



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 25

Tuesday 14 April 2026

The Council meets at 11.00 am

Notices of Motion

1 Office of the Custodial Inspector Annual Report 2023-24

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 19 August 2025

To be moved:

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

2 Tasmania's Forest Carbon 2025 Update Report

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 12 September 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

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

3 Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Ministerial Direction

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 23 September 2025

To be moved:

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

4 Tasmanian Planning Commission Final Integrated Assessment Report

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 24 September 2025

To be moved:

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

5 Report of the Office of the Custodial Inspector: Custody – Reception to Release Inspection Report 2025

Given by: Ms Armitage

Date: 4 November 2025

To be moved:

That the Office of the Custodial Inspector's Custody: Reception to Release Inspection Report 2025, be considered and noted.

6 Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 6 November 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes the Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25, particularly statements made regarding;
 - (a) Previous recommendations made by the Ombudsman that the Tasmanian National Preventative Mechanism (NPM) be established as a specialised institution separate from the Ombudsman, and that the person appointed as Tasmanian NPM concurrently serve as Custodial Inspector, which is also to be separated from the Ombudsman, have not been acted upon;
 - (b) The need for the proposed new joint Tasmanian NPM-Custodial Inspector entity to come under the administrative umbrella of a department other than the Department of Justice, given that so many of the facilities which are inspected are also under Justice's purview.
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes that:
 - (a) The *OPCAT Implementation Act 2021*, which was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament and received Royal Assent on 29 November 2021, establishes an NPM for Tasmania as a new, permanent monitoring body to undertake regular, unannounced inspections of places of detention in order to strengthen protections against torture and ill treatment;
 - (b) On 1 December 2023, the Tasmanian NPM released its first implementation project report *Preventing torture and ill-treatment in Tasmania*, which includes the results of extensive community and expert consultation to establish the Tasmanian NPM, with a focus on custody, detention, and secure mental health settings;
 - (c) On 26 November 2024, the Tasmanian NPM released its second, supplementary implementation project report focusing on the Tasmanian NPM's mandate in community-based aged residential care and disability support services.
 - (d) The combined Tasmanian NPM 2023 and 2024 Implementation Reports provide 12 overarching recommendations to successfully establish an independent and accountable office that is most suitable for Tasmania and best placed to prevent torture and ill-treatment, designed to complement and work with existing oversight bodies, engage actively with civil society, and ensure appropriate Parliamentary scrutiny of its activities;
 - (e) On the 19 November 2024 the Legislative Council passed a motion which called for the 12 implementation recommendations to be accepted in full.

- (3) That the Legislative Council also notes the following statement by the outgoing Ombudsman Mr Richard Connock in the 2024-25 Annual Report:

“Unfortunately, the report, and the 2024 Supplementary Implementation Report, have not been formally responded to though both have been tabled in parliament. In addition, whilst government provided generous funding for the implementation phase of the NPM, it has not provided sufficient ongoing funding for the NPM to perform its functions. This is disappointing, and means that Tasmania will not meet its international obligations.”

- (4) And that the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian government to:
- (a) Provide a formal response in the Parliament to both the *Preventing torture and ill-treatment in Tasmania 2023 Report* and the 2024 Supplementary implementation report;
 - (b) Commit to the full funding and implementation of all 12 overarching TNPM recommendations and provide an implementation timetable; and
 - (c) Report back to the Legislative Council prior the delivery of the 2026-27 State Budget.

7 Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 11 November 2025

To be moved:

That this House notes:

- (1) The independent review established in November 2023 and undertaken by former Australian Public Service Commissioner Peter Woolcott AO, known as the *Independent Review into the actions taken in response to the information and concerns raised by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*; and
- (2) The Independent Review’s findings and recommendations.

8 Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the *Security Contractor Transport of Young People in Custody: Safeguarding Review 2025* published by the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania on 2 December 2025, be considered and noted.

9 Commission of Inquiry – Susan Neill-Fraser Conviction

Given by: Mr Gaffney

Date: 3 December 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes there is no Criminal Cases Review Commission in Australia to enable the independent review of convictions post appeal, as is the case in other countries including the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand;
- (2) Notes the cases of Lindy Chamberlain, Kathleen Folbigg, Andrew Mallard and Henry Keogh, all of whom had their convictions for murder quashed following significant concerns being raised by supporters regarding miscarriages of justice having occurred in their respective cases;
- (3) Notes the body of evidence and material that has emerged since the conviction of Sue Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell in 2010 that may raise doubt on the soundness of that conviction; and
- (4) Calls on the government to establish a Commission of Inquiry to enquire into and report on the correctness of the conviction of Susan Neill-Fraser for the murder of Bob Chappell.

10 Honouring the Willow Court Historic Site

Given by: Mr *Gaffney*

Date: 10 December 2025

To be moved:

That the Paper 'Honouring the Willow Court Historic Site: Realising the Potential of a World-Class Tasmanian Asset' by Dr Richard Benjamin be considered and noted.

11 Tasmanian Human Rights Act

Given by: Ms *Webb*

Date: 10 December 2025

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes the resolutions of this House passed on the 22 November 2022 and on the 26 November 2024 requesting the Tasmanian Government commence work on developing a Tasmanian Human Rights Act in accordance with the recommendations made by the 2007 Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's *A Charter for Human Rights for Tasmania Final Report*, and again in the TLRI's Update Report of 2024;
- (2) That the Legislative Council further notes that 10 December 2025 is the annual International Human Rights Day which commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, and that the 2025 theme is "Our Everyday Essentials";
- (3) That the Legislative Council further notes that:
 - (a) Human Rights Acts have been enacted in the Australian Capital Territory for the last 21 years, Victoria for the last 19 years, and Queensland for the last 6 years;
 - (b) In April 2025 the South Australian Parliamentary Social Development Committee formally recommended the enactment of a Human Rights Act for that state;
 - (c) In October 2025 a Bill for a Human Rights Act and to also establish a NSW Human Rights Commission was tabled in the New South Wales State Parliament;
- (4) And that the Legislative Council also notes with disappointment that the Tasmanian government has still failed to heed the previous resolutions of this House to progress a Tasmanian Human Rights Act for the protection of the "Everyday Essentials" crucial for all Tasmanians.

12 Banning the Use of Character References During Sentencing

Given by: Mr *Edmunds*

Date: 6 March 2025

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes:
 - (a) Announcements and reforms in other states and territories to ban the use of character references during the sentencing of convicted criminals;
 - (b) The calls by advocates to follow the lead of other Australian jurisdictions such as Victoria, ACT and NSW; and
 - (c) The 'Your Reference Aint Relevant' campaign which has driven these changes; and
- (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to introduce legislation in Tasmania to ban the use of character references in sentencing in this state.

13 Climate Council and Emergency Leaders for Climate Action Report: When Cities Burn

Given by: Ms *O'Connor*

Date: 18 March 2026

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council:

- (1) Notes the release of the report '*When Cities Burn: could the Los Angeles fires happen here?*' in January 2026 by the Climate Council and Emergency Leaders for Climate Action;
- (2) Notes the report finds that climate pollution - caused by the increased burning of coal, oil and gas - has made dangerous fire conditions more likely, including extreme dryness, heat and winds, alongside greater frequency of 'climate whiplash', the experience of a rapid switch between very wet and very dry weather;
- (3) Recognises that Australia - and Tasmania - share many of the same characteristics that led to the destructive fires that swept through Los Angeles in 2025, including long-term drying trends, episodic drought, more extreme winds, large areas of bushland adjacent to homes, steep slopes that accelerate fires and increasingly common pyroCb (fire-generated thunderstorms);
- (4) Accepts that Hobart is one of Australia's most fire-exposed capitals, hosting steep terrain, strong winds and heavy fuels, hemmed in by wet and dry forests on Kunanyi/Mount Wellington;
- (5) Notes with concern that there is a growing number of people living closer to flammable bush and grassland, with a 33% increase of people living in Hobart's urban fringe danger zones over the past 2.5 decades, and 90% of homes in bushfire prone areas having been constructed before modern, bushfire-resilient standards were introduced;
- (6) Calls upon the Tasmanian Government to cut climate pollution, take action now to invest in disaster preparation and community resilience, including hazard reduction, education and retrofitting existing homes to bushfire standards; and
- (7) Calls upon the Tasmanian Government to prioritise an evacuation plan for Greater Hobart, and to work with emergency services to ensure that they are properly resourced.

14 Proposed Macquarie Point Stadium Project Costs and Impacts

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 25 March 2026

To be moved:

- (1) That the Legislative Council notes the correspondence from the Premier and Treasurer to the Honourable Member for Elwick, dated 4 December 2025 and tabled in the Council by the Leader for Government Business on 4 December 2025 in relation to the Macquarie Point Stadium Project which set out a number of claims in relation to:
 - (a) the final project costs and cost cap, budget impact, economic and social benefits, governance, design and construction of the Macquarie Point Stadium; and
 - (b) a P90 assessment which the Government relies on to support a high degree of confidence in the current \$1.13 billion budget estimate for the stadium;
- (2) That the Legislative Council expresses its concerns:
 - (a) that these claims and the P90 assessment are not supported by available evidence, are incomplete or may not be technically possible;
 - (b) that an industry standard P90 requires a finalised scope, known quantities, identified risks and quantified contingencies; and
 - (c) the project conditions may not be met resulting in penalty payments and overall cost increases; and
- (3) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to make publicly available and lay upon the Table of the Council the document it refers to as the P90 and any materials supporting the P90 as described in the letter by 5 May 2026.

15 Report of the 2024-25 Independent Review of the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 26 March 2026

To be moved:

That the Report of the 2024-25 Independent Review of the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008*, be considered and noted.

Orders of the Day

General Business

- 1 Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition Report on its Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 Inquiry**
Mover: Ms O'Connor
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 25 March 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted
- 2 Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (No. 9 of 2026) Follow-up of the Report of the Auditor-General ICT Strategy, Critical Systems and Investment (No. 4 of 2020-21).**
Mover: Ms Forrest
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 26 March 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

Orders of the Day

Government Business

- [University of Tasmania \(Protection of Land\) Bill 2025 \(58 of 2025\)](#)**
Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Second reading debate adjourned on 25 March and again on 26 March 2026 (Mr Edmunds)
Status: Awaiting resumption of Second reading debate
Spoken: Ms Palmer, Ms Rattray, Mr Gaffney, Ms Armitage, Ms O'Connor, Ms Thomas, Ms Webb, Mr Hiscutt, Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Mr Edmunds
- [Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments \(Phasing Out Reform\) Bill 2025 \(66 of 2025\)](#)**
Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 4 December 2025
Status: Awaiting second reading
- [Police Offences Amendment \(Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials\) Bill 2026 \(5 of 2026\)](#)**
Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 19 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- [Grange Resources \(Tasmania\) Pty Ltd \(Alternative Application Period\) Bill 2026 \(3 of 2026\)](#)**
Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 26 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

5 [Residential Parks Bill 2026 \(2 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 24 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

6 [Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2026 \(6 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 26 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

7 [Charities and Associations Law \(Miscellaneous\) Amendment Bill 2025 \(65 of 2025\)](#)

Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 26 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

8 [Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025 \(49 of 2025\)](#)

Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025
Status: Awaiting Second reading

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

Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Message received and made an Order of the Day on 12 September 2025
Status: Message to be considered

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution, begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein—

Resolved,

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

House of Assembly, 9 September 2025

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

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

10 Partition Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 35)

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

C.L. VICKERS, Clerk of the Council

Awaiting Government Response

Questions on Notice

22 Future of Defence Land at Dowsing Point

Asked by: Ms Thomas
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 17 March 2026

Question:

Further to the Government's 3 March 2026 announcement that redevelopment of Wilkinsons Point is the key to unlocking the potential of the adjoining land at Dowsing Point, and its statement that it is calling on the Commonwealth to transition surplus defence land at Dowsing Point into productive community use, can the Tasmanian Government provide further detail about its proposal to the Commonwealth and its plans for the site, including:

- (1) What correspondence has the Tasmanian Government had with the Commonwealth about the future of the Defence land at Dowsing Point and can the Tasmanian Government provide details of the correspondence?
- (2) Has the Tasmanian Government formally requested the purchase, transfer, lease or other acquisition of the Defence land at Dowsing Point from the Commonwealth?
- (3) What specific uses or development outcomes are envisaged under the Government's stated plan for "thoughtful and sustainable" development of the land?
- (4) What consultation or discussions has the Tasmanian Government had with the Glenorchy City Council about its plan for the land? If not, when will this consultation occur?
- (5) Has the Tasmanian Government consulted with existing landowners, leaseholders or businesses adjoining the site regarding its proposal. If so, which parties have been consulted, and if not, when will this consultation occur?
- (6) What community consultation does the Tasmanian Government intend to undertake regarding the future of this land, and what is the expected timeframe for this consultation?

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

24 Incidents at Ashley Youth Detention Centre

Asked by: Ms Armitage

To: Minister for Children and Youth

Date: 17 March 2026

Question:

With regard to Ashley Youth Detention Centre, in the period between January and December 2025, can the Honourable Minister advise: -

- (1) How many reported incidents have occurred requiring internal review by the Incident Review Committee?
- (2) How many instances of physical assaults on staff were reported in those incidents?
- (3) How many instances of verbal abuse, including racial abuse, toward staff occurred in those reported instances?
- (4) How many staff required medical treatment, physical and mental, arising from those incidents?
- (5) How many staff have been stood down for alleged code of conduct breaches in that time?
- (6) Of those, how many have returned to work?
- (7) Since 2021, how many staff have been stood down by the Department for alleged Code of Conduct breaches?
- (8) Since 2021, of those stood down, how many remain on stand down?
- (9) Since 2021, of those stood down, how many have returned to work?
- (10) Since 2021, how many Code of Conduct investigations have commenced, how many have been completed and how many remain outstanding?
- (11) Since 2021, how many Code of Conduct breaches have been upheld?
- (12) In the past year, how many staff have been recruited to youth worker roles and how many have separated in that time?
- (13) How are annual separations benchmarked?

27 Treasury Building Complex

Asked by: Ms O'Connor

To: Leader for the Government

Date: 25 March 2026

Question:

Regarding the Tasmanian Government's plan to repurpose one of the State's most iconic and historically-significant assets – the Treasury Building Complex in Hobart, the Expression of Interest phase closed on Wednesday, 17 December 2025 and I understand unsuccessful proponents have been notified.

Can the Government provide an update on:

- (1) The name of the successful proponent.
- (2) The nature of the successful proposal.
- (3) Whether it involves the sale or long-term lease of the Treasury Complex.

- (4) When there will be a public announcement about the details of this arrangement and the future of this public heritage asset.
- (5) A timeline for this project.

Petition ¹	Member	Date Tabled	Response Due
Increased regulation of Quad Bikes to improve safety and reduce injuries and deaths	Ms O'Connor	13 November 2025	15 April 2026
Legislative reform to section 9A of the Family Violence Act 2004 (Tas)	Ms Forrest	17 March 2026	28 May 2026

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

Summary of Bills

Read First Time

No. 35 of 2025	Partition Amendment Bill (<i>pro forma</i>)
No. 49 of 2025	Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill
No. 65 of 2025	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill
No. 66 of 2025	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill
No. 2	Residential Parks Bill
No. 3	Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Alternative Application Period) Bill
No. 5	Police Offences Amendment (Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials) Bill
No. 6	Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill

Second Reading Adjourned

No. 58 of 2025	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill
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Second Reading Negatived

No. 57 of 2025	Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill
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Agreed to by Both Houses

No. 36 of 2025	Government Business Governance Reforms Bill	Act No. 18 of 2025
No. 37 of 2025	Commissions of Inquiry Amendment (Private Sessions Information) Bill	Act No. 19 of 2025
No. 38 of 2025	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 17 of 2025
No. 40 of 2025	Residential Tenancy Amendment (Pets) Bill	Act No. 22 of 2025
No. 41 of 2025	Sentencing Amendment (Aggravating Factors) Bill	Act No. 33 of 2025
No. 42 of 2025	Government Business (Sale Reforms) Bill	Act No. 20 of 2025
No. 43 of 2025	Taxation and Related Legislation (First Home Owner and Payroll Relief) Bill	Act No. 31 of 2025
No. 44 of 2025	Custodial Inspector Amendment (Protection from Reprisal) Bill	Act No. 27 of 2025
No. 45 of 2025	Poisons Amendment (Interstate Prescriptions) Bill	Act No. 26 of 2025
No. 46 of 2025	Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Bill	Act No. 23 of 2025
No. 47 of 2025	Justice Miscellaneous (Explosives Offences) Bill	Act No. 32 of 2025
No. 51 of 2025	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill	Act No. 21 of 2025
No. 52 of 2025	Terrorism Legislation (Extension) Bill	Act No. 25 of 2025
No. 54 of 2025	Commission for Children and Young People Bill	Act No. 30 of 2025
No. 60 of 2025	Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment Bill	Act No. 24 of 2025
No. 63 of 2025	Appropriation Bill (No. 1)	Act No. 28 of 2025
No. 64 of 2025	Appropriation Bill (No. 2)	Act No. 29 of 2025
No. 11	Petroleum Reporting (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill	Act No. 1 of 2026

Current Committees and Membership

Standing Committees

[Committee of Privileges](#): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Armitage, Mr Gaffney and Ms Rattray

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

[Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works \(Joint\)](#)¹: Mr Harriss and Ms Rattray

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

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

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

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

[Greyhound Racing Transition \(Joint\)](#): Ms O'Connor, Ms Webb and Ms Rattray

Sessional Committees

[House Committee \(Joint\)](#): Mr Farrell (The President), Ms Forrest and Ms Rattray

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

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

[Workplace Culture Oversight \(Joint\)](#): Mr Farrell, Ms Forrest, Ms Lovell and Ms Rattray

[Gender and Equality \(Joint\)](#): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss and Ms Thomas

[Government Administration A](#): Ms Forrest, Mr Harriss, Ms Lovell, Ms O'Connor and Ms Thomas

[Government Administration B](#): Ms Armitage, Mr Edmunds, Mr Gaffney, Mr Hiscutt and Ms Webb

Select Committees

[Energy Matters \(Joint\)](#): Mr Edmunds, Ms Forrest, Mr Harris and Ms Lovell

¹ Joint Committees are made up of Members from both Houses. For House of Assembly Members of these Committees please see the House of Assembly Notice Paper.

Dates of Meetings of the Legislative Council

The following are the Council's proposed sitting dates for 2026. These dates are indicative only and subject to change.

March	6 (QC), 17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
April	14, 15, 16, 17 (QC)
May	19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
June	19 (QC), 23, 24, 25
August	11, 12, 13, 14 (QC), 18, 19, 20, 21 (QC)
September	1, 2, 3, 4 (QC), 8, 9, 10, 11 (QC)
October	27, 28, 29, 30 (QC)
November	17, 18, 19, 20 (QC), 24, 25, 26, 27 (QC)
December	1, 2, 3

The sitting schedule is available at:

https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0037/98569/52nd-Parliament_Combined-sitting-schedule-2026-FINAL.pdf

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

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

Quorum Calls of the Legislative Council (Fridays)

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

9.30 am	Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers Presentation of Petitions Notices of Questions Notices of Motions Answers to Questions on Notice Tabling of Papers Messages Adjournment
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Standing and Sessional Orders of the Legislative Council

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

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