



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 21

Thursday 19 March 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 Parkinson's Disease in Tasmania

Given by: Ms Forrest

Date: 4 November 2025

To be moved:

(1) That the Legislative Council notes:

- a) Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition globally, and Tasmania has among the highest prevalence in Australia, creating a critical public health challenge;
- b) Parkinson's is a complex and progressive neurological condition characterised by diverse physical and cognitive symptoms requiring multidisciplinary care;
- c) The total economic impact of Parkinson's in Australia, estimated at \$10 billion annually, underscores the urgent need for investment in prevention, care, and support;
- d) The inequities in government support exist across Australia, with Tasmania's funding and service access lagging behind, placing added burdens on Tasmanians with Parkinson's;
- e) Evidence shows exposure to certain pesticides and industrial solvents increases the likelihood of Parkinson's, placing Tasmanians in agricultural regions at greater risk;
- f) Critical gaps in service provision exist across Tasmania, including Parkinson's clinics, neurological and gerontology services, in-home care, and early diagnosis support;
- g) The need to enhance education and training programs for General Practitioners and allied health professionals to support early Parkinson's diagnosis and ongoing, evidence-based care;
- h) Despite challenges, Tasmania has a world-class cohort of Parkinson's experts and research institutions, including the University of Tasmania, Menzies Institute, and Wicking Dementia Centre, pioneering innovative care strategies, education, and multidisciplinary approaches that significantly improve outcomes; and
- i) Volunteer organisation Parkinson's Tasmania plays a critical role within the cohort as a "leading voice" for Tasmanians living with Parkinson's, providing essential support, education, advocacy, coordination and cost savings to the State.

(2) That the Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to:

- a) Support the delivery of newly diagnosed Parkinson's clinics and centres of expertise across the State, offering integrated and holistic care throughout all stages of the condition;
- b) Work with the Australian Government to develop and implement multidisciplinary, patient-centred care models involving neurologists, allied health professionals,

- psychologists, and other specialists to provide healthcare to patients with Parkinson's;
- c) Support research bodies to examine the links between pesticides and industrial solvents and Parkinson's prevalence, and take the necessary action to protect Tasmanians;
 - d) Work with the Australian Government to introduce process improvements to integrate State and Federal care systems, repairing fragmented links between inpatient, outpatient, and community care;
 - e) Support the development of a local workforce trained in in-home care, enabling Tasmanians to remain in their homes longer and alleviating an escalating financial burden on Tasmania's health system and Budget; and
 - f) Provide targeted Government support to Parkinson's Tasmania as the central advocacy body for Tasmanians living with Parkinson's, ensuring all those affected can access the high-quality services, education, and support they deserve.

7 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.

8 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.

9 Florfenicol Use in Tasmania

Given by: Ms O'Connor

Date: 2 December 2025

To be moved:

- (1) Notes evidence presented to Parliament during the Budget Estimates process confirming more than 800 kilograms of the antibiotic, Florfenicol, was used by salmon companies in South East waters in just three weeks following its recent federal approval for use in Tasmania.
- (2) Notes that data about the quantity of antibiotics used by salmon corporations is not made public as a matter of course, and the fact that 815 kilograms of Florfenicol was used in Tasmanian fish farms in such a short period of time is only known to the public due to Parliamentary scrutiny.
- (3) Further notes the ongoing use of Florfenicol in SE waters has led to Public Health advice to swimmers and recreational fishers, and the temporary closure of the rock lobster fishery.
- (4) Notes an application has been made by Tassal to use Florefenicol at Okehampton Bay, in the rich recreational and fishing waters of the Mercury Passage.
- (5) Agrees the use of Florfenicol and other increasingly strong antibiotics is a matter of significant public interest and concern.
- (6) Understands there is little available science to support such intensive, widespread use of Florfenicol and limited to no understanding of its residual properties and impact on marine ecology.
- (7) Accepts the evidence that antibiotic resistance is a significant global public health threat and that the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in humans, animals and plants is the major driver of antimicrobial resistance.
- (8) Agrees the long-term use of antibiotics by industrial salmon farms is not supported by science or sustainable for marine ecologies.
- (9) Calls on the Government to establish a publicly accessible portal detailing in real-time where, when, and in what quantities antibiotics are being used in Tasmanian fish farms so the public, recreational and other commercial fishers can make safe, informed decisions.

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 Deloitte Access Economics Report: Social and Economic Impact of Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Reform use in Tasmania

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 17 March 2026

To be moved:

(1) The Legislative Council notes:

- (a) That the Deloitte Access Economics “Social and Economic Impact of Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Reform use in Tasmania” Report (published on Department of State Growth website 23 January 2026), found the previously planned mandatory poker machine player card with loss limits would:
 - (i) generate greater economic activity and increase jobs in Tasmania, with its central scenario indicating a net increase of Gross State Product of around \$230 million and a net increase of over 200 jobs;
 - (ii) positively impact all industries, with the exception of the EGM sector, and all regions would have a positive or neutral economic impact;
 - (iii) significantly reduce the poker machine gambling expenditure and harm, especially for people at moderate to high risk of gambling harm; and
 - (iv) reduce the costs to government delivered and associated services, including in healthcare, mental health support, homelessness programs, policing, courts and corrections.
- (b) The Tasmanian Government’s ‘harm minimisation’ measures for poker machine regulation announced on 23 January 2026, including:
 - (i) Gaming room closure period extended from 4 hours to 7 hours per day;
 - (ii) Introduction of a Ticket In-Ticket Out (TITO) system;
 - (iii) Setting of a new cap on statewide poker machine numbers;
 - (iv) Introduction of immediate self-exclusion available in venues, and facial recognition technology as part of the exclusion scheme;
 - (v) Allowing ATMs to be placed in gaming venues; and
 - (vi) Three Gaming Officers employed statewide by Hospitality Tasmania;
- (c) Tasmanians’ annual poker machine losses for 2024-25 totalled \$193,908,165, a decade-high level of losses; and

(2) The Legislative Council calls on the Tasmanian Government to confirm in relation to the announced measures of 23 January 2026, whether:

- (a) modelling has been done on the social and economic impact of the Government announced measures; and
- (b) whether, prior to the decision to adopt the measures, the Government obtained advice from the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission on the effectiveness of the announced measures to prevent or reduce harm from poker machines.

16 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.

Orders of the Day

Government Business

1 Premier's State of State Address

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Premier's State of State Address Tabled and motion moved that the Address be noted on 18 March 2026

Status: Adjourned Debate on the Question – That the Address be noted (Mr Gaffney)

Spoken: Ms Rattray, Mr Gaffney

2 [University of Tasmania \(Protection of Land\) Bill 2025 \(58 of 2025\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 4 December 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

3 [Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill 2025 \(Bill No. 49\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray

Date: Read a First time on 23 September 2025

Status: Awaiting Second reading

4 [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: On 10 December 2025 the Bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition for consideration and report

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

Mover: Ms Rattray

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

6 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?

23 Progress of Tourism Expression of Interest Proposals

Asked by: Ms Forrest

To: Leader for the Government

Date: 17 March 2026

Question:

With reference to an announcement in 2022, by the then Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, Minister Barnett, that changes were being made to the Tourism EOI process to address concerns about land banking and to set milestones for projects to achieve key outcomes, and that this included a requirement that every six months proponents would need to provide proof they were actively progressing their EOIs, and

noting the Office of the Coordinator General oversees an 'Accepted concepts' webpage, and that the 'EOI statistics' link had not been updated between May 2025 and 11 March 2026:

- (1) Why hadn't the Office of the Coordinator General updated the EOI statistics webpage between May 2025 and 11 March 2026?
- (2) Wild Bush Luxury had an EOI proposal regarding the South Coast Track Huts Walk, but Wild Bush Luxury has been bought by Intrepid Travel.
 - (a) Has Intrepid Travel sought permission from the EOI Assessment Panel to move forward with the South Coast Track Huts Walk EOI; and
 - (b) Does this EOI need to be reassessed?
- (3) As suggested on the 11 March website update, no progress on any of the EOI proposals have occurred in the last 12 months. What actions have been taken to ascertain that progress is being made on the following EOIs:
 - (a) RiverFly 1864: Halls Island, Lake Malbena
 - (b) Circa Morris-Nunn, representing Hunter Developments: Recherche Bay Eco Resort
 - (c) Tasmanian Walking Company: Walls of Jerusalem Lodge Walk
 - (d) Tasmanian Walking Company: Overland Track Experience
 - (e) Tasmanian Walking Company: Cradle Base Camp Experience
 - (f) Wild Bush Luxury: South Coast Track Huts Walk
 - (g) Wild Bush Luxury: Maria Island Experience
 - (h) World Expeditions: Walls of Jerusalem – Wilderness Puffer Pods
 - (i) World Expeditions: Overland Track – Wilderness Puffer Pods?
- (4) Why hasn't the Office of the Coordinator General removed from the EOI process such proposals that have not been progressed?
- (5) What steps will be taken to ensure the public is kept informed of how EOI projects are progressing?

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?

25 Advice Informing the Tasmanian Government's Decision to Shut Down Greyhound Racing

Asked by: Ms Thomas

To: Leader for the Government

Date: 18 March 2026

Question:

Further to Premier Jeremy Rockliff's 9 August 2025 announcement that the Tasmanian Liberal Government will phase out greyhound racing by June 30, 2029, can the Honourable Leader please advise:

- (1) In relation to the advice informing the Tasmanian Government's decision to shut down greyhound racing:
 - a. Prior to the Government's decision to shut down greyhound racing in Tasmania, did the Government receive any advice or a recommendation from a regulator that the industry should be shut down, including from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, Tasracing, or the Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner?
 - b. If such a recommendation was received, when was it received and will the Government publish that advice on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania website?
 - c. If no such recommendation was received, what regulatory advice did the Government rely on in deciding to shut down the industry?
 - d. Has any regulator, including the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, Tasracing, or the Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner, ever advised the Government that greyhound racing in Tasmania cannot be regulated to acceptable animal welfare or integrity standards?
 - e. What data or evidence did the Government rely upon to conclude that animal welfare or integrity problems in greyhound racing mean that greyhound racing no longer aligns with community expectations?
 - f. In each of the past ten years, how many substantiated breaches relating to greyhound animal welfare were identified by an industry regulator?

- g. In each of the past ten years, how many integrity or animal welfare breaches relating to greyhound racing resulted in charges, suspensions or disqualifications, or other disciplinary action?
 - h. Did the Government seek advice from The Department of Treasury and Finance before making the decision to move to shut down greyhound racing?
 - i. What economic analysis or modelling did the Government rely upon when deciding to move to shut down the greyhound racing industry?
- (2) Other than legislation, is the Tasmanian Government exploring other mechanisms to shutdown greyhound racing?
- (3) In relation to licensed greyhound trainers and kennel inspections, over the past five years:
- a. How many licensed greyhound trainers were there in Tasmania, in each year?
 - b. Each year, what proportion of those trainers had their kennels inspected by the Tasracing Integrity Unit or the former Office of Racing Integrity?
 - c. How many greyhound kennel inspections were undertaken by the Tasracing Integrity Unit and former Office of Racing Integrity each year?
 - d. What proportion of these inspections were unannounced or intelligence-led inspections?
 - e. How many separate kennel properties were inspected?
 - f. How many inspections identified animal welfare or racing rule breaches?
 - g. How many inspections resulted in compliance actions, charges, suspensions or other disciplinary outcomes?
- (4) Since the commencement of the *Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024* in February 2025:
- a. How many complaints relating to greyhound animal welfare or integrity matters have been received by:
 - i. Tasracing or the Tasracing Integrity Unit, and
 - ii. the Racing Integrity Commissioner?
 - b. How many of those complaints resulted in:
 - i. a formal investigation, and
 - ii. no investigation being undertaken?
 - c. How many investigations have been self-initiated by the Tasracing Integrity Unit?
 - d. How many investigations have been self-initiated by the Racing Integrity Commissioner?
 - e. How many investigations has the TasRacing Integrity Unit undertaken in total?
 - f. How many investigations has the Racing Integrity Commissioner undertaken in total?
 - g. How many of the greyhound animal welfare and integrity investigations resulted in:
 - i. disciplinary charges,
 - ii. licence suspension or disqualification,
 - iii. other disciplinary action, or
 - iv. no breach being identified?

- (5) In relation to greyhound euthanasia rates, over the past ten years:
- a. How many greyhounds registered in Tasmania have been euthanised each year?
 - b. How many of the greyhounds euthanised over the past ten years were:
 - i. registered to race at the time of death,
 - ii. retired from racing but still owned or kept by licensed racing participants at the time of death?
 - c. How many were euthanised for each of the following reasons:
 - i. injuries sustained while racing,
 - ii. injuries sustained while training,
 - iii. injuries sustained outside racing or training,
 - iv. illness or disease,
 - v. old age, and
 - vi. any other reasons?
 - d. Of the greyhounds euthanised due to injuries sustained while racing or training, how many were:
 - i. euthanised immediately at the racetrack or training facility, and
 - ii. euthanised later following veterinary treatment or assessment?
 - e. What process must licensed participants follow before a greyhound they own is euthanised, and is this process the same regardless of whether the dog is registered for racing or retired?
- (6) In relation to the breeding of greyhounds:
- a. What approval and/or notification processes must licensed participants follow to breed a litter?
 - b. How long does the breeding process typically take, from the time of application to the birth of a litter?
 - c. How many litters of greyhounds have been bred in Tasmania each year, over the past ten years?
 - d. How many individual female greyhounds were used for breeding in Tasmania in each of the past ten years?
 - e. What is the average number of litters produced per breeding female?
 - f. How many female greyhounds produced three or more litters, over the last ten years?
 - g. What rules or limits exist on the number of litters a female greyhound may produce in Tasmania?
- (7) In relation to the economic impact of the industry:
- a. What economic modelling has been undertaken by the Government or Tasracing regarding the economic contribution of greyhound racing in Tasmania?
 - b. What is the estimated gross value added to the Tasmanian economy attributable specifically to greyhound racing?
 - c. How much government funding has been provided to support greyhound racing in Tasmania in each of the past five years?
 - d. Of that funding, how much was provided for:
 - i. prizemoney,
 - ii. infrastructure and capital works,
 - iii. industry development or breeding incentives, and

- iv. administration and regulatory functions?
- e. How much revenue to the Tasmanian Government is attributable to greyhound racing in each of the past five years, including revenue from:
 - i. wagering taxes,
 - ii. race field fees, and
 - iii. licence fees?
- f. Over the past five years, what is the net fiscal impact on the Tasmanian Budget of greyhound racing after accounting for government funding provided and revenue received?
- g. What has been the total prizemoney paid for greyhound racing in Tasmania in each of the past five years?
- h. What is the average annual prizemoney earned per greyhound trainer in Tasmania?
- i. In each of the past five years, how many greyhound trainers earned in prizemoney:
 - i. \$0,
 - ii. less than \$10,000,
 - iii. between \$10,000 and \$50,000, and
 - iv. more than \$50,000?

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	27 March 2026
Legislative reform to section 9A of the Family Violence Act 2004 (Tas)	Ms Forrest	17 March 2026	26 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	Partition Amendment Bill (<i>pro forma</i>)
No. 49	Public Accounts Committee Amendment Bill
No. 58	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill
No. 66	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill

Second Reading Negatived

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

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

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>