

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 123 — Thursday 15 May 2025

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:

Closure of Melbourne fisheries stations — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government not to close the five fisheries stations in Melbourne or cut 73 fisheries officers' jobs across the state, bearing 21,789 signatures (*Sam Groth*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 3 **PETITION — CLOSURE OF MELBOURNE FISHERIES STATIONS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Nepean be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Sam Groth*) — put and agreed to.

- 4 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:

Statutory Rule 26 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009*.

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

- 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That:

- (1) So much of standing and sessional orders be suspended so as to allow on Tuesday 20 May 2025, following the introduction and motion for the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Bill:

- (a) the Minister moving the second reading to retain their right to speak (for 15 minutes) on the question later in the debate;
- (b) Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, be permitted to attend the House for the purpose of giving a speech of unlimited duration in relation to the Annual Appropriation Bill.

- (2) A message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them that under s 52 of the *Constitution Act 1975*, approval has been granted for Jaclyn Symes MLC, Treasurer, to

attend the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 20 May to give a speech on the Annual Appropriation Bill —

(Mary-Anne Thomas) — and, after debate —

Amendment proposed — That:

After paragraph (1), insert '(1A) So much of standing and sessional orders be suspended so as to allow that, once the lead speaker for the Opposition has begun to speak on the second reading of the Annual Appropriation Bill, any interruptions of business are delayed until the speech has concluded.' *(Bridget Vallence)* — and, after debate —

Question — That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted — 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; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

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

Question defeated.

Question — That the motion be agreed to — put and agreed to.

- 7 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Bridget Vallence 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.

- 8 **QUESTION TIME.**

9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 10 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 13 May 2025 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.

- 11 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT 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 the Government: (1) Agrees to freeze the average premium rate at 1.8 per cent for 2025–26 to provide certainty to Victorian employers; (2) Consults with interested stakeholders and the public on proposed changes recommended by a WorkSafe review into Family Supports; (3) Makes available all modelling prepared for the Legislative Impact Assessment for this Bill in relation to the additional costs and financial impact the Bill will have on employers and the WorkCover Scheme; (4) Consults with industry to minimise fees for training for return to work co-ordinators; and (5) Implements measures to prohibit entities responsible for corruption on Big Build and Victorian construction sites from becoming an approved training provider’.

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 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; 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; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Tim Read; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; 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; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 26

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; 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; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time, Government amendments Nos 1 to 19 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.

- 12 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) 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.

Business interrupted at 5.07 pm under sessional orders.

Motion made and question — That the sitting be continued (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 13 **SPONSORING PETITION** — Motion made and question — That this House condemns the Shadow Minister for Equality for allowing his shadow colleagues to sponsor a petition attacking LGBTIQ+ people and calling for the cessation of the Rainbow Libraries Toolkit (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — and, after debate, put and agreed to.

- 14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day, No 6 be postponed until later this day.

- 15 **HEALTH WORKFORCE** — Motion made and question — That this House acknowledges the massive investment of the Allan Labor Government in the health workforce, including: (1) Growing the workforce by more than 50 per cent; (2) Increasing nurse and midwife pay by 28.4 per cent; (3) Growing the on-road paramedic workforce by over 50 per cent; and (4) Upskilling thousands of health professionals (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — and, after debate —

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.

- 16 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Returning the Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 and suggesting amendments.

Ordered — That the suggested amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

- 16 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question proposed — That this House makes the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council (*Danny Pearson*) — and, after debate —

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

Motion made and question — That the question be now put (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put.

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

AYES 52

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; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; 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; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

AYES 52

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; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; 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; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill returned to the Legislative Council with a message informing them accordingly.

- 17 **POSTPONEMENT OF REMAINING BUSINESS** — Motion made and question — That the consideration of remaining business be postponed (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.
- 18 **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 2.00 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker