

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 48, 49 and 50

#### No 48 — Tuesday 14 November 2023

*The House started at 12.00 noon.*

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 2 November 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Employment Act 2003*, the *Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958*, the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *Road Safety Act 1986*, the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003*, the *Victoria Police Act 2013*, the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* and the *Worker Screening Act 2020* and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to provide for the revocation of certain permanent reservations of Crown land at Shepparton, Toolangi, Seaspray, Haunted Stream, Narracan South, Darlimurla, Mirboo, Wombelano, Geelong, Clunes, Melbourne and Walhalla, to revoke related Crown grants and to re-reserve certain land and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Anthony Carbines gave a notice of intention to make a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clauses 7, 8 and 9 of the Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023.
- 5 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

**Accessible tram stops on Sydney Road** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly installs fully accessible tram stops on Sydney Road before the Upfield train line is closed for level crossing removals, bearing 1748 signatures (*Tim Read*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 6 **PETITION — ACCESSIBLE TRAM STOPS ON SYDNEY ROAD** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Brunswick be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Tim Read*) — put and agreed to.

## 7 DOCUMENTS

**SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 14 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Amendment (Protection from Torture and Slavery) Bill 2023

Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023

together with appendices and an extract of the proceedings.

Ordered to be published.

**DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

*Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* — Order under s 17D granting a lease over part of Albert Park

*Duties Act 2000* — Report 2022–23 of corporate reconstruction and consolidated concessions and exemptions under s 250B

*Financial Management Act 1994*:

2023–24 Quarterly Financial Report No 1 — released on 10 November 2023

Report from the Minister for Energy and Resources that she had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority, together with an explanation for the delay  
Report from the Minister for Education that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), together with an explanation for the delay

*Planning and Environment Act 1987* — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ballarat — GC221

Banyule — GC223

Bass Coast — C162

Boroondara — GC223

Cardinia — GC221

Corangamite — C59

French Island and Sandstone Island — C12

Glen Eira — GC221

Greater Geelong — C454, GC221

Horsham — C82

Hume — GC221

Manningham — GC223  
 Melton — C239  
 Mitchell — C166  
 Mornington Peninsula — GC221  
 Moyne — C70  
 Nillumbik — GC223  
 Surf Coast — C144  
 Warrnambool — C215  
 Whitehorse — GC223  
 Whittlesea — GC223  
 Yarra — GC223

Portable Long Service Benefits Authority — Report 2022–23

Statutory Rule 112 under the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:*

Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rules 110, 111, 112  
 Documents under s 16B in relation to:  
*Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007* — Notice to fix fees  
*Water Act 1989* — Order to Declare Water System Zones in Victoria

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 1 July to 31 December 2022 under s 30Q of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*

*Yarra River Protection (Wilip-gin Birrarung murrn) Act 2017* — Birrarung Council Review.

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023 without amendment.

9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 8 November 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023  
 Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023  
 Triple Zero Victoria Bill 2023.

10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023.

11 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers an inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply in the context of urban sprawl and the impact of population growth on the farming industry and arable land to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 31 December 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 12 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 16 November 2023:

Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023  
Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023  
Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023 —

*(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 13 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

- 14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Michael O'Brien circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 15 **QUESTION TIME.**

*[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.16 pm and resumed it at 2.24 pm]*

Question time continued.

- 16 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.37pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*

## No 49 — Wednesday 15 November 2023

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

*Member named and suspended* — The Member for Richmond (*Gabrielle de Vietri*) having been named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair —

Motion made and question — That the Member for Richmond (*Gabrielle de Vietri*) be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the sitting week (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 75

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Gabrielle de Vietri accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

- 2 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced 'A Bill for an Act to amend the **Constitution Act 1975** and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced 'A Bill for an Act to amend the **State Electricity Commission Act 1958** to abolish the State Electricity Commission of Victoria established by that Act, to make related amendments to that Act and other Acts and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 4 **SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT (MOVE-ON LAWS AND EXCLUSION ORDERS) BILL 2023** — Motion made and question — That the Member for Malvern introduce 'A Bill for an Act to

amend the ***Summary Offences Act 1966*** in relation to directions to move on and to provide for the making of exclusion orders and for other purposes' (*Michael O'Brien*) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

NOES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Danielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

## 5 **DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Employee Health and Wellbeing in Victorian Public Hospitals — Ordered to be published

*Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984* — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 107 (*Gazette G45, 9 November 2023*)

Ombudsman — Investigation into a Building Permit complaint — Ordered to be published

*Planning and Environment Act 1987* — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Ballarat — C235

Campaspe — C120

Casey — C288

Greater Geelong — C427

Macedon Ranges — C156

Maroondah — C144

Melton — C240

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

*Environment Protection Act 2017* — SR 115

*Social Services Regulation Act 2021* — SRs 113, 114

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* — Documents under section 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 116

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCCA) — Report 2021–22.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Early Childhood Legislation Amendment (Premises Approval in Principle) Bill 2023 without amendment.

7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the Member for Caulfield move General Business, Notice of Motion No 77 immediately (*David Southwick*) — put and agreed to.

8 **CONDEMNATION OF ANTISEMITISM** — Motion made and question — That this House:

- (a) condemns the disgusting acts of antisemitic violence committed by anti-Israel protestors outside a synagogue on Shabbat in Caulfield South;
- (b) unequivocally condemns all acts of antisemitism; and
- (c) stands with Melbourne’s Jewish community and their right to feel safe in their own backyard —

(*David Southwick*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

9 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

10 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.

11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 29 November 2023 to allow:

- (1) The Speaker to take the Chair at 10.00 am, interrupt business, and the House proceed in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5);
- (2) Legislative Council members to be admitted onto the floor of the House and to remain until the motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers is resolved;
- (3) The Premier to move a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and the Leader of the Victorian Greens in the Legislative Council, to speak on the motion for up to 10 minutes each;
- (4) The Speaker to put the question on the motion at the conclusion of the contributions referred to in paragraph (3);

- (5) Any business under discussion at the 10.00 am suspension to be resumed immediately after the motion is resolved and Legislative Council members have withdrawn, and any member speaking at the time of interruption to then continue their speech —

*(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Anthony Carbines)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 November 2023.

- 13 **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time *(Steve Dimopoulos)*.

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(James Newbury)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 29 November 2023.

- 14 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned *(Natalie Suleyman)* — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

- 15 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.



Amendment proposed — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

- (1) Agrees to freeze premium increases for 24 months and then limit increases to be in line with CPI for a further 24 months in order to provide certainty to businesses;
- (2) Provides details of the commencement date, structure, objectives, functions and funding of Return to Work Victoria;
- (3) Provides a detailed analysis and comparison of public and private sector claims for physical and mental injuries and commits to increasing focus on prevention strategies for each sector;
- (4) Makes available the reports on the modelling for the legislation; and
- (5) Commits to reporting annually to Parliament on the implementation and progress of the new arrangements, prior to the proposed legislative review in 2027’ —

(Cindy McLeish) — and, after debate —

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

16 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 17 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

*Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — FAITH-BASED HARASSMENT** — The Speaker read Michael O’Brien’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House reaffirms that no Victorian should face harassment on account of their faith, and therefore:

- (1) Condemns the intimidatory protest held in close proximity to a Caulfield synagogue on 10 November 2023; and
- (2) Supports the reinstatement of Victoria Police’s full range of move-on and arrest powers.’

Michael O’Brien addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 19 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*

## No 50 — Thursday 16 November 2023

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

**One-officer police stations** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to immediately rule out any cuts to one-person police stations and provides additional support to Victoria Police to ensure these stations remain open, bearing 713 signatures (*Tim McCurdy*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — ONE-OFFICER POLICE STATIONS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ovens Valley be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Tim McCurdy*) — put and agreed to.

4 **DOCUMENTS**

**PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on a person referred to in the Legislative Assembly — Professor David Lindenmayer AO, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

**PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Lily D'Ambrosio, Chair, tabled a report from the Privileges Committee on a person referred to in the Legislative Assembly — Theo Theophanous, together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

**DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Albury Wodonga Health — Report 2022–23

Auditor-General — Reducing the Illegal Disposal of Asbestos — Ordered to be published

Australian Grand Prix Corporation — Report 2022–23

Central Gippsland Health Service — Report 2022–23

Cladding Safety Victoria — Report 2022–23

*Climate Change Act 2017* — Victorian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2021

Commission for Children and Young People — Let us learn: Systemic inquiry into the educational experiences of children and young people in out-of-home care

Country Fire Authority (CFA) — Report 2022–23

*Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* — Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2023 under s 303

*Financial Management Act 1994*:

Report from the Minister for Environment that he had received the Report 2022–23 of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, together with an explanation for the delay  
Report from the Minister for Planning that she had received the Report 2022–23 of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria

Gippsland Southern Health Service — Report 2022–23

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority — Report 2022–23

Great Ocean Road Health — Report 2022–23

Kerang District Health — Report 2022–23

Northeast Health Wangaratta — Report 2022–23

Omeo District Health — Report 2022–23

Portland District Health — Report 2022–23

Robinvale District Health Services — Report 2022–23

Rural Northwest Health — Report 2022–23

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* — Documents under s 15 in relation to statutory rule 117

Swan Hill District Health — Report 2022–23

VicForests — Report 2022–23

Victorian Building Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (FORENSICARE) — Report 2022–23

Victorian Planning Authority — Report 2022–23

Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation — Report 2022–23

Workplace Incidents Consultative Committee — Report 2022–23.

- 5 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE) BILL 2023** — Under s 31 of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Anthony Carbines made a statement explaining the exceptional circumstances that justify the inclusion of the override declaration in clauses 7, 8 and 9 of the Corrections Amendment (Parole) Bill 2023.

- 6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 28 November 2023 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 7 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

- 8 **ATTENDANCE AT SPECIAL SITTING** — Motion made and question — That:

(1) The Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend a sitting of the Assembly in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 10.00 am for the consideration of the motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers.

(2) The lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Assembly standing orders be applied for the time that Council members are invited onto the floor of the House.

(3) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 9 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SEC) BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Lily D'Ambrosio*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 November 2023.

- 10 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Lily D'Ambrosio tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Lily D'Ambrosio*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 30 November 2023.

- 11 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Colin Brooks circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

- 12 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 13 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Natalie Suleyman*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

- 15 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (WORKCOVER SCHEME MODERNISATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted and replaced with the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government (1) Agrees to freeze premium increases for 24 months and then limit increases to be in line with CPI for a further 24 months in order to provide certainty to businesses; (2) Provides details of the commencement date, structure, objectives, functions and funding of Return to Work Victoria; (3) Provides a detailed analysis and comparison of public and private sector claims for physical and mental injuries and commits to increasing focus on prevention strategies for each sector; (4) Makes available the reports on the

modelling for the legislation; and (5) Commits to reporting annually to Parliament on the implementation and progress of the new arrangements, prior to the proposed legislative review in 2027.’

Question — That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 52

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 24

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill considered in detail.

*Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 14 November 2023 had expired.*

Question — That clause 4 stands part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Question — That clauses 5 to 32 inclusive stand part of the Bill — put and agreed to.

Question — That the Bill be agreed to without amendment — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowsell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a third time — put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish;

James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 16 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 17 **CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT (PAROLE REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendment No 1 be agreed to and the Bill be now read a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

*Business interrupted at 5.10 pm under sessional orders.*

- 18 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.37 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*