



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 29

Tuesday 19 May 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 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

14 Tasmania Arts Funding

Given by: Ms Forrest

Date: 15 May 2026

To be moved:

That the Legislative Council notes that:

- (1) Tasmania has the lowest per capita arts expenditure of any Australian state or territory, at \$48.93 per capita against a national average of \$78.71;
- (2) The number of arts organisations receiving annual funding from Arts Tasmania has fallen from 28 in 2021-22 to 18 in 2025-26 - a 35% reduction;
- (3) The 2025-26 Budget removed \$900,000 in funding that the Government had itself introduced in the previous year specifically to prevent sector damage, including four \$150,000 initiatives for music, theatre, regional arts, and writing, none of which were renewed;
- (4) Forward budget estimates show Arts Industry Development grants funding continuing to decline in 2026-27 and 2027-28, while the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Ten Days on the Island, and Theatre Royal are funded outside the competitive grants program and receive automatic annual increases;
- (5) The arts organisations competitive grants pool has never been CPI-indexed, meaning its real value erodes each year, and had indexation applied since 2021-22, approximately \$1.3 million additional funding would currently be available;
- (6) Defunding routinely causes permanent closure, noting the Tasmanian Theatre Company, Blue Cow Theatre, and others have closed following loss of funding, representing irreversible loss of employment, institutional knowledge, and community benefit;
- (7) The limited availability of multi-year funding arrangements has resulted in administrative inefficiency for both government and arts organisations, reduced sustainability, constrained forward planning, and persistent job insecurity for arts workers; and
- (8) While the Government has committed a maximum of \$875 million in state capital funding to a new stadium and provides substantial investment in sport programs including professional sport and other infrastructure, it has simultaneously cut arts grants funding and allowed emergency arts funding it had itself introduced to lapse - despite advancing identical arguments for both sectors in relation to health and wellbeing, community cohesion, tourism, and economic activity.

And calls on the Government to:

- (1) Restore arts grants funding to at least 2021-22 levels in real terms;
- (2) Apply annual CPI indexation to the arts organisations funding pool;
- (3) Establish adequate, stable and predictable recurrent funding for arts organisations in place of ad hoc one-off grants;
- (4) Reinstate the Tasmanian Strategic Touring Fund at \$220,000 per annum;
- (5) Commit to forward funding that responds to the Tasmanian Live Performance Exchange recommendations, including in the 2026-27 Budget;

- (6) Establish expanded multi-year funding programs for established arts organisations that have demonstrated consistent delivery, strong governance, and measurable community benefit;
- (7) Apply to arts grants funding principles that will bring the scale of arts investment into reasonable proportion with the Government's stated policy objectives for the sector.

15 Rodda Museum of Pathology Apology

Given by: Ms Webb

Date: 15 May 2026

To be moved:

- (1) The Legislative Council:
 - (a) Notes the unacceptable and unlawful practices which occurred between 1966 and 1991 which saw 177 specimens of human remains stolen from coronial autopsies and sent to the R.A. Rodda Museum of Pathology, without consent of the individuals or families involved, and in contravention of the *Coroners Act 1957*, as reported upon by Coroner Simon Cooper in the *Coronial Project – Museum Cases Finding Report*, 8 September 2025;
 - (b) Acknowledges the hurt and trauma endured by current family members upon the discovery their loved ones were subjected to these unacceptable and unlawful practices, and also acknowledges the additional hurt caused for many by the manner in which they discovered remains of their loved one had been taken, and in some instances, displayed, without their knowledge or consent; and
- (2) The Legislative Council notes the formal apology to those individuals and family members affected by these practices, to be delivered by the Minister for Health on Tuesday 19 May on behalf of the State.

Orders of the Day

General Business

- 1 **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
- 2 **Second Interim Report (Part One) of the Joint Sessional Committee inquiring into matters related to the recommendations made in the final report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's response to child sexual abuse in institutional settings**

Mover: Ms Webb
Date: Report tabled and made an Order of the Day on 14 April 2026
Status: Report to be considered and noted

3 [Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2026 \(14 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: *Ms Lovell*
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

Orders of the Day

Government Business

1 **Attendance of Legislative Council Members for Budget proceedings**

Mover: *Ms Rattray*
Date: Message received and made an Order of the Day on 15 May 2026
Status: Message to be considered

MR PRESIDENT,

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

That the House of Assembly requests that:—

- (1) All Members of the Legislative Council attend in the House of Assembly Chamber following the First reading of the Appropriation Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2026 for the purpose of listening to the speech by the Treasurer in relation to the Tasmanian Budget 2026-27.
- (2) The Legislative Council give leave to the Honourable the Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks and Minister for Sport, the Honourable the Minister for Education, Minister for Children and Youth and Minister for Disability Services, and the Honourable the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing and Planning, to appear before and give evidence to, the relevant Estimates Committee of the House of Assembly in relation to the Budget Estimates and related documents.

House of Assembly, 7 May 2026

JACQUIE PETRUSMA, *Speaker*

2 [Grange Resources \(Tasmania\) Pty Ltd \(Alternative Application Period\) Bill 2026 \(3 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: *Ms Rattray*
Date: Reported without amendment by the Committee of the Whole Council on
 16 April 2026
Status: Awaiting Third reading

3 [Help to Buy \(Commonwealth Powers\) Bill 2026 \(9 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: *Ms Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

4 [Building Amendment Bill 2026 \(1 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: *Ms Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 14 April 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

5 [Local Government Amendment \(Targeted Reform\) Bill 2026 \(10 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: *Ms Rattray*
Date: Read a First time on 16 April 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

- 6** [Education and Care Services National Law \(Application\) Amendment Bill 2026 \(7 of 2026\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 14 April 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- 7** [Public Health Amendment \(Prohibited Tobacco and Other Products\) Bill 2026 \(8 of 2026\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- 8** [Residential Parks Bill 2026 \(2 of 2026\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Status: Second reading debate adjourned on 16 April 2026 (Ms *Webb*)
Spoken: Ms *Ratray*, Ms *Palmer*, Mr *Gaffney*, Mr *Vincent*, Mr *Duigan*, Ms *Webb*
- 9** [Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments \(Phasing Out Reform\) Bill 2025 \(66 of 2025\)](#)
Mover: Mr *Vincent*
Status: Second reading debate adjourned on 15 April 2026 (Mr *Edmunds*)
Spoken: Mr *Vincent*, Ms *Ratray*, Mr *Hiscutt*, Ms *Forrest*, Mr *Edmunds*
- 10** [Police Offences Amendment \(Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials\) Bill 2026 \(5 of 2026\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 19 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- 11** [Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2026 \(6 of 2026\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 26 March 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- 12** [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
- 13** [Police Offences Amendment Bill 2025 \(50 of 2025\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading
- 14** [Integrity Commission Amendment \(Mandatory Notifications\) Bill 2025 \(69 of 2025\)](#)
Mover: Ms *Ratray*
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

15 [Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction \(Repeal\) Bill 2025 \(53 of 2025\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

16 [Short Stay Levy Bill 2026 \(13 of 2026\)](#)

Mover: Ms Rattray
Date: Read a First time on 15 May 2026
Status: Awaiting Second reading

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

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

18 **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

19 Partition Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill No. 35)

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

Awaiting Government Response

Questions on Notice

28 AFL Head Injuries

Asked by: Mr Gaffney
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 14 April 2026

Question:

From 1 May 2026, the AFL Players Association Super fund will not pay Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) benefits for claims relating to injuries such as a traumatic head injury, concussion, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), post-concussion syndrome or any neurological impairment linked to brain injury.

There will also be a significant reduction in maximum payouts for all other TPD injury claims, with the changes apparently due to a revised proposal for insurance from Zurich Insurance, as it was the only group to put forward an insurance offering in the recent tender process.

- (1) Given that Tasmanian Football Club Ltd (Tasmania Devils) and its licence is owned by the AFL, with the Tasmanian Government as the key funding and development partner:
 - (a) Does the Government have, or intend to take, legal advice on its risk of exposure to action for compensation for any future claim by a Devils player;
 - (b) What assurances does the Government have that the Board of the Tasmania Devils, as a matter of sound governance, have, or intend to take, legal advice on the risk of exposure to action for compensation for any future claim by a Devils player; and
 - (c) If such an action were to arise on such an uninsurable risk, what would be the consequences for a possible claimant, the Devils as a team with the AFL as its owner, and the Government as the key funding partner?
- (2) Given that Section 7. of the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (Tas)* exempts AFL players from cover, and the fact that AFL concussion rates are among the highest for any team sport anywhere in the world.:
 - (a) Will the Government follow the 2023 Senate *'Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports'* Inquiry recommendation to encourage state and territory governments to engage with professional sporting organisations to explore how the general exclusion of professional sports people from various state and territory workers' compensation schemes could be removed; and

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

- (b) If not, what confidence can an AFL player have, that signs up to play for the Devils, that there will be adequate workplace cover for a TPD arising from their workplace as a contracted employee?

29 Land Acquisition related to Marinus Link and North West Transmission Developments Projects

Asked by: Mr *Gaffney*
To: Minister for Energy and Renewables
Date: 14 April 2026

Question:

The March 2026 newsletter from TasNetworks states: "Of the 142 private landholders where a new easement is required, TasNetworks has achieved voluntary agreements with 97 per cent. The statutory easement acquisition process will be used for remaining landholders." Additionally, TasNetworks' [Land Access, Land and Easement Acquisition and Compensation Process](#) fact sheet states, "TasNetworks' position is that it will only exercise statutory powers as a last resort. This option will only be considered where all alternative options have been exhausted and it is necessary to allow the timely progress of transmission projects." The same fact sheet asserts, "TasNetworks will make all attempts to negotiate a voluntary acquisition of land or easement with a landholder prior to proceeding to statutory acquisition."

Considering that planning permits granted for the North West Transmission Developments (NWTD) and Marinus Link projects are both currently under appeal, and therefore the future of these proposed developments is subject to a degree of uncertainty at the present time:

- (1) At exactly which point in the NWTD project timeline does TasNetworks intend to use its powers under the *Land Acquisition Act*?
- (2) Is the Government in a position to ensure that TasNetworks will continue to negotiate in good faith with remaining landholders to attempt to achieve a voluntary agreement?
- (3) Will the Government ensure that the *Land Acquisition Act* will not be used to acquire land or easements until such time as all necessary permits in relation to the NWTD and Marinus Link have been granted, and all appeals have been resolved, and it is certain that 'Project Marinus' will continue as intended?

30 Exportation and Importation of Electricity

Asked by: Ms *Forrest*
To: Minister for Energy and Renewables
Date: 14 April 2026

Question:

- (1) With regard to the operations of the National Electricity Market and directional pools and allocation rules:
 - (a) Can the Minister confirm and/or explain:

- (i) that inter-regional settlement residues are separated into two directional pools - one for flows from Victoria to Tasmania and one for flows from Tasmania to Victoria;
 - (ii) that according to National Electricity Rules, each directional pool is allocated between the two regions and is this a specific rule or a convention; and
 - (iii) that the importing region receives the majority share of each directional pool?
 - (b) For electricity flows from Tasmania into Victoria, can the Minister confirm the percentage of the pool allocated to the Victorian transmission network operator?
- (2) With regard to the treatment of Interregional Residue Revenue by TasNetworks, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
- (a) that any residue revenue allocated to TasNetworks, whether from the pool or from auction proceeds, must be treated as regulated revenue under the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Post-Tax Revenue Model;
 - (b) that the AER requires all such revenue to be credited against TasNetworks' allowed revenue, thereby reducing the amount recovered from Tasmanian customers; and
 - (c) that Hydro Tasmania does not receive any portion of the residue pool directly under the regulated model?
- (3) With regard to the auctions and pre-auction deductions, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
- (a) whether any deductions or allocations are made from each directional pool before the auctionable amount is determined; and
 - (b) if deductions occur, can the Minister list the categories of deductions applied prior to auction;
 - (c) which entity receives any pre-auction allocations from the residue pool; and
 - (d) that Hydro Tasmania can only obtain exposure to inter-regional residues by purchasing units at auction?
- (4) With regard to the future electricity export dynamics under Marinus Link, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
- (a) whether Tasmania is expected to become a net exporter of electricity once Marinus Link and the North West Transmission Developments are completed;
 - (b) if Tasmania becomes a net exporter, the dominant directional pool will be the Tasmania-to-Victoria pool;
 - (c) under current rules, the majority of the Tasmania-to-Victoria pool will be allocated to the Victorian transmission network operator;
 - (d) whether the Government has undertaken any modelling of the expected annual value of the Tasmania-to-Victoria pool under future export scenarios; and
 - (i) If so, will the Minister table that modelling?
- (5) With regard to the Whole of State Business Case and information provided to the Minister and Cabinet, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
- (a) whether the Whole of System Business Case provided to Cabinet included explicit analysis of how inter-regional residues would be allocated between Tasmania and Victoria under the regulated model;
 - (b) whether Cabinet was provided with modelling of the expected northward and southward pool values over the life of Marinus Link; and
 - (c) whether any analysis was provided to Cabinet on the risk that TasNetworks may receive little or no residue value in years where Tasmania is a net exporter?

- (6) With regard to the Post-Tax Revenue Model (PTRM), and related regulatory process, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
 - (a) the commencement date, regulatory period and any transitional arrangements applying to Basslink under the Australian Energy Regulator’s revenue determination;
 - (b) whether the AER’s Post-Tax Revenue Model will apply to Basslink from the commencement of regulated operation;
 - (c) whether the AER has provided any guidance to TasNetworks or the Government regarding the treatment of inter-regional residue revenue in the revenue determination; and
 - (d) whether the AER’s revenue determination for Basslink assumed any inter-regional residue revenue in its modelling?
- (7) With regard to the building of new variable renewable energy generation and the role of Hydro Tasmania, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
 - (a) whether new renewable projects enabled by the North West Transmission Developments are expected to require Hydro Tasmania to provide firming or system support through Power Purchase Agreements;
 - (b) whether the cost of such Power Purchase Agreements will be borne by Hydro Tasmania; and
 - (c) has the Government assessed the combined financial effect of:
 - (i) Hydro providing PPA support for new renewable projects; and
 - (ii) the majority of northward residue value flowing to Victoria?
- (8) With regard to the Hydro Tasmania’s export strategy, can the Minister confirm and/or explain:
 - (a) whether Hydro Tasmania has advised the Government that it has “no export-driven strategy”; and
 - (b) whether the Government’s energy policy continues to rely on export-driven revenue assumptions from Hydro Tasmania?

31 Victims of Crime

Asked by: Ms Thomas
 To: Leader for the Government
 Date: 14 April 2026

Question:

Through recent discussions with individuals who have lived experience as victims of crime, it has become clear there are gaps in support for those affected by a wide range of crimes.

- (1) In relation to current legislative and service frameworks that support Victims of Crime in Tasmania, will the Government:
 - (a) Support the Tasmania Law Reform Institute to undertake a full review of existing legislation and services currently available to Victims of Crime, given the Act has not been substantively reviewed since its inception in 1976?
 - (b) Support the establishment of a Victims of Crime Support Group, to be run for and by Victims of Crime, to provide peer support, advocacy and connection to services?

- (c) Support amendments to the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1976* to broaden the definition of 'offence' to include aggravated burglary as defined in Section 245 of the *Criminal Code*?
- (2) If the Government supports broadening the definition of 'offence' to include aggravated burglary, will it expedite legislative amendment to the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1976* to bring it into effect as soon as possible?

32 Macquarie Point Stadium Traffic Management

Asked by: Mr Gaffney
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 16 April 2026

Question:

In light of the accident on the Tasman Bridge on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, when the traffic was at a standstill and cars backed up for kilometres in all directions, and with the probability of 23,000 fans converging at the Macquarie Point Stadium:

- (1) What strategies will be considered in the event of an accident occurring on a crucial transport route into Macquarie Point;
- (2) In the case of traffic accidents how will emergency services, ie ambulance; police; fire brigade, enter or exit the city, CBD and hospital; and
- (3) Who is responsible for the management of, and the strategy for, emergency services and transport routes and access?

33 State Service SES positions

Asked by: Ms Thomas
To: Leader for the Government
Date: 16 April 2026

Question:

The State Service Workforce Report No. 2 of 2016 recorded 183 Senior Executive Service (SES) positions in the Tasmanian public sector. Figures provided by the Premier's office in response to a question on notice I asked on 18 March 2026 indicate that number has now increased to 266.

- (1) Can the Government explain why SES positions have grown by approximately 45 per cent over the past decade, when over the same period the overall State Service workforce has grown at around half that rate?
- (2) How does the Government justify this level of growth in senior executive positions?
- (3) Does the Government believe it is acceptable that the total cost of SES positions for a given pay period cannot be provided because it is said to be "complex, not held centrally and not capable of extraction"?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to ensure transparency and proper oversight of SES remuneration, particularly as agencies are restructured and responsibilities shifted?
- (5) In a recent memorandum, Head of the State Service Kathrine Morgan-Wicks referred to the State Service being "re-designed" and "right-sized".

- (i) How is that “right size” being determined?
- (ii) Will the re-design and right-sizing include a reduction in SES positions, in line with any broader workforce reductions?

34 Macquarie Point Stadium Costs

Asked by: Ms Armitage

To: Leader for the Government

Date: 16 April 2026

Question:

Noting that the cost of the Macquarie Point Stadium has already blown out from \$715 million to \$1.13 billion, and the cost of the high-performance centre from \$70 million to \$115 million, with Tasmanian taxpayers responsible for all cost overruns on both projects, can the Honourable Leader please advise —

- (1) What is the Government’s latest estimate of building cost inflation on the stadium and associated works, together with the high-performance training centre at Kingston?
- (2) (a) Who is ultimately responsible for all debts incurred by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation; and
(b) Who is the guarantor of MPDC in the case of any defaults?
- (3) Has there been any increase in the \$314 million cost of relocating the Macquarie Point sewage treatment plant to Self’s Point, including:
 - (a) The upgrade of Self’s Point;
 - (b) The installation of a complex pipeline across and along major road corridors and parklands from Macquarie Point to Self’s Point;
 - (c) A new pump station and overflow storage at Macquarie point, to make way for the new stadium development?
- (4) If the answer to question (2) is yes, what is the latest cost estimate?
- (5) What is the latest estimated cost of the major upgrades to the Hobart power grid required to service the stadium and Macquarie Point precinct, including the new substation recommended by TasNetworks, with additional underground cables through Glebe and along Campbell Street and the Brooker Highway, noting TasNetworks’ advice that the two existing central Hobart substations do not have the capacity to power the precinct?
- (6) (a) Has the final estimated cost of the northern access road blown out from the latest figure of \$75.6 million; and
(b) if so, by how much?
- (7) What is the latest estimated cost of the new multi-purpose oval and home for the Kingston Tigers to replace existing facilities commandeered for the Devils high-performance centre?

- (8) Given the government's debt position and borrowing to pay for the normal operations of government services, and noting that all funding for Macquarie Point and the Devils will also need to be borrowed, what will be the compound interest costs of the AFL project to Tasmanian taxpayers over five years, ten years, twenty years and thirty years?

Petition ¹	Member	Date Tabled	Response Due
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. 50 of 2025	Police Offences Amendment Bill
No. 53 of 2025	Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction (Repeal) Bill
No. 65 of 2025	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill
No. 69 of 2025	Integrity Commission Amendment (Mandatory Notifications) Bill
No. 1	Building Amendment Bill
No. 5	Police Offences Amendment (Increased Penalties for Damage to Tasmanian War Memorials) Bill
No. 6	Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill
No. 7	Education and Care Services National Law (Application) Amendment Bill
No. 8	Public Health Amendment (Prohibited Tobacco and Other Products) Bill
No. 9	Help to Buy (Commonwealth Powers) Bill
No. 10	Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill
No. 13	Short Stay Levy Bill
No. 14	Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill

Second Reading Adjourned

No. 66 of 2025	Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill
No. 2	Residential Parks Bill

Second Reading Negatived

No. 57 of 2025	Budget Accountability and Oversight Committee Bill
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Awaiting Third Reading

No. 3	Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Alternative Application Period) 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. 58 of 2025	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill	Act No. 2 of 2026
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: Ms Rattray and Vacant

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

[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, Ms Thomas and Vacant

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

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

Select Committees

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

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	15 (QC), 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>