

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 54, 55 and 56

No 54 — Tuesday 6 February 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 30 November 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **WRIT** — The Speaker announced that the Electoral Commissioner had returned the writ issued on 23 October 2023 and that Eden Foster has been elected for the District of Mulgrave.
- 3 **MEMBER'S ALLEGIANCE** — Eden Foster was then introduced and took and subscribed the oath required by law.
- 4 **DEATH OF DR RONALD JAMES HERBERT WELLS** — The Speaker announced the death of Dr Ronald James Herbert Wells, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Dromana from 1985 to 1992 and Member of the Legislative Council for the Province of Eumemmerring from 1992 to 1999; and members rose in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.
- 5 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll introduced 'A Bill for an Act to amend the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* to provide for the employment of persons at, or for the purposes of operating, government early learning centres and to consequentially amend the *Long Service Leave Act 2018* and for other purposes'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 6 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Alternative solutions to euthanasia for homeless animals — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly assists the Government, animal welfare organisations, communities and individuals to collaborate to address euthanasia for homeless animals, bearing 127 signatures (*Matt Fregon*)

Public conveniences and facilities for Hamilton railway station — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures the Government takes immediate action to provide toilets, seating and shelter at Hamilton railway station, bearing 84 signatures (*Emma Kealy*)

Contaminated soil washing facility in Brooklyn — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure the EPA takes immediate action to prevent a new contaminated soil washing facility being established in Brooklyn and move any other

dust-producing activity to areas where air pollution impacts will be minimised, bearing 206 signatures (*Melissa Horne*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO EUTHANASIA FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Ashwood be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Matt Fregon*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND FACILITIES FOR HAMILTON RAILWAY STATION** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Lowan be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Emma Kealy*) — put and agreed to.
- 9 **ACTING SPEAKERS** — The Speaker tabled the following warrant:

PANEL OF ACTING SPEAKERS

Under SO 20, I:

- (1) appoint Daniela De Martino, Lauren Kathage, Nathan Lambert, Alison Marchant, John Mullahy and Iwan Walters to preside as Acting Speakers whenever requested to do so by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker; and
- (2) discharge Chris Couzens, Bronwyn Halfpenny and Michaela Settle from the panel of Acting Speakers.

This warrant amends the previous warrants of 7 and 9 February 2023 and 31 October 2023.

Hon Maree Edwards MP
SPEAKER
6 February 2024.

- 10 **IBAC COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 16 December 2023, she administered to Victoria Elliott, the Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, the oath required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.
- 11 **DOCUMENTS**

MUNICIPAL MONITOR APPOINTED TO STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL — Report to the Minister for Local Government tabled by leave (*Melissa Horne*).

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 1 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023

Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023
Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Reducing the Harm Caused by Drugs on Victorian Roads — released on 6 December 2023

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust — Report 2022–23

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

Duties Act 2000 — Report 1 January to 30 June 2023 of Foreign Purchaser Additional Duty Exemptions under s 3E

Financial Management Act 1994 — Budget Update 2023–24 — released on 15 December 2023

Gambling Regulation Act 2003 — Wagering and Betting Licence issued to Tabcorp VIC Pty Ltd under s 4.3A.14 (two documents)

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission — Special report on Victoria Police's responses to IBAC's recommendations — released on 12 December 2023

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notices under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to:

Statutory Rule 115/2023 (*Gazette G50, 14 December 2023*)

Statutory Rule 122/2023 (*Gazette G50, 14 December 2023*)

Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 — Certificate under s 7

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 — Practitioner Remuneration Order 2024

Local Government Act 2020 — Order in Council — Suspension of all of the councillors of the Strathbogie Shire Council and appointment of an administrator for the Council

Major Events Act 2009 — Major Sporting Event Orders for the:

2023 Boxing Day Test — Australia v Pakistan Melbourne Cricket Ground — 26 December to 30 December 2023

2023/2024 Big Bash League matches at the MCG (including finals)

One Day International — Australia v West Indies Melbourne Cricket Ground — 2 February 2024

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004:

Order approving the Workplace facilities and the working environment compliance code
Order revoking the approval of the Workplace amenities and work environment compliance code

Ombudsman — Alleged politicisation of the public sector: Investigation of a matter referred from the Legislative Council on 9 February 2022 — Part 2 — released on 6 December 2023

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

Infrastructure contributions and development contribution levies — Report 2022–23

Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Bass Coast — C152

Baw Baw — GC230

Brimbank — C238

Campaspe — C124

Cardinia — GC230

Central Goldfields — C39

Colac Otway — C127

Darebin — C199, C209

East Gippsland — C166

Golden Plains — C103

Greater Bendigo — C247

Greater Dandenong — C224, C240, C246, C247, GC230

Greater Geelong — C339 pt 2, C455, GC230

Greater Shepparton — C239, C242

Hepburn — C78, GC230

Hobsons Bay — C134

Hume — C269

Latrobe — C121, GC230

Mansfield — C59

Maribyrnong — C178, C183

Maroondah — C146

Melbourne — C457, C461, GC230

Melton — C242, GC230

Merri-bek — GC230

Mitchell — C157

Moir — GC230

Monash — GC230

Moonee Valley — C233

Mornington Peninsula — C303

Murrindindi — C75

Stonnington — GC230

Strathbogie — GC230

Surf Coast — C141
 Victoria Planning Provisions — VC249, VC250
 Whitehorse — C241
 Wyndham — GC230
 Yarra — C269
 Yarra Ranges — C211, C222
 Yarriambiack — C33

Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994 — Documents under s 9 in relation to the Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre Precinct Project (three documents)

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Administration and Probate Act 1958 — SR 125/2023
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 — SR 126/2023
Architects Act 1991 — SR 135/2023
Building Act 1993 — SRs 132/2023, 2
Casino Control Act 1991 — SR 119/2023
Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 — SR 134/2023
Cladding Safety Victoria Act 2020 — SR 1
County Court Act 1958 — SRs 120/2023, 130/2023
Criminal Procedure Act 2009 — SR 129/2023
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009 — SR 127/2023
Heritage Act 2017 — SR 3
Magistrates' Court Act 1989 — SRs 128/2023, 129/2023
Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — SR 4
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — SR 133/2023
Supreme Court Act 1986 — SRs 123/2023, 124/2023, 125/2023
Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 — SR 131/2023

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 119/2023, 121/2023, 123/2023, 124/2023, 125/2023, 126/2023, 128/2023, 129/2023, 130/2023, 131/2023, 132/2023, 133/2023, 134/2023, 1, 2, 3, 4

Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Environment Protection Act 2017:

EPA Designation — Classification of digestate for composting or other secondary processing or use

EPA Determination — Specifications acceptable to the Authority for receiving digestate

Essential Services Commission Act 2001 — Land Access Code of Practice 2023

Victoria Police, Chief Commissioner — Report 2022–23 under s 148R of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme Act 2005 — Water Efficiency Labelling and Standard Scheme Report 2022–23.

PROCLAMATIONS — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamations fixing operative dates:

Environment Legislation Amendment (Circular Economy and Other Matters) Act 2023 — Remaining provisions — 20 December 2023 (Gazette S686, 19 December 2023)

Special Investigator Repeal Act 2023 — Whole Act — 2 February 2024 (Gazette S687, 19 December 2023)

Triple Zero Victoria Act 2023 — Whole Act (other than Part 11) — 15 December 2023 (Gazette S670, 12 December 2023).

- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's further amendments to the State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023.

- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 5 December 2023, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Corrections Amendment (Parole Reform) Bill 2023
Crimes Amendment (Non-fatal Strangulation) Bill 2023.

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had, on 12 December 2023, given the royal assent to the State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- 15 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following bills:

Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023.

- 16 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on Wednesday 7 February 2024 to allow the Member for Mulgrave to make her inaugural speech for a maximum of 15 minutes at 6.30 pm (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 17 **AMENDMENT TO APOLOGY FOR PAST CARE LEAVERS MOTION** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That the resolution of the House on 15 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023, to suspend standing and sessional orders to consider a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers, be further amended as follows:

(1) omit paragraph (1) and insert:

- ‘(1) The sitting of the House to be suspended at 11.20 am;
- (1A) The Speaker to take the Chair at 11.30 am, interrupt business, and the House to proceed in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5);’
- (2) After paragraph (2) insert:
 - ‘(2A) The Premier to table an apology statement for past care leavers;’
- (3) In paragraph (3) after the words ‘The Premier to move a motion for a parliamentary apology for past care leavers and’ insert ‘the Premier,’
- (4) After paragraph (4) insert:
 - ‘(4A) Legislative Council members to withdraw and the sitting be suspended until 2.00 pm; and’
- (5) In paragraph (5) omit the words ‘Any business under discussion at the 11.30 am suspension to be resumed immediately after the motion is resolved and Legislative Council members have withdrawn,’ and insert ‘Any business under discussion at the 11.20 am suspension to be resumed immediately at the conclusion of constituency questions,’ —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — put and agreed to.

- 18 **AMENDMENT TO INVITATION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That paragraph (2) of the resolution of the House on 16 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023, to invite Legislative Council members to attend the special sitting for the parliamentary apology for past care leavers be further amended to omit the words ‘lower public gallery on the Opposition side of the House be deemed part of the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the’, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly *(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — put and agreed to.

- 19 **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 8 February 2024:

Building Legislation Amendment (Domestic Building Insurance New Offences) Bill 2023
 Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2023
 Service Victoria Amendment Bill 2023 —

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

- 20 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — COUNCIL VACANCY** — Proposing that the Legislative Council meets the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the

resignation of Matthew Bach and that the place and time of such meeting be the Legislative Assembly Chamber on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.15 pm.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration immediately.

- 21 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — Motion made and question — That this House agrees to the Legislative Council’s proposal for a joint sitting on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.15 pm in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Matthew Bach (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

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

- 23 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) 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 commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses’ (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 24 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 25 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 26 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) 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.

- 27 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 55 — Wednesday 7 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Firearms Act 1996** to further provide for the service of firearm prohibition orders and for related and minor matters, to amend the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** to clarify that a machete is a type of knife and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 6.

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incident Response) Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

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

- 7 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (EARLY CHILDHOOD EMPLOYMENT POWERS) BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll 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 (*Ben Carroll*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 21 February 2024.

- 8 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 9 **QUESTION TIME.**

10 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 11 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 12 **GRIEVANCES** — Question — That grievances be noted — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

[Business interrupted at 6.15 pm for a joint sitting and resumed at 6.22 pm]

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

- 14 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 6 February 2024, the Member for Mulgrave made an inaugural speech.

- 15 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM) BILL 2023** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 56 — Thursday 8 February 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **JOINT SITTING — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY** — The Speaker reported that the House met on 7 February 2024 with the Legislative Council for the purpose of choosing a person to hold the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of Matthew Bach and that Richard Welch was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

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

Fire Rescue Victoria — Report 2022–23

Office of the Public Advocate — Report 2022–23 — Ordered to be published

Office of Public Prosecutions — Report 2022–23

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account — Report 2022–23 on the disbursement of revenue

State Electricity Commission of Victoria — Report 2022–23

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Australian Crime Commission (State Provisions) Act 2003 — SR 6

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 — SR 5

Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing — Report 2022–23.

4 **COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS** — The Speaker announced that she had received the resignation of Gary Maas from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee and Jackson Taylor from the Integrity and Oversight Committee, effective from today.

5 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That:

(1) Jackson Taylor be a member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee; and

(2) Eden Foster be a member of the Integrity and Oversight Committee —

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

6 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 20 February 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

8 **FIREARMS AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS (MACHETES) AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — 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 22 February 2024.

- 9 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) 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 commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses’; debate resumed.

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

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

AYES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; 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 Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 57

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; 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; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; 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.

Question defeated.

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

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

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

- 10 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 11.30 am under the resolution of the House on 15 November 2023, as amended on 28 November 2023 and 6 February 2024.

11 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Jacinta Allan tabled the Parliamentary apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care.

12 **PARLIAMENTARY APOLOGY TO VICTORIANS WHO EXPERIENCED HISTORICAL ABUSE AND NEGLECT AS CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE** — Motion made and question — That this Parliament expresses our formal and sincere apology to Victorians who experienced historical abuse and neglect as children in institutional care (*Jacinta Allan*) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in silence to signify their assent.

13 **QUESTION TIME.**

14 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

15 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT 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 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters) Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

17 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

18 **SERVICE VICTORIA AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 6 February 2024 had expired.

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

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

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 19 **REGULATORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (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 and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 20 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC BUILDING INSURANCE NEW OFFENCES) 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 commits to comprehensively protect victims and their families from rogue behaviour from a small minority of dodgy builders and the potential loss of their deposit if a building company collapses’.

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 55

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; 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; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Lauren Kathage; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Ellen Sandell; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; 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; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

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

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker