

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

#### Nos 115, 116 and 117

### No 115 — Tuesday 18 March 2025

*The House started at 12.00 noon.*

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 6 March 2025 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Jacinta Allan introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Bail Act 1977** and the **Summary Offences Act 1966** and to make consequential amendments to other Acts 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.

Jacinta Allan 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 (*Jacinta Allan*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Michael O’Brien*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 3 **FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Sonya Kilkenny introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008** in relation to service of certain orders 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.

Sonya Kilkenny 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 (*Sonya Kilkenny*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Michael O’Brien*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 4 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

**Planning decisions** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to amend the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* s 97B to revoke the Minister's absolute authority to call in permits, bearing 25 signatures (*Ellen Sandell*)

**Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly rejects planning permit application number PA2302234 and development licence application APP024914 for the Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre, ensuring that an unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator is not imposed on the Wollert region, bearing 2,462 signatures (*Bronwyn Halfpenny*)

**Waste-to-energy incinerator on Summerhill Road, Wollert** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to reject the planning permit application and development licence for the Melbourne Energy and Resource Centre at Wollert, ensuring that an unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator is not imposed on the region, bearing 197 signatures (*Bronwyn Halfpenny*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 5 **PETITION — MELBOURNE ENERGY AND RESOURCE CENTRE** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Thomastown be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Bronwyn Halfpenny*) — put and agreed to.
- 6 **PETITION — WASTE-TO-ENERGY INCINERATOR ON SUMMERHILL ROAD, WOLLERT** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Thomastown be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Bronwyn Halfpenny*) — put and agreed to.
- 7 **DOCUMENTS**

**SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2025 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Building Legislation Amendment (Buyer Protections) Bill 2025

Constitution Amendment (Abortion) Bill 2024

Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024

Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment (Equity and Access) Bill 2024

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025

SR No 95 — Livestock Disease Control Further Amendment Regulations 2024

SR No 108 — Subordinate Legislation (Gambling Regulation (Pre-commitment and Loyalty Scheme) Regulations 2014) Extension Regulations 2024

By-law No 2024/01 Waterways Protection — North East Catchment Management Authority

By-law No 02 Waterways Protection 2024 — North Central Catchment Management Authority

By-law No 3 Waterways Protection 2024 — Wimmera Catchment Management Authority  
By-law No 2 Waterways Protection 2024 — Mallee Catchment Management Authority  
By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024 — West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority  
By-law No 5 Waterways Protection 2024 — Corangamite Catchment Management Authority  
By-law No 4 Waterways Protection 2024 — Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

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

*Financial Management Act 1994* — 2024–25 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 7 March 2025

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report 2023–24

Murray-Darling Basin Authority — Report 2023–24

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

Casey — C301  
Greater Geelong — C397  
Knox — C192  
Melton — C246  
Moonee Valley — C212  
Mornington Peninsula — C307  
South Gippsland — C134  
Victoria Planning Provisions — VC267  
Wyndham — C256

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

*Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987* — SR 2  
*Surveying Act 2004* — SR 4  
*Tobacco Act 1987* — SR 3

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 3 and 4.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Consumer and Planning Legislation Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024 without amendment.
- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had today given the royal assent to the Consumer and Planning Legislation

Amendment (Housing Statement Reform) Bill 2024, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025

Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025

Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2025.

- 11 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2):

- (1) the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025 be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 18 March 2025; and
- (2) the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following bills be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 20 March 2025:

Gambling Legislation Amendment (Pre-commitment and Carded Play) Bill 2024

Fire Services Property Amendment (Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund) Bill 2025 —

*(Mary-Anne Thomas)* — after debate, 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; 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; Natalie Hutchins; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 31

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; 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; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

- 13 **FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Bill read a second time and, by leave, immediately read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 14 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — 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 sessional orders.*

- 15 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 16 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 17 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 engages in meaningful and comprehensive consultations to address the concerns of expert human rights, legal and First Nations stakeholders’ (*Gabrielle de Vietri*) — and, after debate —

*Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of the bill under the resolution of the House on 18 March 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 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodggett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Will Fowles; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

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) —

AYES 78

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2025 without amendment.

19 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) 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:

- (1) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm;
- (2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems;
- (3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and
- (4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms' (*Danny O'Brien*) — and, after debate —

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.25 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*

## No 116 — Wednesday 19 March 2025

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio introduced '*A Bill for an Act to amend the **Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007** and for other purposes*'; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 3 **DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT** — The Clerk tabled:  
  
*Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* — Certificate under s 7.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Terrorism (Community Protection) and Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2024 with amendments.  
  
Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration later this day.
- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had on 18 March 2025 given the royal assent to the Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2025, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- 6 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.
- 7 **STATEMENTS ON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS** — Members made statements on committee reports.
- 8 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.
- 9 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT 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 (*Anthony Carbines*) — and, after debate —

Further amendments proposed —

1. Amendment 1 line 2, omit all words and expressions on this line and insert—

"(ia) further provide for prohibited weapons; and".

2. Amendment 2 lines 3 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

"(1) This Act (other than sections 54B and 54D) comes into operation on the day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), sections 54B and 54D come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

(3) If sections 54B and 54D do not come into operation before 30 September 2025, they come into operation on that day."

3. Amendment 3 lines 2 to 8, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert—

**'54A Definitions**

In section 3(1) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, in the definition of ***controlled weapon***, the example at the foot of paragraph (a) is **repealed**.

**54B Definitions**

In section 3(1) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**, in the definition of ***prohibited weapon***, after "imitation firearm" **insert** ", a machete".

**54C Prohibited weapons**

After section 5(3) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** **insert**—

"(4) In this section (other than subsection 1A)—  
***prohibited weapon*** includes a machete."

**54D Prohibited weapons**

Section 5(4) of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** is **repealed**.'

4. Amendment 10, omit "31 December 2026" and insert "30 September 2026" —

(*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

Question — That further amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

AYES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Will Fowles; 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; Brad Rowsell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.



## NOES 54

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; 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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; 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; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

*The Speaker advised that the remaining further amendments would not be able to proceed as the House had not agreed to further amendment No 1.*

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendment No 1 be agreed to — put.

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

## AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallenge; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

## NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Question — That the Legislative Council's amendments Nos 2 to 10 inclusive be agreed to — put.

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

## AYES 77

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Josh Bull; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Annabelle Cleeland; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth;

Matthew Guy; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; John Lister; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Danny Pearson; John Pesutto; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Richard Riordan; Michaela Settle; David Southwick; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

### NOES 3

Gabrielle de Vietri; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

#### 10 **QUESTION TIME.**

#### 11 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 12 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — 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) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm; (2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems; (3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and (4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms'; debate resumed.

*Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.*

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

- 14 **INAUGURAL SPEECH** — In accordance with the resolution of the House on Tuesday 4 March 2025, the Member for Prahran made an inaugural speech.

- 15 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024** — 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.*

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

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*

## No 117 — Thursday 20 March 2025

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

*Emergency Services Superannuation Act 1986* — Report on the Actuarial Investigation of the Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme as at 30 June 2024

*Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978* — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 31 January 2025 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Statutory Rule under the *Confiscation Act 1997* — SR 5

*Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rule 5.

- 3 **TERRORISM (COMMUNITY PROTECTION) AND CONTROL OF WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — The Speaker announced that she had received a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments that, under JSO 6(1), she has made the following corrections in the Bill:

Clause 55, as amended by the Council's amendment No 4 and agreed to by the Assembly, replaces subsection 10D(1) of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990*. The Clerk has omitted the double quote mark at the beginning of the insertion and inserted single quote marks at the beginning and the end of the insertion.

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

- 5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notices of Motion, Nos 1 to 9 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

- 6 **VICTORIAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AMENDMENT (ENERGY UPGRADES FOR THE FUTURE) BILL 2025** — Lily D'Ambrosio 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 (*Lily D'Ambrosio*).

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 3 April 2025.

- 7 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) 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 commits to consulting with stakeholders on the rebate scheme and which organisations should receive funding' (*James Newbury*) — and, after debate —

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

- 8 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 9 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 10 **FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND) 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 18 March 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 50

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; Paul Mercurio; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

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

## AYES 50

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; Paul Mercurio; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

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

## AYES 50

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; Paul Mercurio; 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; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

**11 GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRE-COMMITMENT AND CARDED PLAY) BILL 2024**

— 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) Provides evidence that its reforms will reduce gambling harm; (2) Evaluates and reports on the feasibility of new technology such as Facial Recognition Technology and Automated Risk Monitoring Systems; (3) Delivers a process to protect border clubs from financial drift to interstate clubs; and (4) Improves parliamentary oversight of the reforms’.

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 53

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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

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Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; 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) —

AYES 53

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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

#### NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

*Business interrupted at 5.16 pm under sessional orders.*

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

- 12 **NEW SESSIONAL ORDER** — Motion made and question — That the following sessional order be adopted, to come into operation from 1 April 2025:

#### **'18 Order of government business**

So much of SOs 146, 148(1) and 150 are suspended to allow, on days on which government business has precedence, ministers to list government notices of motion and orders of the day at the head of the list on the notice paper in whatever order they wish. Government notices and orders are then dealt with in the order they are listed on the notice paper. After a government notice or order has been disposed of, the Speaker will either call the minister to move the next notice of motion or direct the Clerk to read the next order of the day, as appropriate.'—

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

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

#### AYES 49

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; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

## NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; 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; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Rachel Westaway; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

- 13 **COMMITMENT TO WORKING FAMILIES** — Motion made and question — That this House recognises the Allan Labor Government's commitment to working families by expanding free breakfast clubs, saving parents \$400 through the School Saving Bonus, and extending the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, ensuring every student has access to essential programs, no matter their circumstances (*Anthony Carbines*) — and, after debate —

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

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

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Bail Amendment (Tough Bail) Bill 2025 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

- 15 **BAIL AMENDMENT (TOUGH BAIL) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council — and, after debate —

And the House having continued to sit after midnight —

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The amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

- 16 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 1 April 2025 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 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** — After debate, the Speaker left the Chair at 12.45 am.

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

MAREE EDWARDS MP  
*Speaker*