



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
SESSION OF 2018
(FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018

A SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA, CONVENED AND HOLDEN IN THE CITY OF HOBART ON TUESDAY THE FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR OF OUR SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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, *Shane Gerard Donnelly* Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, attending in the House according to his 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, unless the Governor, by proclamation, shall extend the time for so doing by such further period not exceeding 30 days as she may think necessary.

AND WHEREAS the Assembly was dissolved on the 28 January 2018 and a General Election of members of the Assembly was held on 3 March 2018.

AND WHEREAS I consider it necessary that the time for calling Parliament together after the said general election be extended until 1 May 2018.

NOW THEREFORE I, Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, 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 1 May 2018, 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 4 April 2018.

C. A. WARNER, Governor.

By Her Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM E. F. HODGMAN, Premier.

2 MESSAGE TO ATTEND THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSIONERS - A Message was delivered by *Stuart MacGregor Wright*, 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”.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To the HONOURABLE JAMES SCOTT WILKINSON, The HONOURABLE LEONIE ANNE HISCUTT, The HONOURABLE KERRY FINCH 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 Professor The HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, dated 4 April 2018, a session of Our Parliament of Tasmania was summoned to be held for the despatch of business on 1 May 2018.

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 JAMES SCOTT WILKINSON, LEONIE ANNE HISCUTT, and KERRY FINCH 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 Professor The HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, 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 18 April 2018, and in the sixty-third year of Our reign.

C. A. WARNER, *Governor*

By Her Excellency's Command,
J.P. ROCKLIFF, Acting 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 acquaint you that Her Excellency desires that you take into your earnest consideration such matters as may be submitted to you and that Her Excellency will in person at three o'clock in the afternoon on

Tuesday, 1 May 2018 in this place address Members of both Houses. I now declare this the First Session of the Forty-Ninth Parliament open".

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 *Elise Nicole ARCHER*, Denison
Scott BACON, Denison
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Dr *Shane Thomas BROAD*, Braddon
Adam Richard BROOKS, Braddon
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
The Honourable *Sarah COURTNEY*, Bass
Anita Joy DOW, Braddon
The Honourable *Michael Darrel Joseph FERGUSON*, Bass
The Honourable *Peter Carl GUTWEIN*, Bass
Eloise Rafia HADDAD, Denison
Susanne Lynnette HICKEY, Denison
Marinus Theodoor HIDDING, Lyons
The Honourable *William Edward Felix HODGMAN*, Franklin
Jennifer Louise HOUSTON, Bass
The Honourable *Roger Charles JAENSCH*, Braddon
David James O'BYRNE, Franklin
Michelle Anne O'BYRNE, Bass
Cassandra Stanwell O'CONNOR, Denison
The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne PETRUSMA*, Franklin
The Honourable *Jeremy Page ROCKLIFF*, Braddon
Mark David SHELTON, Lyons
Alison STANDEN, Franklin
The Honourable *Rebecca Peta WHITE*, Lyons
Dr *Rosalie WOODRUFF*, Franklin

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

The Honourable *Elise Nicole ARCHER*, Denison
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Adam Richard BROOKS, Braddon
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
The Honourable *Sarah COURTNEY*, Bass
The Honourable *Michael Darrel Joseph FERGUSON*, Bass
The Honourable *Peter Carl GUTWEIN*, Bass
Susanne Lynnette HICKEY, Denison
Marinus Theodoor HIDDING, Lyons
The Honourable *Jacqueline Anne PETRUSMA*, Franklin
Mark David SHELTON, Lyons

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

Scott BACON, Denison
Dr *Shane Thomas BROAD*, Braddon
Anita Joy DOW, Braddon
Eloise Rafia HADDAD, Denison
The Honourable *William Edward Felix HODGMAN*, Franklin
Jennifer Louise HOUSTON, Bass
The Honourable *Roger Charles JAENSCH*, Braddon
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The Honourable *Rebecca Peta WHITE*, Lyons
Dr *Rosalie WOODRUFF*, Franklin

6 MEMBERS SUBSCRIBE TO CODES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT AND RACE ETHICS -
The following Members subscribed to the Codes of Ethical Conduct and Race Ethics: -

The Honourable *Elise Nicole ARCHER*, Denison
Scott BACON, Denison
The Honourable *Guy BARNETT*, Lyons
Dr *Shane Thomas BROAD*, Braddon
Adam Richard BROOKS, Braddon
Jenna BUTLER, Lyons
The Honourable *Sarah COURTNEY*, Bass
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7 ELECTION OF SPEAKER - The Premier addressing himself to the Clerk of the House moved “That Honourable *Marinus Theodoor Hidding*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”; which Motion was seconded by the Deputy Premier.

Ms *White* addressed herself to the Clerk of the House and moved “That *Susanne Lynnette Hickey*, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”; which motion was seconded by Ms *O'Connor*.

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

Susanne Lynnette Hickey - 13 votes.

Marinus Theodoor Hidding – 12 votes.

The Clerk of the House then announced that Ms *Hickey*, had been elected Speaker.

The Honourable *Susanne Lynnette Hickey* 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 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER - *Ordered*, That a Deputation, consisting of the Mover and Secunder, 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 Health)

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

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 *Stuart MacGregor Wright*, Usher of the Black Rod, who, being admitted advanced to the Bar and said:

“Madam Speaker, Her Excellency the Governor has commanded me to inform this Honourable House it is her pleasure that they 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 twenty-six minutes past Three o'clock.

13 SUSPENSION OF SITTING - At twenty-seven 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 half-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 3 March 2018 the following events took place in relation to the appointment of the Government.

On 21 March 2018, 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 *Will Hodgman* MP as Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Heritage;

The Honourable *Jeremy Rockliff* MP as Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Primary Industries and Water and Minister for Racing;

The Honourable *Elise Archer* MP as Minister for Justice, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Environment and Parks, and Minister for the Arts;

The Honourable *Guy Barnett* MP as Minister for Resources, Minister for Building and Construction, and Minister for Energy;

The Honourable *Michael Ferguson* MP as Minister for Health, Minister for Information Technology and Innovation and Leader of Government Business;

The Honourable *Peter Gutwein* MP as Treasurer, Minister for Planning and Local Government, and Minister for State Growth;

The Honourable *Rene Hidding* MP as Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management and Minister for Infrastructure; and

The Honourable *Jacqueline Petrusma* MP as Minister for Human Services and Minister for Women.

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 *Will Hodgman* MP - Premier, Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events, Minister for Trade, Minister for Parks, and Minister for Heritage;

The Honourable *Jeremy Rockliff* MP - Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries;

The Honourable *Elise Archer* MP - Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Environment, and Minister for the Arts;

The Honourable *Guy Barnett* MP - Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy, Minister for Building and Construction and Minister for Veterans' Affairs;

The Honourable *Sarah Courtney* MP - Minister for Primary Industries and Water and Minister for Racing;

The Honourable *Michael Ferguson* MP - Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Minister for Health, Minister for Science and Technology and Leader of the House;

The Honourable *Peter Gutwein* MP - Treasurer, Minister for State Growth and Minister for Local Government;

The Honourable *Roger Jaensch* MP - Minister for Human Services, Minister for Housing, and Minister for Planning; and

The Honourable *Jacqueline Petrusma* MP - Minister for Disability Services and Community Development, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Women, and Minister for Sport and Recreation.

I also wish to announce the appointment of *Mark Shelton* MP as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and who is to be the Government's nominee to be Chair of Committees and Deputy Speaker.

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.

I can assure all members of the House and the people of Tasmania that for the term of the forty-ninth Parliament my ministry will use its renewed mandate as a majority government in Tasmania judiciously for the benefit of all Tasmanians."

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

The Honourable *Rebecca White* MP - Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Shadow Minister for Arts and Creative Industries, Shadow Minister for Federal State Relations, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events and Shadow Minister for Trade and Investments;

Scott Bacon MP - Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Community Development, Shadow Minister for Racing and Gaming, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs;

Dr *Shane Broad* MP - Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Water, Shadow Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Shadow Minister for Resources;

Anita Dow MP – Shadow Minister for Economic and Regional Development, Shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Skills Development, Shadow Minister for Small Business, Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs;

The Honourable *Craig Farrell* MLC – Leader of Opposition Business in the Legislative Council, Assistant Shadow Minister for Traffic and Transport;

Ella Haddad MP – Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice, Shadow Minister for Climate Change, Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, Shadow Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage;

The Honourable *Sarah Lovell* MLC – Shadow Minister for Ambulance Services, Shadow Minister for Health and Preventative Health Care, Shadow Minister Mental Health and Substance Use;

David O’Byrne MP – Shadow Minister for Energy, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Shadow Minister for Local Government and Planning, Shadow Minister for Sport and Leader of Opposition Business in the House of Assembly;

Michelle O’Byrne MP – Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Education and Early Years, Shadow Minister for Equality and Women, Shadow Minister for Innovation and Digital Economy, Shadow Minister for Prevention of Family Violence; and

The Honourable *Josh Willie* MLC – Shadow Minister for Child Safety, Shadow Minister for Corrections, Shadow Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs.”

16 TASMANIAN GREENS APPOINTMENTS – Ms *O’Connor* said “I have the honour to inform the House of the following appointments:-

Cassy O’Connor MP – Leader of the Tasmanian Greens, Leader of Greens Business, Spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs, Spokesperson for Climate Change, Spokesperson for Employment and Economic Development, Spokesperson for Forestry, Spokesperson for Heritage, Spokesperson for Human Services, Spokesperson for Infrastructure and Transport, Spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs, Spokesperson for Resource Management, Spokesperson for Treasury, Spokesperson for Sport and Recreation, Spokesperson for Youth Affairs and Spokesperson for Women; and

Dr *Rosalie Woodruff* MP – Spokesperson for Attorney-General and Justice, Spokesperson for Consumer Protection, Spokesperson for Corrections, Spokesperson for Energy, Spokesperson for Health, Spokesperson for Local Government, Spokesperson for Marine Environment, Spokesperson for Older Tasmanians, Spokesperson for Planning, Spokesperson for Police, Fire and Emergency Management and Spokesperson for Workplace Relations.”

17 CHAIR OF COMMITTEES. - *Resolved*, That the Honourable Member for Lyons, Mr *Shelton*, be the Chair of Committees of this House. (The Minister for Health)

18 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Tasmanian Electoral Commission: Annual Report 2016-17.
- (2) House of Assembly Standing Committee on Community Development:-
Report on Inquiry into Donor Conception Practices in Tasmania (Paper No. 48 of 2017).
- (3) Integrity Commission Report No. 1 of 2018: Monitoring of the Parliamentary Disclosure of Interests Register: Report for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

19 PRO-FORMA BILL - The Premier presented -

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

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

20 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 28th Governor of this State, I welcome you to the first session of the Forty-Ninth Parliament of Tasmania, 162 years since responsible government began in Tasmania, with the first sitting of the bicameral Parliament in 1856.

Much like that momentous occasion, the State election on 3rd March this year has delivered an historic outcome.

In delivering a second term for the majority Liberal Government, it was the first time since the 1970s that any political party surpassed 50 per cent of the primary vote in consecutive elections, and indeed, the first time in over 100 years, that a conservative party achieved that result.

In another first for Tasmania, the new make-up of the House of Assembly has more women than men.

In fact, Tasmania has become the first Australian State Parliament ever to achieve this, and it is a milestone of national significance and worthy of celebration.

The election also resulted in five brand new Members for the House of Assembly.

The Honourable Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania, received an unprecedented personal endorsement, and is determined to lead my Government responsibly, in the best interests of Tasmanians.

Moreover, in a fast-paced and changing world, the people of Tasmania put their trust in the Liberal Government to provide certainty and stability for their future – a duty my Government takes very seriously.

Tasmania is a vastly different place than it was just a few years ago.

In many cases, the State is leading the nation, in business confidence, export growth, building approvals, international and domestic tourism to name a few.

Economic conditions and employment growth are the strongest they have been in many years.

There is no doubt that Tasmania as a whole is a more confident, more vibrant and positive place.

My Government has a strong resolve to see the State continue to move forward, to ensure that Tasmania's chance for prolonged and permanent growth is not squandered, and the State does not go backwards.

Rapid growth, however, brings its own set of challenges.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said "*You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today*".

My Government does not resile from the challenges brought by strong economic growth; indeed, it welcomes the opportunities.

It is acutely aware of the task ahead, with a long-term plan and policies to address Tasmania's growth and ensure that all Tasmanians, no matter where they live, can share in the benefits.

Despite the perceptible change in Tasmania, the issues that the majority of Tasmanians care about have remained comparatively constant.

Tasmanians want to see a strong economy that delivers jobs and secures opportunities for their children and future generations.

They want a government that will deliver quality health and education services, keep their families safe, and keep cost of living pressures down.

They want a government that will provide a vital safety net for those most in need.

They want a government that invests in the infrastructure that our growing State needs; and they want to protect our precious way of life.

Tasmanians have entrusted my Government with a duty to deliver on these core responsibilities, to govern Tasmanians with a steady hand and a sense of purpose, and to lead the State with resolve, compassion and integrity.

In this term, my Government remains committed to further strengthen our economy and create more full-time, secure jobs for Tasmanians.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has recently confirmed that Tasmania's economy is one of the best performing in Australia, the third strongest in the country.

Today, we enjoy record employment levels.

There are 11,800 more Tasmanians in work than just four years ago, and Tasmanian businesses are the most confident in the country.

My Government will continue to work to strengthen the Tasmanian economy, and ensure all regions of the State benefit from economic growth and new jobs, by reducing payroll tax rates for businesses and providing one of the most competitive tax regimes in the country for small and medium-sized businesses.

Investment in flagship industry sectors, like tourism, agriculture and fisheries and resources, will continue in order to harness and solidify recent growth, creating more jobs and building a strong foundation for those sectors for years to come.

Growth in the economy and an increasing population brings its own set of challenges, with demand for skilled labour and an increased need and competition for housing, as more people move to Tasmania for jobs and lifestyle reasons.

To meet the demand for skilled labour, my Government will give priority to ensuring more young people have the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship, through payroll tax rebates and targeted small business grants focused on growth sectors of the economy, such as building and construction, tourism and hospitality, and advanced manufacturing.

New Centres of Excellence in Agriculture, Trades and Water, and Hospitality will ensure Tasmanians have the right skills for jobs in these important growth areas.

To meet the demand for housing, my Government will build on the first stage of its Affordable Housing Strategy, with an additional investment of \$125 million to increase supply, as well as a suite of incentives to help boost the supply of housing in Tasmania.

Already, my Government has convened a Housing Summit and legislation to support a number of the outcomes will be introduced shortly.

The market is also responding to demand for extra supply: the trend for dwelling commencements is up 29 per cent compared to just one year ago.

My Government is a firm believer in the power of education, and the opportunity it provides, not just for quality of life, but choice in life.

Nothing is more important.

During this term, Tasmania will see record levels of funding invested into the education system. That includes new teachers and other vital school staff.

There will be more support for the early years, which are so critical to a child's development, and greater mental health support in our schools.

For the first time, we will progressively remove school principals from staffing formulas, enabling principals to focus more on school leadership, with extra teachers in the classroom to allow this to happen, starting in schools with the greatest need.

New schools will be built, and other schools significantly redeveloped, in key regions of growth and demand.

My Government will also continue its plan to extend all high schools to Year 12, ending once and for all the notion that school ends at Year 10, and giving students and families choice and the best chance to get ahead in life, no matter where they live.

The plan for education builds on improvements made in the past few years including increased retention to Year 12, engaging families in education, and improvements in literacy and numeracy.

Over the past four years, there has been much work done to rebuild the health system, including record funding, additional hospital beds, more staff, and a real focus on addressing elective surgery backlogs.

However, there remains more to do. Increasing demand on the health system is an issue affecting the entire country.

For Tasmania, this is another challenge of a growing population, coupled with an ageing demographic.

My Government has listened to the concerns of Tasmanians and responded with an even greater investment in health funding over the next six years.

To meet increasing demand, the focus will be on increasing capacity on the frontline, in our hospitals, with additional beds and health staff including paramedics, combined with a suite of new out-of-hospital services.

These include new community mental health beds and support, alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds, and in-home or in-community management of chronic disease.

Keeping Tasmanians safe is a key priority of my Government.

During this term in office, my Government will recruit an additional 125 frontline police officers, to meet the need for higher levels of policing due to a larger population and a higher number of public events.

A suite of legislative changes will be introduced, including stronger bail laws for individuals accused of serious crimes, or who are deemed to be at high risk of reoffending while on bail, placing the onus of proof on serious and repeat offenders to justify why they should be granted bail.

My Government will also reform Tasmania's dangerous criminal declaration laws to ensure dangerous criminals are not released when the courts and prosecutors believe they are too dangerous to re-enter society.

Legislation will be introduced to abolish the outdated practice of releasing prisoners early via remission and to tackle family violence with a new offence of persistent family violence, and new one-punch laws will also be introduced.

My Government is investing in the infrastructure our growing State needs for the 21st century and beyond, with around a billion dollars in new capital funding.

Two new projects – one in the south and one in the north – will increase prisoner capacity at the Tasmanian Prison Service, including a new remand facility on the Risdon Prison site and a new prison in the north of the State, providing a safer environment for both prisoners and correctional officers.

Alone, these multi-million dollar investments will see the creation of more than 4000 direct and indirect jobs during construction.

Perhaps for the first time in the State's history, traffic congestion has become a regular problem.

To address it, millions of dollars will go towards new roads and road upgrades, addressing traffic hotspots and improving the safety of our roads, for Tasmanians and visitors alike, in all regions.

My Government has also committed to more frequent public transport options to outer urban areas.

The next term of Government will see almost 1500 more affordable homes built over five years, new and upgraded hospital facilities around the State including in regional areas like St Helens and King Island, and investment in a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and community amenities.

The redevelopment of the Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club is just as important to that local community, as investment in Tranche 3 irrigation schemes is to farmers around Tasmania.

It is important every Tasmanian shares in the billion-dollar infrastructure spend.

One of the most important jobs for any government is to ensure protection of Tasmania's lifestyle.

Not many places are able to boast World Heritage wilderness at their backdoor, the cleanest air in the world, easy access to some of the world's best beaches and fishing and camping spots – not to mention our fantastic mountain-bike trails and walking tracks, our historic architecture and low-rise cities, and the freshest and internationally-renown produce.

Tasmania's way of life is unparalleled.

My Government recognises that the Tasmanian way of life is precious, and is determined to protect what makes our State unique; but also to ensure quality of life and affordable living, and keeping the cost of living pressures down.

Over the next four years, my Government has targets and plans to:

- invest in and future-proof our beautiful National Parks and reserves, protect our pest and disease-free status that gives our State a competitive advantage, and safeguard our natural environment; and
- ensure zero net emissions, make Tasmania 100 per cent energy self-sufficient and break links with the National Electricity Market to ensure Tasmania has the lowest regulated electricity prices in the country.

During this term of office, there will be no new taxes imposed on Tasmanians, and cost of living increases for Government services, on average, will be at or below the rate of inflation for the next four years.

Mr President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, Madam Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly,

I mentioned at the outset that it has been 162 years since Tasmania achieved responsible government, having changed its name from Van Diemen's Land.

The year was 1856, and the newly elected bicameral Parliament sat together for the first time.

On the auspicious opening of the first session of the Parliament of Tasmania, Governor Sir Henry Fox Young reflected on the issues of importance to elected members and Tasmanians.

He spoke about public education and the establishment of new schools; infrastructure, including the construction of electric telegraphs and public roads and bridges; law reform and policing; and the sale of public land as rapidly as possible to Tasmanians wishing to become – and I quote – “bona fide occupiers and cultivators”.

It seems that some matters, especially those naturally associated with growth of an economy, or a colony in this case, are enduring.

However importantly, our first Governor also spoke about the fact that Tasmanian freedom had passed from name into a reality, guaranteed not by positive laws, but by what he called the enduring “bulwarks of Free popular Institutions” – or in other words, a free democratic system of government fortified by the system of voting by ballot in an election.

Democracy is essentially the freedom to express views, and elections have been a fundamental tenet of democracy for the past 162 years in Tasmania, and will remain so.

On 3rd March 2018, all Tasmanians were given the freedom to democratically decide on their government.

My Government received the endorsement of the people of Tasmania at that election, and has been given the honour and privilege of governing Tasmania with a common sense of purpose, and a plan and a vision for the State.

I leave you now to the discharge of your important duties, and I trust that divine providence will guide your deliberations and further the true welfare of the people of Tasmania. Thank you.”

21 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 Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, 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, Her 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 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, 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 *Shelton*)

A debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till tomorrow (Ms *White*)

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

23 SESSIONAL ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the following Sessional Orders be adopted for the remainder of this Session:-

(1) After Standing Order 18, insert the following Sessional Order:

“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 Six o’clock p.m. and that the House continue to sit past Six o’clock p.m.”
- (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.”

(2) Standing Order 42 be amended by leaving out paragraphs (a) to (d) and inserting the following new paragraphs:-

- “(a) Private Members Business will have priority from 2.30 p.m. till 6.00 p.m. 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 schedule:—

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Government Private Members
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Opposition Members
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Other Members

- (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.”

(3) After Standing Order 48, insert the following Sessional Order:-

“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 the Government Private Members and two by other members.”

(4) Standing Order 76 be amended after paragraph (3), by adding the following new paragraph:-

“(4) On Tuesdays and Wednesdays priority shall be given to the Opposition to raise a Matter of Public Importance and on Thursdays priority shall be given to Members other than the Opposition. Government Private Members shall only be given priority on every second sitting week.”

(5) Standing Order 129 be amended by adding new paragraph (2) as follows:-

“(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.” (The Minister for Health)

An Amendment was proposed by Ms *O'Connor* in paragraph (3) by leaving out proposed new Sessional Order and inserting the following new Sessional Order 48A:

“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 eight by the Opposition, two by the Government Private Members and three by other members.”

Question proposed – That the Amendment be agreed to.

A debate arose thereupon;

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

The House divided.

AYES 12

Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Dow
Ms Haddad
Ms Houston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms O'Connor
Ms Standen
Ms White
Dr Woodruff
Mr Bacon (Teller)

NOES 12

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Mr Hidding
Mr Hodgman
Mr Jaensch
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Brooks (Teller)

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: “The numbers being equal, I vote with the Noes.”

It was resolved in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed by *Ms O'Connor* after paragraph (4), by inserting the following new paragraph -

“() Standing Order 115, section (1), paragraph (b), subparagraph (v) be amended by leaving out “four” and inserting instead “two”.”

Question proposed – That the Amendment be agreed to;

A debate arose thereupon.

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

It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

24 STANDING AND SESSIONAL COMMITTEES. – *Ordered*, that the following Committee appointments be made:-

Standing Committees

1. That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in pursuance of section 3 subsection (2) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1914* (No. 32):-

The Chair of Committees;
Mr *Brooks*; and
Ms *Butler*.

2. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the *Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969* (No. 44):-

The Chair of Committees;
Mr *Brooks*; and
Ms *Standen*.

3. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts in pursuance of section 2 subsection (2) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970* (No. 54):-

Mr *Bacon*;
Mr *Brooks*; and
Mr *Hidding*.

4. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity in accordance with section 23 subsection (4) of the *Integrity Commission Act 2009* (No. 67):-

The Chair of Committees;
Mr *Hidding*; and
Ms *Houston*.

5. That a Committee of Privileges be appointed to enquire into and report upon complaints of breach of privilege which may be referred to it by the House; and that:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
The Minister for Health;
Ms *Haddad*; and
Mr *O'Byrne*

be of the Committee (S.O. 325)

6. That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed with power to act during recess and to confer with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council; and that:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
The Leader of the Opposition;
The Minister for Health; and
Mr *O'Byrne*.

be of the Committee (S.O. 324)

Sessional Committees

7. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Library:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
Dr *Broad*;
Mr *Brooks*;
Ms *Dow*; and
Mr *Hidding*

(S.O. 323)

8. That the following Members of this House be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee of both Houses (known as the House Committee) to control Parliament House and grounds, including catering for Parliament:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees; and
Mr O'Byrne

(S.O. 323)

(The Minister for Health)

25 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 subsection (2) of the Public Works Committee Act 1914 (No. 32), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Works:-

The Chair of Committees;
Mr Brooks; and
Ms Butler.

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

26 SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969 (No. 44), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Subordinate Legislation Committee:-

The Chair of Committees;
Mr Brooks; and
Ms Standen.

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

27 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with the provisions of section (2) subsection 2 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1970 (No. 54), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts:-

Mr Bacon;
Mr Brooks; and
Mr Hidding.

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker.*

28 INTEGRITY COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

In accordance with section 23 subsection (4) of the Integrity Commission Act 2009 (No. 67), the following Members have been appointed on the part of the House of Assembly to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Integrity:-

The Chair of Committees;

Mr *Hidding*; and
Ms *Houston*.

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker*.

29 LIBRARY COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath appointed the following Members to serve on a Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Library:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees;
Dr *Broad*;
Mr *Brooks*;
Ms *Dow*; and
Mr *Hidding*

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker*.

30 HOUSE COMMITTEE. - A Message to the Legislative Council.-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly has appointed the following Members to serve on a Joint Committee of both Houses to control Parliament House and grounds and other matters:-

The Speaker;
The Chair of Committees; and
Mr *O'Byrne*

House of Assembly, 1 May 2018

SUE HICKEY, *Speaker*.

31 BILL NO. 3. – The Minister for Health presented -

“A Bill for an Act to continue the Tasmanian Health Service established under the Tasmanian Health Organisations Act 2011, to provide for the role of the Secretary and the Executive in relation to the Tasmanian Health Service, to repeal the Tasmanian Health Organisations Act 2011, and for related purposes”

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

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.