social and systemic factors contributing to recidivism;
- i) Increased investment in early intervention programs to address generational disadvantage and stop youth offending before it starts, and the reintroduction of interagency support teams; and
- j) A review of the Tier 4 schooling system and the exploration of parental responsibility contracts.

3 Coroner's Order relating to the Coronial Project investigation into autopsy specimens

Asked by: Ms Webb
 To: Leader of the Government
 Date: 23 September 2025

Question:

In relation to the Coronial Project investigation into the autopsy specimens retained by the R. A. Rodda Museum of Pathology at the University of Tasmania, upon which the Coroner's Office reported its findings on Thursday the 18 September 2025, can the government:

- (1) Confirm the Coroner has issued an Order exempting all matters pertaining to the Coronial Project investigation exempt from release under the *Right to Information Act 2009*;
- (2) Detail:
 - a) any reasons stated for the Order;
 - b) whether the Coroner's Order is still in place despite the publication of the Coronial Project investigation's findings; and
 - c) if so clarify if there is an expected date for the expiry or lifting of that Order; and
- (3) Recognising the exclusion provision of Section 6 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*, detail all instances over the previous 12 months where a court order has required an additional exemption of materials from the *Right to Information Act 2009*, and the duration of each of these earlier Orders.

4 Ashley Youth Detention Centre misconduct matters and the Commission of Inquiry

Asked by: Mr Gaffney
 To: Minister for Children and Youth
 Date: 23 September 2025

Question:

- (1) How many AYDC staff have been found to be in breach of the State Service Code of Conduct due to sexual misconduct?
- (2) How many AYDC staff subject to allegations of sexual abuse have been formally investigated and charged by Tasmanian Police?
- (3) Of those staff cleared of allegations, how many have:
 - a) returned to work
 - b) returned to their original workplace
 - c) resigned or retired.

- (4) What is the total cost of the Commission of Inquiry into Institutional Abuse?
- (5) What is the cost so far for investigations into allegations of misconduct against AYDC staff, including Employment Direction 5 (ED5) investigations?
- (6) What is the cost so far for wages and other employment costs of suspended AYDC staff?
- (7) How much has been paid so far to claimants against AYDC staff for sexual misconduct?
- (8) How much has been budgeted for current, emerging and future claims against AYDC staff for sexual misconduct?
- (9) Why didn't the Government challenge the \$75 million Class Action against AYDC when at the time many staff had been cleared of allegations?
- (10) Have the Government Investigations identified any individual(s) who has made false and fraudulent allegations?
- (11) If Question 10 is yes, of those identified as making false and fraudulent allegations, how many individual(s) have received payments in settlement of their claims against the State?
- (12) If there have been individuals identified by Government Investigators as receiving payments for fraudulent and false allegations, has the Government sought to recover those payments?
- (13) Why were claims paid for allegations of sexual abuse before investigations were started and or completed?
- (14) What mechanisms have been put in place to assist and support claimants in the management of their redress payments?
- (15) How were the claims of the whistleblower known as Alysha investigated and verified?
- (16) Why were the statements made by AYDC staff scrutinised and treated as false?
- (17) Will the Government take any responsibility for the extraordinary lengthy suspensions of AYDC staff of up to four and a half years rather than claiming the matters as complex?
- (18) Why has there been an inconsistent approach to suspending staff?
- (19) Why has there been an inconsistent approach to suspending 'Working with Vulnerable Children' registrations for some staff and not others?
- (20) Why were suspended AYDC staff required to be totally isolated from their work colleagues during a very traumatic time?
- (21) Why were suspended AYDC staff not consulted about and involved in developing the appropriate response from their managers to meet their needs?
- (22) Will the Government:
 - (a) publicly apologise for the way AYDC staff have been appallingly treated?
 - (b) publicly apologise to all those AYDC staff who have been wrongfully accused?
 - (c) consider compensation to AYDC staff who have been wrongfully accused?
- (23) What support has the Government provided to those AYDC staff who were stood down including those who remain stood down?
- (24) In light of legislation in other states regarding falsified and vexatious claims against public servants, what due diligence and / or legislation has the Tasmanian Government introduced or considered to address the situation?

5 Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure

Asked by: Ms Thomas
To: Leader of the Government
Date: 23 September 2025

Question:

The 'Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure' Schedule outlines the duration, purpose, financial contributions, additional terms and performance milestones for the Australian Government's \$240m contribution to the redevelopment of Macquarie Point.

The 'Additional Terms' of this agreement require that, in short, Tasmania will produce a refreshed plan for the Macquarie Point site, engage with the community, maintain and enhance amenities for the Hobart community and visitors at Regatta Point, deliver upgrades to Macquarie Wharves 4, 5 and 6, and ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point.

There are six corresponding Performance Milestones to be met under this agreement.

The agreement does not refer to a stadium at Macquarie Point.

- (1) Have all six Performance Milestones under the *Macquarie Point Urban Redevelopment Federation Funding Agreement – Infrastructure* schedule been met?
- (2) Is the Housing Plan publicly available? If not, when will it be released?
- (3) Has the \$240m Federal funding contribution been received? If not, when does the Government expect to receive it?
- (4) Given the agreement does not mention a stadium, how does the Government justify its stated intention to apply Federal funds to this purpose?
- (5) Outside of any stadium investment, what specific investment does the Government intend to make in delivering the projects required under the *Additional Terms* of the Agreement, being:
 - a) **Clause 1.i** — produce a refreshed precinct plan for the Macquarie Point site;
 - b) **Clause 1.ii** — engage with the community and all affected stakeholders;
 - c) **Clause 1.iii** — maintain and enhance existing amenities at Regatta Point;
 - d) **Clause 1.iv** — upgrade Macquarie Wharf, with immediate priority to Wharf 6;
 - e) **Clause 1.v** — deliver upgrades to Wharves 4 and 5;
 - f) **Clause 1.vi** — ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point, including affordable, essential worker or social housing.
- (6) Will these investments be incorporated into the 2025-26 budget and forward estimates?
- (7) What accountability or clawback mechanisms apply if the Performance Milestones and 'Additional Terms' are not met?
- (8) What proportion of the \$240m Federal contribution is the Government allocating to each element of the Precinct Plan (stadium, housing, wharf upgrades, public/community amenities), and will Treasury publish a breakdown of this allocation?

Petition ¹	Member	Date Tabled	Response Due
Proposed Macquarie Point Stadium	Ms O'Connor	24 September 2025	To be confirmed

Summary of Bills

Read First Time

No. 35	Partition Amendment Bill (<i>pro forma</i>)
No. 40	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets) Bill
No. 44	Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill
No. 45	Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill
No. 46	Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill
No. 47	Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) Bill
No. 49	Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill
No. 51	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill
No. 57	Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill

Second Reading Adjourned

No. 41	Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Bill
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Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of Whole Council

No. 42	Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill
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Awaiting Third Reading

No. 36	Government Business Governance Reforms Bill
No. 37	Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information) Bill

Agreed to by Both Houses

No. 38	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill
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Current Committees and Membership

Standing Committees

Committee of Privileges: Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Armitage, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray

Standing Orders Committee: Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest (The Chair of Committees), Ms Armitage, Ms Rattray and Ms Thomas

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint)²: Mr Harriss and Ms Rattray

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss and Mr Hiscutt

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest and Ms Thomas

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms Armitage, Ms O'Connor and Ms Webb

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (Joint): Mr Gaffney, Ms O'Connor, Ms Thomas and Ms Webb

Greyhound Racing Transition (Joint): Ms O'Connor, Ms Webb and Ms Rattray

¹ Standing Order 44(8) provides that the Leader of the Government table the Government's response to a petition within 15 sitting days.

² Joint Committees are made up of Members from both Houses. For House of Assembly Members of these Committees please see the House of Assembly Notice Paper.

Sessional Committees

House Committee (Joint): Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest and Ms Rattray

Library Committee (Joint): Ms Armitage, Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Rattray

Final Report of Commission of Inquiry (Joint): Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Webb

Workplace Cultural Oversight (Joint): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Lovell and Ms Rattray

Gender and Equality (Joint): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss and Ms Thomas

Government Administration A: Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas

Government Administration B: Ms Armitage, Mr Edmunds, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Webb

Select Committees

Energy Matters (Joint): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harris and Ms Lovell

Government Business Scrutiny Committee A: Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas

Government Business Scrutiny Committee B: Ms Armitage, Mr Edmunds, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Webb

Dates of Meetings of the Legislative Council

The following are the Council's proposed sitting dates for 2025. These dates are indicative only and subject to change.

August	19
September	12 (QC), 23, 24, 25, 26 (QC)
November	4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13
December	5 (QC), 9, 10, 11

The sitting schedule is available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0037/95887/Combined-Sitting-Schedule-2025-final.pdf

Meetings of the Legislative Council (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

11.00 am	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Special Interest Matters [<i>Tuesdays only</i>] Motions and Orders of the Day [<i>Government Business takes precedence on Wednesdays and Thursdays</i>]
1.00 pm	Break
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day
4.00 pm	Break [<i>Tuesdays and Wednesdays only</i>]
4.30 pm	Resumption of Motions and Orders of the Day Adjournment

Quorum Calls of the Legislative Council (Fridays)

When the Legislative Council sits on a Friday it is called a Quorum Call. This sitting is primarily for the purpose of receiving Messages from the House of Assembly, and the Council does not conduct any substantive business.

9.30 am	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers
	Presentation of Petitions
	Notices of Questions
	Notices of Motions
	Answers to Questions on Notice
	Tabling of Papers
	Messages
	Adjournment

Standing and Sessional Orders of the Legislative Council

The work of the Legislative Council is governed by its Standing and Sessional Orders, as agreed by the Council. The Council's Standing Orders are available at:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/legislative-council/lcstandingorders>