

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 70

No 70 — Tuesday 7 May 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 2 May 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 4 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING) BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1994* in relation to gender responsive budgeting and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(b), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas 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 (*Tim Pallas*).

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 until tomorrow.

- 5 **STATE TAXATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Duties Act 2000*, the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, the *Gambling Taxation Act 2023*, the *Land Tax Act 2005*, the *Payroll Tax Act 2007*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Act 2023*, the *Taxation Administration Act 1997* and the *Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972* and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Dederang Battery Energy Storage System — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Minister for Planning to reject the Dederang Battery Energy Storage System proposal

due to widespread community opposition, risks to community health, concerns about environmental impacts, loss of prime agricultural land, increased bushfire risk and impacts on the landscape and tourism, bearing 1310 signatures (*Tim McCurdy*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — DEDERANG BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM** — 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.

8 **DOCUMENTS**

BUDGET PAPERS 2024–25 —

2024–25 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement

2024–25 Budget Overview

2024–25 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer’s Speech

2024–25 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program

tabled by leave (*Tim Pallas*).

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

2024–25 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook

2024–25 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery

2024–25 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)

2024–25 Department Performance Statement

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

Kingston — C203

Victorian Planning Provisions — VC255

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Crimes Act 1958 — SR 29

Financial Management Act 1994 — SR 28

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 29

Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Health Complaints Act 2016* — Revised Health Complaint Handling Standards 2023.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024 without amendment.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that he had today given the royal assent to the Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2024/2025.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

[The Speaker left the Chair at 1.07 pm and resumed it at 1.17 pm]

- 13 **APPROPRIATION (2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2024/2025 and for other purposes*’; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas 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 (*Tim Pallas*).

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

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2024/2025.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

- 15 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2024–2025) BILL 2024** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2024/2025 and for other purposes*’; and the Bill was

read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Mary-Anne Thomas 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 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

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 until tomorrow.

- 16 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2024–2025) Bill 2024 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2024–2025) Bill 2024 to be moved and debated concurrently (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 17 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 14 May 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 19 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to and the following further amendment be made to the Bill:

1. Clause 19, omit this clause —

(*Gabrielle Williams*) — after debate — put and agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly and requesting their agreement.

- 20 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — 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:

- (1) consulting properly with stakeholders, including the Law Institute of Victoria and the Victorian Bar, to consider and address their concerns; and

- (2) assuring Victorians that the Bill contains sufficient safeguards to adequately protect the rights of innocent people with no involvement in criminal activity' —

(Michael O'Brien) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker