

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 118 — Tuesday 1 April 2025

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 20 March 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** and the **Casino Control Act 1991** and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Crimes Act 1958**, the **Criminal Procedure Act 2009**, the **Justice Legislation Amendment (Criminal Appeals) Act 2019**, the **Magistrates’ Court Act 1989**, the **Sentencing Act 1991**, the **Social Services Regulation Act 2021** 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.
- 4 **WAGE THEFT AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Danny Pearson introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Wage Theft Act 2020** to repeal the wage theft offences, rename the Wage Inspectorate Victoria, confer new functions and change the title of the Act, to consequentially amend 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.
- 5 **IBAC DEPUTY COMMISSIONER** — The Speaker advised that, on 24 March 2024, she administered to Liana Buchanan, the Deputy Commissioner, the affirmation required by s 31 of the *Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011*.
- 6 **DOCUMENTS**

LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE — Ella George, Chair, tabled a report from the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee on the Inquiry into capturing data on people who use family violence in Victoria, together with appendices and transcripts of evidence.

Report and appendices ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Bail Amendment Act 2025

Family Violence Protection Amendment Act 2025

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Act 2025

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025

together with appendices.

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 Albert Park Reserve

Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 — Government response to the Integrity and Oversight Committee's report on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* — released on 24 March 2025

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

Ararat — GC242

Ballarat — C259

Banyule — C178

Bass Coast — C174

Baw Baw — GC242

Boroondara — C415

Buloke — GC242

Darebin — GC242

East Gippsland — C173, GC242

Frankston — GC242

Gannawarra — GC242

Glen Eira — C270, C271

Greater Bendigo — C274, GC242

Hepburn — C89

Macedon Ranges — GC242

Maribyrnong — C190

Melbourne — C477, GC242

Monash — GC242

Moorabool — GC242

Murrindindi — C77

Northern Grampians — GC242

Port Phillip — GC242

Stonnington — GC242

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking Water Quality in Victoria — Report 2023–24

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Freedom of Information Act 1982 — SR 7

Heritage Act 2017 — SR 13

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011 — SR 8

Inquiries Act 2014 — SR 14

Integrity Oversight Victoria Act 2011 — SR 11

Local Government Act 2020 — SR 9

Ombudsman Act 1973 — SR 10

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 12

Supreme Court Act 1986 — SR 6

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

Wildlife Act 1975:

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 (*Gazette G10, 6 March 2025*)

Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 2 (*Gazette S107, 14 March 2025*).

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

Bail Amendment Act 2025 — Whole Act (other than ss 11 and 12) — 26 March 2025 (*Gazette S138, 25 March 2025*)

National Parks (Amendment) Act 1989 — section 29(3) — 31 March 2025 (*Gazette S109, 18 March 2025*).

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 25 May 2025, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Bail Amendment Bill 2025

Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025.

- 9 **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 3 April 2025:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025

Transport Legislation Amendment (Vehicle Sharing Scheme Safety and Standards) Bill 2025

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025 —

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

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

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Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; 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.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; 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; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway.

Question agreed to.

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

11 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Nick Staikos circulated an amendment to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

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 details of the consultation on the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995*, along with any proposed reforms, have been released to the industry' (*Richard Riordan*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under sessional orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME**

[The Speaker left the Chair at 2.05 pm and resumed it at 2.14 pm]

Question time continued.

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS**

14 **BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUYER PROTECTIONS) BILL 2025** — 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.

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- 15 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.29 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker