



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2022

(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 12

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

(At 11.00 o'clock a.m.)

### NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

**1** Mr *Valentine* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard Human Resources statistics, detailed by region – South, North, North-West as at 23 August 2022 in the following categories:

- (a) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) establishment;
- (b) total vacant FTEs;
- (c) total FTEs that are subject to an absence, that is an absence being for a period of more than 5 consecutive working days including planned and unplanned leave, leave without pay, suspension or workers compensation; and
- (d) total FTEs subject to an active recruitment process —

can the Government provide the requested FTE information for the following occupations:

- (e) Department of Education
  - (ea) Speech and Language Pathologists.
- (f) Department of Communities Tasmania
  - (fa) Child Safety and Wellbeing Workers;
  - (fb) Child Safety Officers;
  - (fc) Advice and Referral Line Officers;
  - (fd) Child Safety Practice Leaders; and
  - (fe) Support Workers.
- (g) Department of Justice
  - (ga) Community Corrections Probation Officers; and
  - (gb) Diversion Officers.
- (h) Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
  - (ha) Parks and Wildlife Officers; and
  - (hb) Field Officers.

(asked 23.08.22)

**2** Mr *Valentine* to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With regard to midwives working in Tasmania's four major hospitals, can the Government please provide the following details for each hospital:

- (1) total number of Birthrate Plus Hours worked in core Midwifery in the past 3 months and the number of those hours worked by midwives;

- (2) number of vacancies within the Midwifery Group Practice (MG) Teams in July 2022 and the percentage this represents of the whole of the nursing workforce vacancies for the hospital for the same period;
  - (3) number of student midwives currently practising in the maternity unit and of those, the number of students paid for their first year of clinical placement hours;
  - (4) actual number of midwifery resignations in the past 3 months, and the percentage this represents of the midwifery workforce in the hospital;
  - (5) COVID leave statistics for midwives for July 2022; and
  - (6) number of backfilled midwifery positions for July 2022.
- (asked 08.09.22)

**3** Mr Gaffney to ask the Honourable Leader of the Government — With reference to the Queensland *Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2022*, and the resulting changes to the Queensland *Land Tax Act 2010*, where from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2023 for an individual or company, the total taxable valuation of their Australian owned land will be included in calculating their Queensland land tax liability – be they a Queensland resident, or that of another state or territory —

- (1) What is the Government’s policy in responding to the impact of these and similar legislative changes that arise from other states and territories that have a direct bearing on Tasmanian individuals, business and companies;
- (2) is the Government in a position to advocate for an equitable national policy on land tax before other state and territory governments act in a similarly unilateral way;
- (3) what response has the Government received from Tasmanian and interstate businesses, companies and their representative bodies in response to this legislation in terms of:
  - (a) how this will affect future holdings and investment plans in Tasmania; and
  - (b) how will this affect the operation of Tasmanian businesses in Queensland;
- (4) Australia has over 50 bilateral double taxation treaties with overseas nations and jurisdictions, what treaties and legislation does Tasmania currently have in place with the mainland states and territories to maintain fair and reasonable tariffs, trade, taxation and property ownership between them; and
- (5)
  - (a) whilst this legislation is not a direct tax on the value of Tasmanian property, does the Government agree that it acts as a direct variable in calculating an enhanced tax liability to another jurisdiction? and
    - (i) if so, why; and
    - (ii) if not, why not;
  - (b) does the 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement on Data Sharing compel the Government to collaborate by sharing and corroborating Tasmanian land valuations with the Queensland Revenue Office, and if not legally required will it willingly do so;
  - (c) using the basis of most double taxation treaties and as a result of this legislation, will the Government factor in and forgo the additional land tax paid to the Queensland Revenue Office against an owner’s Tasmanian land tax liability; and
  - (d) does the Government have any plans to introduce similar legislation in Tasmania?

(asked 27.09.22)

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- 1** Homes Tasmania Bill 2022 (No. 35): Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of the Whole Council.
- 2** Homes Tasmania (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 (No. 36): Third reading.
- 3** Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021 (No. 63 of 2021): Second reading.

**4** Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Driver Distraction and Speed Enforcement) Bill 2022 (No. 20): Second reading.

**5** Occupational Licensing (Automatic Mutual Recognition Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022 (No. 27): Second reading.

**6** Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament) Bill 2021 (No. 22 of 2021): Second reading.

**7** Partition Amendment Bill 2022 (No. 38): Second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

**1** Ms Webb to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 26 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares areas of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 10 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

**2** Ms Webb to move — That a draft proclamation made under Section 11(2) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, dated 18 May 2022 and laid upon the Table of the Council on 2 June 2022 and which draft proclamation declares area of Crown land specified in Parts 1 to 11 of Schedule 1 to the draft proclamation to be reserved land, be disallowed in accordance with the provisions of s.18(3) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

**3** Ms Armitage to move — That the report of the Auditor-General No. 7 of 2021-22, COVID-19 — Response to social impacts: mental health and digital inclusion, be considered and noted.

**4** Ms Howlett to move — That the Legislative Council —

- (1) Notes the importance that Neighbourhood Houses play in the economic, social and mental wellbeing of Tasmanians;
- (2) acknowledges the significant role volunteers play within Neighbourhood Houses;
- (3) thanks those that work and volunteer at Neighbourhood Houses for the critical role they play in the wellbeing of the community; and
- (4) commends the Rockliff Liberal Government's recent investment of an additional \$1.75 million, equating to an additional \$50,000 for each of Tasmania's 35 Neighbourhood Houses, to allow Neighbourhood Houses to do more to support those in the community.

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

## PAPERS ISSUED

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notice Paper No. 11

## SUMMARY OF BILLS

### *Read First Time*

Bill No. 22 of 2021	Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament).
Bill No. 63 of 2021	Climate Change (State Action) Amendment.
Bill No. 20	Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Driver Distraction and Speed Enforcement).
Bill No. 27	Occupational Licensing (Automatic Mutual Recognition Consequential Amendments).
Bill No. 38	Partition Amendment ( <i>pro forma</i> ).

### *Consideration of Bill as amended in Committee of Whole Council*

Bill No. 35	Homes Tasmania.
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*Awaiting Third Reading*

Bill No. 36 Homes Tasmania (Consequential Amendments).

*Agreed to by Both Houses*

Bill No. 10 Family Violence Reforms (*Act No. 21 of 2022*).  
Bill No. 15 Police Offences Amendment (Workplace Protection) (*Act No. 22 of 2022*).  
Bill No. 19 Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) (*Act No. 23 of 2022*).  
Bill No. 40 Statutory Holidays Amendment.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS**

Committee of Privileges: Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest* (Chair of Committees), Mr *Gaffney*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Standing Orders Committee: The President (Mr *Farrell*), The Chair of Committees (Ms *Forrest*), Mrs *Hiscutt*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Joint): Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Ratray*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Joint): Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Webb* and Mr *Willie*.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Palmer* and Mr *Valentine*.

**SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS**

House Committee (Joint): The President (Mr *Farrell*), Ms *Forrest*, and Mrs *Hiscutt*.

Library Committee (Joint): Ms *Armitage*, Mr *Farrell*, Ms *Forrest*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Valentine*.

Gender and Equality Committee (Joint): Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Harriss* and Mr *Willie*.

Workplace Culture Oversight Committee (Joint): Mr *Farrell* (The President), Ms *Forrest*, Mrs *Hiscutt* and Ms *Lovell*.

Government Administration A: Mr *Duigan*, Mr *Edmunds*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Harriss* and Ms *Lovell*.

- Rural Health Services.

Government Administration B: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Howlett*, Ms *Ratray*, Mr *Valentine*, Ms *Webb* and Mr *Willie*.

**SELECT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS**

Road Safety in Tasmania: Ms *Armitage*, Ms *Ratray* and Mr *Willie*.

*University of Tasmania Act 1992*: Mr *Duigan*, Mr *Gaffney*, Ms *Lovell*, Mr *Valentine* and Ms *Webb*.