

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 120 — 3 April 2025

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to organise the urgent upgrade and repair of the Whittlesea-Yea Road between Flowerdale and Kinglake West to ensure road user safety, bearing 333 signatures (*Cindy McLeish*)

Increased safety for public transport users — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to make provisions for Public Safety Officers at major stations and that signage be made clearly visible and placed in every carriage and coach displaying a phone number to contact when people are feeling vulnerable whilst travelling on public transport in Victoria, bearing 257 signatures (*Wayne Farnham*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — WHITTLESEA-YEA ROAD BETWEEN FLOWERDALE AND KINGLAKE WEST** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Eildon be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.
- 4 **PETITION — INCREASED SAFETY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Narracan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Wayne Farnham*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **DOCUMENTS**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2023–24 financial and performance outcomes, together with transcripts of evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General:

Recycling Resources from Waste — Ordered to be published

Results of 2023–24 Audits: Local Government — Ordered to be published

Judicial Entitlements Panel — Advisory Opinion to the Attorney-General February 2025

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Return submitted by members of the Legislative Assembly — Primary Returns 4 March 2025 — Ordered to be published

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Report on the 2024–25 Budget Estimates

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions Planning Scheme — VC276

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 13

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2024 under s 96 of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981*.

- 6 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignations of Chris Crewther and Meng Heang Tak from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee, both effective from 2 April 2025.
- 7 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That John Lister and Rachel Westaway be members of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House refers an inquiry into cults and organised fringe groups in Victoria, the methods used to recruit and control their members and the impacts of coercive control to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 13 May 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 10 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.
- 11 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — 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 explains the true costs of the extension of the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program from 2030 until 2045, guarantees no further instances of rorts, waste and exploitative practices will occur and concludes the ongoing strategic review of the VEU program.’ (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Under SO 64, Ellen Sandell 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 standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME.**

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

14 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 1 April 2025 had expired.

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 51

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; 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; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

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

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Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 15 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEHICLE SHARING SCHEME SAFETY AND STANDARDS) BILL 2025** — 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.

- 16 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — 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 details of the consultation on the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995*, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry'.

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

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

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Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; 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; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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.

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

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Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.39 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker