



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SESSION OF 2025 – 2026

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 22

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026

1 COUNCIL MEETS.— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the first inhabitants and the continuing custodians of this land.”

3 PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.— The President read Prayers.

4 PAPERS.— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Energy in Tasmania Report 2024-25. Dated February 2026.
- (2) Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Network Reliability Report. Dated February 2026.

5 BILL NO. 5.— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled — ‘An Act to amend the *Police Offences Act 1935* and to consequentially amend the *Sentencing Act 1997*,

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

The Bill was read the First time.

Ordered, That the Second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
(*Ms Rattray*)

6 PREMIER’S ADDRESS.— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Premier’s Address be noted.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

7 SITTING SUSPENDED.— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

8 QUESTION TIME.— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were seven Questions asked.

Ordered, That Ms Rattray have leave to Table and incorporate into the Hansard record two documents relating to State Budgets and forward estimates over the last 10 years, namely:

- A table comparing operating and fiscal balances for the period 2015-16 to 2025-26

- A table comparing revenue and expenses for the period 2015-16 to 2025-26.

9 PREMIER'S ADDRESS.— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That Premier's Address be noted.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned. (Ms Palmer)

10 ADJOURNMENT.— *Resolved,* That the Council will, at its rising adjourn until 11.00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, 24 March 2026. (Ms Rattray)

Resolved, That the Council do now adjourn. (Ms Rattray)

The Council adjourned at 4.57 o'clock p.m.

C.L. VICKERS, *Clerk of the Council.*