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No. 10

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- 1 The Minister for Disability Services and Community Development to move—That the House:—
 - (1) 17-24 March 2019 was Harmony Week and 21 March 2019 was Harmony Day, an annual celebration of our cultural diversity held on the same day as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
 - (2) The theme for Harmony Week is 'Everyone Belongs' as it is in all of our interests to build a Tasmania that is harmonious, inclusive and a respectful place to live where people from every corner of the world can belong, contribute, achieve and succeed together.
 - (3) The colour orange represents Harmony Day, as orange signifies social communication, meaningful conversation, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.
 - (4) Australia today, is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world, and according to the 2016 ABS census, more than 61,200 Tasmanians, or over 12% of our population, were born overseas. Tasmanians now come from 177 different countries, with 159 identified languages spoken in Tasmanian homes.
 - (5) This wonderful diversity contributes to Tasmania's success as a multicultural community, and also brings with it exciting economic and social benefits that enhance every aspect of Tasmanians' day-to-day lives.
 - (6) Every day, Tasmania benefits from the skills, knowledge, experiences, innovation, job creation and personal contributions of our culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse community.
 - (7) The Multicultural Council of Tasmania, multicultural organisations, multicultural communities and government agencies have all helped to organise, coordinate and hold events in Harmony Week 2019, which will promote unity, understanding and respect for all individuals who call Tasmania home.
 - (8) The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to a truly inclusive multicultural island that is a very welcoming and harmonious place to live and continues Tasmania's multicultural success. (21 March 2019)

- 2 The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—
 - (1) Recognises that the Bushy Park Show was held on 16 February 2019 at the Bushy Park Showgrounds.
 - (2) Notes that the Show, initially established in 1865 as a garden show, is one of the oldest regional shows in Australia and has grown over the years to showcase local produce and entertainment in a family friendly and country style manner.
 - (3) Further notes that the Show featured wood chopping and equestrian sporting events as well as traditional cattle and sheep showing competitions including handler events.
 - (4) Acknowledges the support of the Hodgman Liberal Government to the show with:—

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- (a) a \$2,000 grant made available to the Bushy Park Show Society for the purchase of a lawnmower and installation of a rainwater tank that were used to maintain and prepare the showgrounds; and
- (b) a \$9,000 grant to the Show Society from the 2018-2019 Tasmanian Government Agricultural Show Development Grants Program, which supports regional shows across the state, that was used for re-surfacing the internal showground roads.
- (5) Congratulates the Bushy Park show committee, organisers of this superb event, for their continued outstanding efforts. (21 March 2019)
- 3** The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Kempton Festival was held on 17 February 2019 at the Kempton Recreation ground.
- (2) Notes that highlights of the 2019 event included the ever-popular sheep racing events, wood chopping demonstrations and traditional skills such as sheep shearing and a working blacksmith display.
- (3) Celebrates that events such as this demonstrate how community spirit is alive and well in the Southern Midlands and acknowledges that rural and regional shows are an important part of rural communities.
- (4) Congratulates the Green Ponds Progress Association and the Southern Midlands community for organising the festival, a community event celebrating and showcasing rural and village life. (21 March 2019)
- 4** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the Chudleigh Agricultural and Horticultural Show was held on 16 February 2019.
- (2) Notes that the Show, first celebrated in 1889, is one of Tasmania's oldest agricultural shows, with the 2019 event showcasing and promoting the local agricultural industries, as well as fine local produce and entertainment.
- (3) Further notes that a feature of the Chudleigh Pastoral Show were events featuring poultry, cattle, sheep, horses, dairy heifers and sheep dogs, competing for "best of show".
- (4) Acknowledges the support of the Hodgman Liberal Government for the Chudleigh Agricultural and Pastoral Show through:—
- (a) a \$15,000 grant for essential infrastructure and maintenance I was pleased to help secure; and
- (b) a \$4,730 grant provided under the 2018-2019 Tasmanian Government Agricultural Development Grants Program for commentary box and building upgrades.
- (5) Congratulates the Chudleigh Agricultural & Horticultural Society, organisers of this superb event, on the success again of this year's event and particular thanks given to Josh Smith, President and the rest of the organising committee. (21 March 2019)
- 5** The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—
- (1) Recognises that the second Deloraine Street Car show was held on 17 February 2019.
- (2) Notes, that in its fourth year, the 2019 Deloraine Street Car Show is the only street-based car show in Tasmania, drawing approximately 10,000 people to the town to enjoy the hundreds of pre-1988 vehicles on display, along with live bands, children's entertainment and attractions creating for families.
- (3) Further notes that these special interest vehicles are an historic link to our motoring past, and can be appreciated as works of art, with many painstaking hours put into restoring and preserving these cars.
- (4) Acknowledges the support of the Hodgman Liberal Government for the event through a \$2,000 grant that I was pleased to help secure.
- (5) Observes that support of the community is essential in running such events with the Car Show being supported by at least 25 local businesses and organisations.
- (6) Further notes the proceeds raised on the day will support the Deloraine Apex Club, Deloraine SES, Deloraine Fire Brigade and Challengers Hotrod Club.

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- (7) Commends the organising committee, Van Diemen's Street Rod Club and their sponsors on their efforts and commitment in again hosting a successful Car Show and wish them all the best as they prepare for the 2020 event. (21 March 2019)
- 6** The Minister for Health to move—That the House:—
- (1) Congratulates the Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary for reaching the impressive milestone of 70 years of service to the local community.
 - (2) Notes that the sense of community that has built around the Mersey is a testament to the strong connections the Auxiliary has helped to foster with the hospital.
 - (3) Further notes that the Auxiliary has a proud history of supporting the Hospital, raising much-needed funds for specialist medical equipment and assisting with community engagement.
 - (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the Mersey Community Hospital and thanks every Auxiliary member, both past and present for their generous and kind service. (21 March 2019)
- 7** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House instructs the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP to immediately act to ban the use of conversion therapy in Tasmania. (21 March 2019)
- 8** Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Tasmanian red meat industry is at the cross roads with the closure of lamb and cattle processing at the Devonport City Abattoir.
 - (2) Further notes that cattle and lamb service kill capacity is crucial for the business models of many Tasmanian butchers, farmers, restaurants and retailers.
 - (3) Further notes that Woolworths has now joined Coles in leaving the Tasmanian lamb market.
 - (4) Further notes that the red meat industry must now rely on small abattoirs massively increasing their capacity potentially creating issues with throughput limitations, transport logistics, animal health and animal welfare.
 - (5) Further notes that increased slaughter at small abattoirs and the resulting increases in waste, stock yarding and odours has the potential to significantly impact neighbouring property owners.
 - (6) Further notes that there is just one remaining Government meat inspector in Tasmania – down from four.
 - (7) Further notes the Government was warned of the vulnerability of the Tasmanian red meat industry two years ago and yet the Government took no action other than to buy time with a four-year deal with the Devonport City Abattoir owners JBS Swift that ended after two years.
 - (8) Further notes the political appointment of the Member for Montgomery, Hon. Leonie Hiscutt MLC as the chair of a meat taskforce creates further uncertainty due to her upcoming election in May 2019 predating the proposed finalisation of the taskforce report in June 2019. (21 March 2019)
- 9** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Supports nurses, teachers, park rangers, firefighters, corrections officers and other public sector workers in their right to take industrial action.
 - (2) Agrees that the actions of these workers have been responsible, measured and designed to demonstrate the value they provide to the community.
 - (3) Recognises that the Government has reluctantly ditched the two per cent wage cap, nine months after wage negotiations commenced and three months after workers were entitled to a pay rise.
 - (4) Acknowledges that State Taxes and GST receipts are growing and private sector wages increased by 2.9 per cent in the year to December 2018.
 - (5) Further acknowledges that, in the year to December 2018, CPI is increasing in Hobart at three per cent, which means Government's revised wage proposal is actually a significant and real wage cut.
 - (6) Further recognises that Tasmanians deserve a pay rise that keeps up with the cost of living.

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- (7) Calls on the Government to negotiate with public sector unions in good faith and show public sector workers the respect they deserve. (21 March 2019)
- 10** Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Censures the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP.
 - (2) Regards the way the Minister for Health has handled industrial negotiations with the health workforce as unprofessional and hostile.
 - (3) Notes that in his press release of 14 March 2019 the Minister threatens pay reductions and stand-downs for workers in the health system, undertaking lawful industrial action.
 - (4) Further notes that this step by the Minister demonstrates no respect whatsoever for Tasmania's health staff who are constantly working double shifts and overtime to keep up with the demand in caring for our families.
 - (5) Acknowledges that many of these people are at breaking point and the Government is only offering them a real pay cut instead of putting forward an offer that recognises their true worth.
 - (6) Further notes that in Tasmania's history, nurses have never been stood down for taking part in industrial action.
 - (7) Condemns this unprecedented threat from the Minister for Health. (21 March 2019)
- 11** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House calls on the Government to sit beyond six o'clock at this day's sitting. (9 April 2019)
- 12** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Acknowledges with deep concern the Federal Budget surplus relies on a substantial National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) underspend totalling \$6.4 billion in 2019-20, 2020-21, \$2 billion of which is the responsibility of State Governments, including Tasmania.
 - (2) Recognises the ongoing underfunding of disability services at a Commonwealth and State level is negatively impacting on Tasmanians living with a disability, their families, carers and support workers.
 - (3) Notes 28% of Tasmanian disability service providers reported operating at a loss in 2018.
 - (4) Agrees that government funded advocacy services are vital.
 - (5) Further notes that funding for disability advocacy organisations expire on 1 July 2019.
 - (6) Calls on the Minister for Disability Services, Hon. Jacque Petrusma MP, to lay on the table within five sitting days:—
 - (a) detailed Tasmanian Government expenditure on the NDIS for each financial year since 2013, including 2019-20 and projected expenditure in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-2023;
 - (b) the number of Tasmanians who have current, funded packages that meet reasonable and necessary support needs under the NDIS;
 - (c) the most recent Departmental waiting list data for plan approval and funding under the NDIS;
 - (d) evidence of sector support and workplace planning to fully meet the needs of more than 10 600 Tasmanians who will be eligible for support under the NDIS from 1 July 2019; and
 - (e) confirmation that Tasmanian disability advocacy services will receive appropriate funding past 1 July 2019. (9 April 2019)
- 13** Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the number of children referred to Child Safety Services for an investigation who had not been allocated a caseworker within priority timeframes increased from 25 in January 2018, to 280 in December 2018.
 - (2) Acknowledges that the Health and Community Services Union have labelled the current situation a crisis, and that child safety staff are struggling under impossible caseloads.
 - (3) Agrees that the small year to year investments in each budget are not enough to maintain current standards, let alone improve outcomes.

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- (4) Calls on the Government to commit to a substantial investment in child safety staff. (9 April 2019)

15 Ms O'Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Tasmanian women require safe, affordable and accessible public reproductive health services.
- (2) Notes international research has found that jurisdictions where terminations are difficult to access are associated with higher maternal mortality and unsafe abortion rates. Barriers to abortion access in Australia particularly affect young women, rural women and women of low socioeconomic status.
- (3) Further notes that despite repeated promises from the Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to contract a private provider to offer termination services in October 2018, this organisation is not yet in operation.
- (4) Calls upon the Minister for Health to provide pregnancy terminations in the public hospital system, under all circumstances in which terminations are permitted by law, in accordance with Clause 4 and 5 of the Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Act 2013, as a matter of urgency.
- (5) Further calls on the Hodgman Government to support Federal Labor's plan for a Reproductive Health Hub. (9 April 2019)

16 The Minister for Building and Construction to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) that shows Tasmania's housing sector remains the strongest in Australia.
- (2) Recognises the confidence of Tasmanians as they continue to invest in the housing market.
- (3) Further recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government's plan to increase the availability and affordability of homes in the State's housing market.
- (4) Further notes that lending for the construction of new homes in the year to January 2019 grew by 15.9 per cent compared to 2018 – the highest growth rate in the nation.
- (5) Further recognises that the number of first-home buyers entering the market is up by nearly 20 per cent in the year to January 2019 – nearly five times higher than that seen nationally.
- (6) Supports Tasmania's building and construction sector that is growing our regional economies by creating prospects for small businesses.
- (7) Further recognises that the sector is responsible for creating increasing employment and training opportunities throughout Tasmania. (9 April 2019)

17 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises Derby's enhanced reputation as a nation-leading mountain bike destination with its recent hosting of an Enduro MTB World Series round.
- (2) Further recognises the ongoing tourism opportunities in the North-East as the trails attract more than 25,000 cyclists annually, generating around \$30 million for the Tasmanian economy.
- (3) Supports the Hodgman Liberal Government's commitment through Events Tasmania of \$215,000 towards staging a round of the Asia-Pacific Continental Enduro Series in November 2018 and 2020, along with this recent round of the Enduro World Series.
- (4) Further recognises that this Government has been the strongest supporter of cycling tourism with initiatives such as the \$6 million Cycling Tourism Fund, designed to increase visitors, create jobs, and grow the economy.
- (5) Congratulates the North-East community for putting Derby on the world stage through its support of these world-class trails and events. (9 April 2019)

18 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the vital work of Launceston Life Saving Club members who have saved 155 lives since the Club was founded in 1998.
- (2) Further recognises that Club members are on call as required by Surf Life Saving Tasmania and by Tasmania Police for flood and ocean rescues.
- (3) Welcomes the Club's new Flood Rescue Base at Trevallyn Dam, which means search and rescue equipment can be stored in a safer way and will be at reduced risk of flooding.

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- (4) Notes the facility has been made possible through a grant from the Tasmanian Government's Community Infrastructure Fund.
- (5) Thanks the Launceston Life Saving Club volunteers who give their time and dedication to assisting others.
- (6) Particularly acknowledges Club President and community stalwart Mr Geoff Lyons for his unwavering commitment to our region. (9 April 2019)

19 The Minister for Resources to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the Morrison Federal Liberal Government's establishment of a pilot regional forestry hub across northern Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that North and North-West Tasmania are ideally suited for the hub with established processing plants and export ports, along with a skilled workforce and an expanding plantation estate.
- (3) Further recognises that the Tasmanian forest industry will play its role in meeting a projected quadrupling of demand for timber products over the next 30 years.
- (4) Notes Tasmania's natural, competitive advantages in forestry and the Tasmanian Government's strategy to grow jobs and investment.
- (5) Further recognises that the forest industry in Tasmania is growing again, supporting 5700 direct and indirect jobs.
- (6) Thanks the forestry industry for its resilience during the recent bushfires and commits to long-term support of the industry. (9 April 2019)

20 The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 2019 Diabetes Tasmania Pollie Pedal bicycle ride has raised almost \$50,000 for diabetes research.
- (2) Further notes that since 2006, the Diabetes Tasmania Pollie Pedal has raised more than \$700,000 for people with diabetes in Tasmania, including 2019's Tasman Peninsula leg.
- (3) Acknowledges that 82,000 Tasmanians live with diabetes, undiagnosed diabetes or are at high risk of developing the disease.
- (4) Further notes there are approximately 3000 Tasmanians with type 1 diabetes who are required to administer insulin daily via an injection or a pump.
- (5) Further notes Type 2 diabetes is the fastest growing chronic disease in Australia. The complications associated with the disease are serious.
- (6) Thanks Diabetes Tasmania, Diabetes Australia and others for their sterling work in advocating for those living with or at risk of developing diabetes in our communities. (9 April 2019)

21 The Minister for Primary Industry and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government is tackling the impact of the long-spined sea urchin (*Centrostephanus rodgersii*) on our valuable abalone stocks.
- (2) Notes that the Government has established a \$5.1 million, five-year Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund (AIRF) by diverting a portion of royalties to support industry-led projects to tackle the pest and increase abalone stock rates.
- (3) Acknowledges that a key element of this is the removal of long spined sea urchins from Tasmanian waters and supporting local processors such as RTS Pauaco Pty Ltd to create a new seafood market, harvesting the urchin roe.
- (4) Further notes that Expressions of Interest are now open for projects that further the objectives of the AIRF, such as abalone stock enhancement; a habitat survey and long spined sea urchin barren mapping
- (5) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government for also maintaining funding to the AIRF, with \$800,000 over 4 years to develop new market opportunities and increase the value of the catch and that these commitments are part of the Government's \$12.7 million in additional funding to help build a sustainable seafood sector and support stronger regional economies.
- (6) Thanks the Tasmanian Abalone Council and others for their support of this important Tasmanian industry. (9 April 2019)

22 Mrs *Rylah* to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government and their commitment to supporting initiatives that bring about positive change for women and girls, by creating equality of opportunity in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that since 2015, Tasmania has recorded the strongest growth in the nation with respect to the number of women on Government Boards, with an increase of 10.43%.
- (3) Further notes, that Tasmania also has the lowest gender pay gap in the nation of just 9.7%.
- (4) Recognises that women now hold 54.54% of Director positions on Government Business Enterprises and 48.83% of Director positions on State-owned companies, an outstanding achievement over the last 5 years.
- (5) Acknowledges that the State Public Service has set a target of 40% representation of female senior executives in the State Service for 2020, has already exceeded this target and now stands at 41.4% senior female executives.
- (6) Commends and congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government for their commitment to promoting gender equality and gender opportunity thus making Tasmania a more inclusive place to live and work. (9 April 2019)

23 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the opening of the Duck Irrigation Scheme at Millstream Dam by Tasmanian Irrigation on 27 March 2019, as part of the Tranche 2 Tasmanian Irrigation Project.
- (2) Notes this is the first irrigation scheme in the Circular Head region.
- (3) Commends the farmers who have invested in this game-changing infrastructure and look forward to seeing the development of innovative on-farm enterprises and jobs as the agricultural sector strives toward meeting the Hodgman Liberal Government target of \$10 billion of agricultural production by 2050.
- (4) Further notes that this \$29.98 million scheme, will supply reliable water to 23 irrigators across 40 property outlets, with an expected 29 jobs generated on farms and a further 29 jobs through farm support services.
- (5) Further notes, highly reliable water supply allows farmers to diversify their farming enterprise into high value dairy, livestock and vegetable production adding certainty and increasing land values.
- (6) Recognises the contribution by the Federal Liberal Government of \$15.83 million as part of the National Water Infrastructure Fund.
- (7) Acknowledges and congratulates Michael Buckby, Chair of the Duck River Irrigation Scheme Advisory Group, whose vision, drive and commitment has led this project from its inception in 2002 resulting in the successful delivery of 5200 megalitres of water to Circular Head farms.
- (8) Congratulates Shaw Contracting and Tasmanian Irrigation for an outstanding job in the construction of the scheme.
- (9) Further commends the Hodgman Liberal Government on the completion of the Duck Irrigation Scheme in Circular Head and the announcement of Tranche 3 nominees. (9 April 2019)

24 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes Tasmania continues to lead the nation in annual growth in residential building approvals.
- (2) Records Tasmania was the only jurisdiction to experience positive growth in the total number of dwelling unit approvals in February 2019, compared to February 2018, which grew a nation-leading 19.1% in trend terms.
- (3) Further notes that this continued growth is in stark contrast to the decline in national building approvals, down 21.7% over the same period, according to Australian Board of Statistics (ABS) figures.
- (4) Recognises that Tasmania also led the nation in lending for the construction of new homes in the year to January 2019, growing by 15.9% compared to the previous year.
- (5) Further notes the confidence of Tasmanians to build more homes is a clear demonstration that the Government is working hard to encourage investment and jobs in the building sector, and to increase the housing supply for Tasmanians.
- (6) Acknowledges the commitment of the Hodgman Liberal Government to supporting stimulus in the building industries in Tasmania by extending the First Home Builder

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package, supporting apprenticeships and traineeships and through the 10 year comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy. This two stage Strategy will deliver a total investment of almost \$200m over eight years – the largest State Government investment into affordable housing in Tasmania's history.

- (7) Congratulates the Hodgman Liberal Government on their hard work to support the building and construction industry and to encourage further housing development and increase Tasmania's housing supply. (9 April 2019)

26 Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Australia is still lagging behind other nations in representation of women in Parliament.
- (2) Further notes that achieving this goal has been further hampered by recent events concerning alleged bullying and shaming of women in Parliament.
- (3) Further notes the comments by the former most senior Liberal Party woman in the country the Hon. Julie Bishop MP regarding women in leadership.
- (4) Further notes the disparaging comments regarding women in parliament by Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz.
- (5) Further notes the risk that the ability to encourage women's participation in Parliament is hampered by the current treatment of elected women.
- (6) Investigate gender awareness training for all Members. (10 April 2019)

27 The Minister for Veterans' Affairs to move—That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges that Anzac Day will be occurring on 25 April 2019, marking this year the 104th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 1915.
- (2) Notes that Tasmanians were among the first to land on the shores of Gallipoli on that first Anzac Day and have served in all branches of the Australian Defence Force since with courage and distinction.
- (3) Further notes that other significant anniversaries will occur in 2019 including the 75th anniversaries of the D-Day Landings and the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.
- (4) Commends those brave men and women who have served or are currently serving our country on operations across the Globe.
- (5) Further notes that Dawn Services, Main Services and parades will be held all over Tasmania this coming Anzac Day and thanks members of the RSL (Tasmania Branch) and other ex-service organisations who work tirelessly to honour those who served, particularly in Anzac Day commemorations.
- (6) Encourages all Tasmanians to attend and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of those who have served, lest we forget. (11 April 2019)

28 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the official opening of the North Esk Irrigation Scheme on 25 March 2019 by Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water the Hon David Littleproud MP and the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (2) Notes that the \$30.4 million North Esk Scheme will assist the Hodgman Liberal Government in meeting its target of increasing the farm gate value of Tasmania's agricultural sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050.
- (3) Acknowledges that the Scheme:—
 - (a) has involved the construction of a 5,580 ML dam, 59.3km of pipeline and a pumping station;
 - (b) has been made possible by \$18.9 million in Federal funding, \$4.5 million from the Tasmanian Government and \$7 million from farmers; and
 - (c) can deliver 4,685 megalitres of water to 57 irrigators in the Evandale, Nile, White Hills and Relbia areas.
- (4) Further notes that access to this irrigation water will enable scope for high-value enterprises such wine grapes, dairy, cropping, horticulture and livestock finishing, plus, value-add existing enterprises and expand production.
- (5) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has committed \$70 million to advance Pipeline to Prosperity, which was recently been added to Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List which—if fully implemented—will see almost \$500 million invested across the State into another 10 potential irrigation schemes,

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creating thousands of jobs and return an estimated \$114 million each year to the agriculture sector, and the economy more broadly. (11 April 2019)

29 Mrs Rylah to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Precision Agriculture plays a vital role in contributing to the growth of the Tasmanian agriculture sector through better technology, improved knowledge and irrigation infrastructure, increased yields and the achievement of greater efficiencies.
- (2) Records this is the fifth year of the annual Precision Agriculture Expo, conducted by the Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group in collaboration with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture and partners and this event highlighted new technologies and advancements designed to improve efficiencies in agricultural systems.
- (3) Acknowledges advancements of precision agriculture has seen technology, machinery, transportation and logistics play a larger role in the supply chain resulting in new job opportunities.
- (4) Further notes by encouraging innovation and investing in the agriculture sector, the Hodgman Liberal Government underpins its bold AgriFood Plan that aims to grow the farm gate value of the State's agricultural industry to \$10bn a year by 2050.
- (5) Further notes the effective collaboration between private enterprise, primary producers, contractors and the Government will also help grow stronger and more resilient rural and regional communities.
- (6) Recognises precision agriculture is changing the way the agricultural sector operates, resulting in increased job opportunities in technology, machinery and logistics and this Expo highlighted that through collaboration, education and innovation Tasmania can reach its full agricultural potential.
- (7) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for supporting the delivery of this highly successful Expo with funding of \$60,000 over four years through the Strategic Industry Partnership Program. (30 April 2019)

30 The Minister for Racing to move—That the House:—

- (1) Expresses its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Longford's Mick Burles, a renowned Tasmanian racehorse trainer.
- (2) Recognises the contribution Mick Burles made as a respected member of the Tasmanian racing community.
- (3) Notes the feats Mick Burles achieved with cult hero horse The Cleaner, a winner of 19 races and almost \$1.4 million in prize money.
- (4) Further notes that Mick Burles and The Cleaner made history in 2014 when they became the first ever Tasmanian horse and trainer combination to compete in a Cox Plate. (30 April 2019)

31 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government is open to considering changes to section 194K of the Evidence Act 2001 (Tas) to ensure it appropriately protects the rights of all victims of sexual assault.
- (2) Further notes that, as is the case in any law reform, it is imperative that the right balance is struck between protecting all victims of sexual assault and the public interest in open justice.
- (3) Further notes the immense courage of rape and sexual assault survivors to speak about their experience, and the Government's willingness to consider reforms that facilitate those that wish to be identified, to do so more readily.
- (4) Recognises that some members of the community have expressed concerns that this provision does not currently strike the right balance, and therefore the Government looks forward to hearing the views of stakeholders and community members in response to the Government's recently released Discussion Paper. (30 April 2019)

32 The Minister for Environment to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates the many staff and volunteers of the Orange-bellied Parrot program for their tireless work this breeding season that has resulted in 81 captive born fledglings and 44 captive adult breed birds being released in 2019.

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- (2) Notes that this Orange-bellied Parrot program is benefiting significantly from the increased funding that the Hodgman Liberal Government has provided, which is allowing a number of new breeding initiatives to be trialled.
- (3) Further notes that the \$2.5 million new purpose built captive breeding facility at Five Mile Beach, funded by the Hodgman Liberal Government, is nearing completion and has already increased captive breeding capacity by 50 per cent for the most recent season.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to doing what it can to help save the Orange-bellied Parrot, and ensure that we have a wild population of this endangered bird continue to breed at Melaleuca, in the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. (30 April 2019)

34 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania's award winning wine industry injects more than \$100 million into the State's economy and directly employs more than 2,000 full time equivalent positions, often in regional areas.
- (2) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is investing \$600,000 to further develop wine export and visitor markets with Wine Tasmania using the funding to grow Tasmania's presence and reputation in the United Kingdom, USA, Hong Kong and domestic markets, with a secondary focus on broader Asia, specifically Japan and Singapore.
- (3) Further notes that Tasmania's wine grape harvest is in full swing with reports across the state that quality is excellent and the 2019 crop is on track to surpass the record 2018 yield.
- (4) Further notes that the Government is investing a further \$250,000 to match funding from the Federal International Wine Tourism State Grants program.
- (5) Further notes that these and other initiatives will assist the Government in meeting its target of increasing the farm gate value of Tasmania's agricultural sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050. (1 May 2019)

35 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that the 37th annual Agfest, Tasmania's premier agricultural and machinery field day event, will run from 2-4 May 2019.
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- (3) Further acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to encouraging more people to go fishing through:—
- (a) a \$300,000 commitment to freeze inland trout licence fees at 2017-18 prices;
- (b) \$300,000 to build and upgrade new and existing community amenities, including toilets, at ten high-visitation fishing locations around the state; and
- (c) a range of other initiatives in the State Budget including the Anglers Access Program and funding support to Anglers Alliance Tasmania, which represents Tasmania’s 26,000 trout anglers.
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- (1) Commends the Hodgman Liberal Government for their commitment to strengthening the long-term outlook for our mining sector as part of our Plan to Build your Future.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government through the Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) is offering grants for co-funded exploration drilling projects.
- (3) Further notes that the aim of EDGI is to provide a stimulus to “greenfield” exploration for all commodities in Tasmania. The 2018-2019 Budget commitment of \$2 million over four years is administered by Mineral Resources Tasmania, and is capped at \$50,000.
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- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to driving a strong agenda on regional growth, education, health, infrastructure and jobs – issues which are so very important to all regions of the state.
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- (3) Further notes the four themes are:—
- (a) to shift the narrative about our regions so regions are not spoken of as deficient or opposed to our capital city;
- (b) investing in ‘soft’ infrastructure-human capital and liveability;

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- (c) governments and regions working together; and
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 - (3) Further notes that Tasmania's housing sector remains strong, with lending finance data for new homes in the year to March 2019 growing by 19.2 per cent compared to 2018, the highest in the nation.
 - (4) Acknowledges that demand for new housing is high, and the extension to the first home builders grant is just one part of a multi-factored approach to housing stress in Tasmania.
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- (1) Notes Tasmania's proud record in regards to the current representation of women in Parliament.
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 - (4) Congratulates the Members for Montgomery, Pembroke and Nelson on their election successes which has increased the overall representation of women in the Parliament of Tasmania to a commendable 55 per cent with 22 female members.
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- (1) Notes that the Deloraine Netball Courts were officially opened on 11 May 2019.
 - (2) Recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government supported the Club by providing \$155,000 financial support towards the construction and lighting of the courts.

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 - (b) Chelsea Rayner, winner of the 2019 Tas Alkaloid Scholarship.
- (3) Notes that:—
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- (1) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government greatly values the contribution of our 5,500 emergency service volunteers who give up their time to help communities in their time of need.
- (2) Further notes that Tasmania has one of the most active and well-coordinated emergency volunteer networks in the country that was on full display during this summer's bushfire season.
- (3) Further notes that this network of volunteer brigades, branch stations and units provide an invaluable resource to support our full-time Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Ambulance Tasmania personnel.
- (4) Acknowledges that during this protracted and complex bushfire season these volunteers used their own time and many took time away from their work, with the support of their employers, to protect their communities, and sometimes communities in other parts of the State. In many cases these were self-employed people who downed tools and spent days, and sometimes weeks, away from their families and loved ones.
- (5) Further notes that no one knows when an emergency will occur and as we have seen in Tasmania in recent years, with severe fire and flood situations, it is vital that our volunteers are well trained and well resourced.
- (6) Recognises Tasmania's fantastic emergency services personnel who act with diligence and bravery and who did an incredible job in the face of extreme and challenging circumstances.

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- (7) Further notes that 22 May 2019 was 'Wear Orange Wednesday' (WOW) to support our State Emergency Services (SES) volunteers. WOW Day is a national campaign with a simple call to wear orange in recognition of thousands of SES volunteers who give up their time to serve their communities in floods, storms and other emergencies.
- (8) Thanks all of our volunteers for being there in the face of fires, floods and other emergencies – your community spirit and sacrifice is acknowledged and applauded. (23 May 2019)

68 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Tasmania's 24 newest correctional officers who graduated at a ceremony held on 11 May 2019.
- (2) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government has recruited 107 new correctional officers since 2016 following the graduation of these 24 new recruits.
- (3) Further notes that recruitment is currently underway for new recruits to commence training in July 2019.
- (4) Further notes that this major staffing increase is in addition to the Government's commitment to build new and upgrade existing prison infrastructure, including a \$270 million new Northern prison, a new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre on the Risdon Prison site and a \$9 million upgrade to facilities at Risdon Prison. (23 May 2019)

69 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that two highly significant sketches of Tasmanian Aboriginal men have recently been unveiled at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts in Hobart.
- (2) Notes that the extremely rare portraits are of immense cultural significance to Tasmania, and have led to considerable local and national interest.
- (3) Further notes that the drawings by artist Nicholas-Martin Petit are some of the most sensitive and important depictions of Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the late 1700s.
- (4) Further notes that these extraordinary sketches, purchased at auction by Libraries Tasmania through the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts Bequest Fund, reveal unique insights into Tasmanian Aboriginal culture prior to the arrival of Europeans. (23 May 2019)

70 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's consideration of reform to section 194K of the Evidence Act 2001 to ensure it appropriately protects the rights of victims of sexual assault.
- (2) Further notes that any reform must ensure the right balance is struck between protecting all victims of sexual assault and the public interest in open justice.
- (3) Further notes the immense courage of rape and sexual assault survivors to speak about their experience, and the Government's willingness to consider reforms that facilitate those that wish to be identified, to do so more readily.
- (4) Recognises that some members of the community have expressed concerns that this provision does not currently strike the right balance, and therefore the Government will consider the many submissions from stakeholders and community members in response to the Government's Discussion Paper. (23 May 2019)

71 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's recent opening of the tender for the first stage of works for the new \$70 million Southern Remand Centre.
- (2) Further notes that the 140 bed facility is expected to create more than 130 jobs during construction with 50 ongoing jobs once complete.
- (3) Further notes that the Southern Remand Centre is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2021, and is just one of several significant prison infrastructure projects announced by the Government. (23 May 2019)

72 The Attorney-General to move—That the House recognises the Hodgman Liberal Government's strong support of the Tasmanian arts community, including provision of

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\$100,000 to individual artists in the latest round of Arts Tasmania funding announcements such as:—

- (a) four talented artists to share \$40,000 through the Tasmanian Aboriginal Arts Mentoring Scheme;
- (b) six recipients receiving funding of \$36,000 through the Artsbridge program who will be funded to participate in exciting cultural opportunities interstate and overseas;
- (c) two artists will each receive \$7,000 through the Arts Tasmania Claudio Alcorso International Residency program; and
- (d) a further two Tasmanian artists will each spend six weeks immersing themselves in the arts and cultural sector of South Korea as part of the Jeju International Residency program. (23 May 2019)

73 The Attorney-General to move—That the House:—

- (1) Congratulates Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano on his recent appointment as the new Director of the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania.
- (2) Notes the wealth of experience that the new Director brings to the role.
- (3) Acknowledges Ms Susie Winter for acting in the role of Director while the recruitment process was undertaken.
- (4) Recognises the important work that the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania does for the Tasmanian community.
- (5) Further recognises that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the Legal Aid Commission and has provided record state funding to the Tasmanian legal assistance sector. (23 May 2019)

74 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the commitment of the Hodgman Liberal Government to rural and regional communities across Tasmania.
- (2) Further notes the support provided to the Evandale football and cricket clubs, both of which have served the Evandale region for well over 100 years, being established in 1887 (cricket) and 1892 (football) respectively, making them some of the oldest sporting clubs in Tasmania.
- (3) Acknowledges the provision of \$63,000 in funding by the Hodgman Liberal Government towards a recently installed hybrid cricket wicket and new electronic scoreboard.
- (4) Further notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud advocate for regional sporting clubs and the communities they represent, and has also provided the Northern Midlands Council with a \$158,000 grant for upgrading the Morven Park Oval and clubrooms.
- (5) Recognises that sporting clubs are an important part of rural communities and congratulates the office-bearers and members of both Clubs for their commitment in helping build their local communities. (23 May 2019)

75 The Minister for Primary Industries and Water to move—That the House:—

- (1) Commends the Maydena Community Association for their hard work and endeavour in supporting the local community.
- (2) Notes that the Association has played a key role in representing the community's interests to local, State and Federal Government, securing support and funding for important community initiatives.
- (3) Welcomes the recent confirmation that the Association will receive a defibrillator, thanks to the Hodgman Liberal Government.
- (4) Further notes that defibrillators make a very real difference when someone suffers a cardiac arrest and can be the difference between life and death, particularly in regional and remote areas.
- (5) Further welcomes this great outcome for the community, which is another example of the Government's commitment to helping our most vulnerable citizens. (23 May 2019)

76 The Minister for Veterans Affairs' to move—That the House:—

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- (1) Congratulates Northern Midlands RSL Sub-Branch for the valuable assistance, support and advocacy it has provided for veterans and their families in the region over many years.
- (2) Notes that the Hodgman Liberal Government has provided a \$20,000 grant to enable the RSL to perform roof repairs to their clubrooms, which will help ensure that the RSL continues its important work in supporting veterans in the Northern Midlands region and beyond.
- (3) Further notes that in addition to this support, the Hodgman Liberal Government is providing \$750,000 in funding to back our veterans and ex-serving communities in Tasmania which includes \$100,000 per annum over three years towards the Teddy Sheean Grant Fund, which assists RSLs and ex-serving organisations with small infrastructure works, repairs and equipment purchases.
- (4) Acknowledges that the Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud supporter of servicemen and women, their families and the RSL branches around Tasmania and will continue that unwavering support into the future. (23 May 2019)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*