



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2025

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2025

A SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA, CONVENED AND HELD IN THE CITY OF HOBART ON TUESDAY THE NINETEENTH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE THIRD YEAR OF OUR SOVEREIGN LORD KING CHARLES III AND IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

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 11 June 2025 and a General Election of members of the Assembly was held on 19 July 2025.

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 19 August 2025, 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 6 August 2025.

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”.

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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 6 August 2025, a session of Our Parliament of Tasmania was summoned to be held for the despatch of business on 19 August 2025.

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 15 August 2025, and in the Third year of Our reign.

B. BAKER, *Governor*

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

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
The Honourable *Bridget ARCHER*, Bass
Tabatha BADGER, Lyons
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Vica BAYLEY, Clark
Dr *Shane BROAD*, Braddon

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Meg BROWN, Franklin
Helen BURNET, Clark
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
Carlo DI FALCO, Lyons
Anita DOW, Braddon
The Honourable *Felix ELLIS*, Braddon
Robert FAIRS, Bass
Michael FERGUSON, Bass
Janie FINLAY, Bass
Craig GARLAND, Braddon
Peter GEORGE, Franklin
Jessica GREENE, Bass
Eloise HADDAD, Clark
The Honourable *Jane HOWLETT*, Lyons
Roger JAENSCH, Braddon
Kristie JOHNSTON, Clark
Brian MITCHELL, Lyons
David O'BYRNE, Franklin
The Honourable *Madeleine OGILVIE*, Clark
Gavin PEARCE, Braddon
The Honourable *Jacqueline PETRUSMA*, Franklin
Prof. *George RAZAY*, Bass
The Honourable *Jeremy ROCKLIFF*, Braddon
Cecily ROSOL, Bass
Mark SHELTON, Lyons
Marcus VERMEY, Clark
Josh WILLIE, Clark
The Honourable *Dean WINTER*, Franklin
Dr *Rosalie WOODRUFF*, Franklin

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

The Honourable *Eric ABETZ*, Franklin
The Honourable *Bridget ARCHER*, Bass
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
Carlo DI FALCO, Lyons
The Honourable *Felix Ashton ELLIS*, Braddon
Michael Darrel Joseph FERGUSON, Bass
Janie FINLAY, Bass
The Honourable *Jane HOWLETT*, Lyons
Brian MITCHELL, Lyons
The Honourable *Madeleine Ruth OGILVIE*, Clark
The Honourable *Gavin Bruce PEARCE*, Braddon
The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne PETRUSMA*, Franklin
Prof. *George RAZAY*, Bass
Mark David SHELTON, Lyons
Marcus William VERMEY, Clark
The Honourable *Dean WINTER*, Franklin

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 Christina BURNET, Clark
Anita Joy DOW, Braddon
Robert FAIRS, Bass
Craig GARLAND, Braddon

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Peter GEORGE, Franklin
Jessica GREENE, Bass
Eloise Rafia HADDAD, Clark
Roger Charles JAENSCH, Braddon
Kristie Joy JOHNSTON, Clark
David James O'BYRNE, Franklin
The Honourable *Jeremy Page ROCKLIFF*, Braddon
Cecily ROSOL, Bass
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
The Honourable *Bridget ARCHER*, Bass
Tabatha BADGER, Lyons
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Vica BAYLEY, Clark
Dr *Shane BROAD*, Braddon
Meg BROWN, Franklin
Helen BURNET, Clark
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
Carlo DI FALCO, Lyons
Anita DOW, Braddon
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Mark SHELTON, Lyons
Marcus VERMEY, Clark
Josh WILLIE, Clark
The Honourable *Dean WINTER*, Franklin
Dr *Rosalie WOODRUFF*, Franklin

7 ELECTION OF SPEAKER - The Premier addressing himself to the Clerk of the House moved “That Honourable *Jacqueline Anne Petrusma*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”; which Motion was seconded by the Deputy Premier.

Mr *Winter* addressed herself to the Clerk of the House and moved “That *Jenna Anna Butler*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”; which motion was seconded by Ms *Dow*.

A ballot was then held in accordance with Standing Order No. 6, and the result was -

Jacqueline Anne Petrusma - 25 votes.

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Jenna Anna Butler – 10 votes.

The Clerk of the House then announced that Mrs *Petrusma*, had been elected Speaker.

The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne Petrusma* expressed her humble acknowledgement to the House for 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 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION. – The Speaker read Prayers.

10 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 Treasurer)

11 ADJOURNMENT. - *Resolved*, That the House do now adjourn till Two o'clock (The Treasurer).

The House adjourned at forty-two minutes past Eleven o'clock.

The House met at Two o'clock.

12 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.

13 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. The Premier said:

“The portfolios for ministers of the Crown are as follows:

The Honourable *Jeremy Rockliff* MP as Premier;

The Honourable *Guy Barnett* MP as Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs;

The Honourable *Eric Abetz* MP as Treasurer, and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal;

The Honourable *Bridget Archer* MP as Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs;

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

The Honourable *Felix Ellis* MP as Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Skills and Jobs, and Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management;

The Honourable *Jane Howlett* MP as Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Minister for Racing, and Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence;

The Honourable *Madeleine Ogilvie* MP as Minister for Environment, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, and Minister for Arts and Heritage;

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

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The Honourable *Gavin Pearce* MP as Minister for Primary Industries and Water, and Minister for Veterans' Affairs; and

The Honourable *Kerry Vincent* MLC as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Housing and Planning."

14 OPPOSITION APPOINTMENTS - The Leader of the Opposition said: "There have been no changes to the Labor shadow ministry."

15 TASMANIAN GREENS APPOINTMENTS – Dr *Woodruff* said "I am pleased to provide the following information:-

Dr *Rosalie Woodruff* MP – Leader of the Tasmanian Greens and Member for Franklin, has the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs; Forests; LGBTIQA+; and Marine Environment.

Vica Bayley MP – Deputy Leader of the Tasmanian Greens and Member for Clark, has the portfolios of Leader of Greens Business; Treasury and Finance; Energy; Environment and Biodiversity; Housing and Consumer Protection; Sports and Events; Veterans Affairs, and Arts.

Helen Burnet MP – Member for Clark has the portfolios of Preventative Health; Local Government; Planning, Infrastructure and Transport; Water; Workplace Relations and Safety; Multicultural Affairs; and Waste.

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

Cecily Rosol MP – Member for Bass has the portfolios of Health and Mental Health; Children and Young People; Corrections and Rehabilitation; Community Services; Disability Services; and Women;

The Honourable *Cassy O'Connor* MLC – Member for Hobart, has the portfolios of Climate Change; Democracy and Integrity Attorney-General and Justice; Education; Animal Rights; and Heritage."

16 CHAIR OF COMMITTEES. – Dr *Woodruff* proposed to the House "That the Honourable Member for Clark, Ms *Burnet* be the Chair of Committees of this House"; which Motion was seconded by Ms *Johnston*.

Mr *Winter* proposed to the House "That the Honourable Member for Lyons, Ms *Butler*, be the Chair of Committees of this House"; which Motion was seconded by Ms *Dow*.

And Ms *Burnet* and Ms *Butler* having consented to the nominations.

A ballot was then held in accordance with Standing Order No. 10, and the result was –

Ms *Burnet* – 21 votes

Ms *Butler* – 12 votes

The Speaker announced that Ms *Burnet* had been elected as Chair of Committees.

17 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Mr *Winter* have leave to make a Motion without Notice for the purpose of moving the suspension of Standing Orders to enable a Want of Confidence Motion in the Government from being moved forthwith. (Mr *Winter*)

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. - *Ordered* - A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Want of Confidence Motion in the Government from being debated forthwith. (Mr *Winter*)

19 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:

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- (1) Does not have confidence in either the Premier, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff, nor his Government; and
- (2) Has and will continue to have confidence in the Member for Franklin, the Honourable Dean Winter.

A Debate arose thereupon.

20 PAPERS. – Mr *Winter*, by leave, laid upon the Table of the House:-

- (1) A document in relation to Salmon Tasmania; and
- (2) A document in relation to the North West Greyhound Racing Club Inc.

21 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

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

The House divided.

AYES 10

Dr Broad
Ms Brown
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Finlay
Ms Greene
Mr Mitchell
Mr Willie
Mr Winter
Ms Haddad (Teller)

NOES 24

Mr Abetz
Mrs Archer
Ms Badger
Mr Bayley
Mr Barnett
Ms Burnet
Mr Di Falco
Mr Ellis
Mr Ferguson
Mr Garland
Mr George
Ms Howlett
Mr Jaensch
Ms Johnston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mr Pearce
Prof Razay
Mr Rockliff
Ms Rosol
Mr Shelton
Mr Vermey
Dr Woodruff
Mr Fairs (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

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- 22 PAPERS. – The Treasurer laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-
University of Tasmania: Annual Report 2024
- 23 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-
- (1) Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania: Children in Tasmania’s Prisons – Review Report 2025.
 - (2) Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *George*.
- 24 PRO-FORMA BILL. - The Premier presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Acts Enumeration Act 1947”. (Bill No. 34)

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

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

26 ATTENDANCE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINISTERS AT QUESTION TIME. – *Ordered*, 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 Treasurer)

27 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, 19 August 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*.

28 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 9 September next. (The Treasurer)

29 BILL NO. 37. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995”.

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

30 BILL NO. 38. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Coroners Act 1995, the Corrections Act 1997, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020 and the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988”.

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

31 BILL NO. 39. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1924, Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021, Electoral Act 2004, Evidence Act 2001, Family Violence Act 2004, Forensic Procedures Act 2000, Gas Safety Act 2019, Health Complaints Act 1995, Integrity Commission Act 2009, Justices Act 1959, Justices of the Peace Act 2018 and the Occupational Licensing Act 2005”.

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

32 BILL NO. 40. – The Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancy Act 1997”.

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

33 BILL NO. 41. – The Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Sentencing Act 1997”.

And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.
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34 BILL NO. 42. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to to amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Electricity Reform Act 2012, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Government Business Enterprises (Sale) Act 2003, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”.

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

35 BILL NO. 43. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend retrospectively the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000 and the Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017”.

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

36 BILL NO. 36. – The Treasurer presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Electricity Companies Act 1997, the Government Business Enterprises Act 1995, the Hydro-Electric Corporation Act 1995, the Irrigation Company Act 2011, the Metro Tasmania Act 1997, the Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973, the Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009, the Rail Company Act 2009, the Tasmanian Ports Corporation Act 2005 and the TT-Line Arrangements Act 1993”.

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

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37 BILL NO. 44. – Ms *Rosol* presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend the Custodial Inspector Act 2016 to provide for protection from reprisal”.

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

38 ADJOURNMENT. – A Motion being made - That the House do now adjourn (The Treasurer)

The House adjourned at thirty-one minutes past Five o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.