

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 63, 64, 65 and 66

No 63 — Tuesday 19 March 2024

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 7 March 2024 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE DIGBY CROZIER** — Motion made and question — That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honourable Digby Crozier and places on record its acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him to the Parliament and the people of Victoria as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the District of Portland from 1985 to 1988, Member of the Legislative Council for Western Province from 1973 to 1985 and Minister of Tourism and Minister for State Development and Decentralisation from 1976 to 1978, Minister of State Development, Decentralisation and Tourism from 1978 to 1979, Minister for Local Government from 1979 to 1981, and Minister of Mines and Minister for Minerals and Energy from 1981 to 1982 (*Jacinta Allan*) — members addressed the House in support, and the motion was agreed to unanimously with members rising in their places to signify their assent.
- 3 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Digby Crozier, the House now adjourns until 2.00 pm (*Jacinta Allan*) — put and agreed to.

And the House, at 12.50 pm, adjourned until 2.00 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 64 — Tuesday 19 March 2024 (2.00 pm)

- 1 The House met according to the adjournment — The Speaker took the Chair.
- 2 **QUESTION TIME.**
- 3 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

4 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) BILL 2024** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Confiscation Act 1997* in relation to unexplained wealth and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

5 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024** — Ben Carroll introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Regulation Act 2021*, the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*, the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* and 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.

6 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Campbells Bridge Wind Facility — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to request that the Campbells Bridge Wind Facility project be abandoned, bearing 196 signatures (*Emma Kealy*).

Ordered to be tabled.

7 DOCUMENTS

HOMES VICTORIA — Ground Lease Model Project Summary tabled by leave (*Colin Brooks*).

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 4 of 2024 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
 Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024
 National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024
 National Energy Retail Law (Victoria) Bill 2024
 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (No New Oil or Gas Activities) Bill 2022

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994 — 2023–24 Mid-Year Financial Report incorporating the Quarterly Financial Report No 2 — released on 8 March 2024

Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 — Notice under s 32(3)(a)(iii) in relation to Statutory Rule 5 (*Gazette S122, 14 March 2024*)

Murray-Darling Basin Authority — Report 2022–23

Parliamentary Budget Officer — Operational Plan 2024–25

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

Bass Coast — C164
 Kingston — C206
 Latrobe — C147
 Queenscliffe — C39
 Stonnington — C332, C337
 Victorian Planning Provisions — VC256
 Wyndham — C268
 Yarra — C323

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to the *Water Act 1989* — Model Waterways Protection By-law 2024

PROCLAMATION — Under SO 177A, the Clerk tabled the following proclamation fixing an operative date:

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Act 2023 — Subdivision 3 of Division 2 of Part 2 and ss 265 and 266 — 27 March 2024 (*Gazette S118, 13 March 2024*).

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Climate Change and Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Energy and Storage Targets) Bill 2023 with an amendment.

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

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 13 March 2024, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council for and in the absence of the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Education and Training Reform Amendment (Early Childhood Employment Powers) Bill 2024
 Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill 2023.

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024.
- 11 **OMBUDSMAN** — The Speaker advised that, on 14 March 2024, she administered to Marlo Jane Baragwanath, the Ombudsman, the affirmation required by s 10 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973*.

- 12 **BALLARAT MINING INCIDENT** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House expresses its condolences:

- (1) To the family and loved ones of Kurt Hourigan, who died at the Ballarat Gold Mine incident on Wednesday 13 March 2024;
- (2) To those that were injured and the dozens of miners who were trapped underground —
(*James Newbury*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 13 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Orders of the Day, Government Business, relating to the following items be considered and completed by 5.00 pm on 21 March 2024:

Estate Agents, Residential Tenancies and Other Acts Amendment (Funding) Bill 2024
 Support for Victorian families — motion
 Big Housing Build — motion
 Level Crossing Removals — motion
 Education State — motion
 Energy and Public Land Legislation Amendment (Enabling Offshore Wind Energy) Bill 2024
 National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid) Bill 2024 —

(*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, 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; Darren Cheeseman; 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; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; 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.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; 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; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

- 15 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STORAGE TARGETS) BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that amendment be agreed to (*Lily D'Ambrosio*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 56

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; 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.

NOES 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.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

- 16 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) 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 provides:

- (1) proof that tenants and rental providers will not be disadvantaged by the Bill;
- (2) more information about how the Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria (RDRV) will work;
- (3) a breakdown of costings and how the RDRV will be funded;
- (4) advice on the timeline of when each stage of establishing the RDRV will be reached and for full operations;
- (5) details on how the Minister intends to seek advice in the absence of the Estate Agents Council (EAC) and Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC); and

- (6) details on what bodies will replace the EAC and PRAC, including plans for appointments, remuneration, and public information about those bodies' —

(Tim McCurdy) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.31 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 65 — Wednesday 20 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

- 1 The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 2 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — Tim Pallas introduced 'A Bill for an Act to reform the taxation of commercial and industrial property, to amend the *Duties Act 2000*, the *Taxation Administration Act 1997*, the *Treasury Corporation of Victoria Act 1992* and 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.
- 3 **PETITION** — The Clerk announced that the following petition had been lodged for presentation:

Staff participation in protests — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to mandate against teacher and support staff participation in activities such as the Pro-Palestine week of action, and stands down or terminates teachers who breach Department of Education guidelines, bearing 1775 signatures (*David Southwick*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 4 **PETITION — STAFF PARTICIPATION IN PROTESTS** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Caulfield be taken into consideration tomorrow (*David Southwick*) — put and agreed to.
- 5 **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 increasing the

number of registered organ and tissue donors, together with summary booklet, appendices, and transcripts of evidence.

Report, appendices and summary booklet ordered to be published.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Inquiry into the 2021–22 and 2022–23 Financial and Performance Outcomes, together with transcripts of evidence.

Report ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Auditor-General — Withdrawal from 2026 Commonwealth Games — Ordered to be published

Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria — Strategic Audit: Implementation of environmental management systems by agencies and public authorities 2022–23

Members of Parliament (Standards) Act 1978 — Register of Interests — Returns submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly — Ordinary Returns 1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024 (two volumes) — Ordered to be published

Ombudsman — Social housing complaint handling — Progress report — Ordered to be published

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice No 1 (*Gazette S113, 8 March 2024*).

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the State Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

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

9 **CONFISCATION AMENDMENT (UNEXPLAINED WEALTH) 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 3 April 2024.

- 10 **DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATION AMENDMENT 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 (*James Newbury*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 3 April 2024.

- 11 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, James Newbury 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.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*John Pesutto*) — after debate, 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; 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; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 53

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; 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; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenney; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; 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; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

Question defeated.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

12 **QUESTION TIME.**

13 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

14 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

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

16 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.23 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 66 — Thursday 21 March 2024

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

2 **DOCUMENTS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHILD INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME — Tabled by leave (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — Child Information Sharing Scheme Five-Year Review under s 41ZO

Safe Drinking Water Act 2003 — Drinking water quality in Victoria — Report 2022–23

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report to Parliament on the 2023 Warrandyte District by-election

Victorian Inspectorate — Special Report on a compliance case study on the use and oversight of coercive powers — Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENT TABLED UNDER STANDING ORDERS — The Clerk tabled:

Government response to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Apartment Design Standards.

3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 30 April 2024 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

4 **COMPLAINT** — The Speaker informed the House that on Thursday 21 March 2024 the Member for Brighton had lodged with her written notification of a complaint of a breach of privilege, alleging that the attendance and actions of a person on the parliamentary precinct on a sitting day on Wednesday 20 March 2024 improperly interfered with the free performance of a member's duties as a member—and, the Speaker being of the opinion that the complaint should be given precedence —

Motion made and question — That the complaint made by the Member for Brighton on Thursday 21 March 2024 be referred to the Privileges Committee for examination and report (*James Newbury*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

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

6 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Notice of Motion, No 1 be postponed until later this day.

7 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL 2024** — 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.

Tim Pallas made the statement of intention required by s 85(5)(c) of the *Constitution Act 1975*.

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 4 April 2024.

8 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

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

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

- 9 **LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Motion made and question — That this House refers an inquiry into the mechanisms for capturing data on the profile and volume of perpetrators of family violence in Victoria, and barriers to achieving a full understanding of this cohort to the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 26 November 2024 (*Vicki Ward*) — after debate, put and agreed to.

- 10 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) 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 provides: (1) proof that tenants and rental providers will not be disadvantaged by the Bill; (2) more information about how the Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria (RDRV) will work; (3) a breakdown of costings and how the RDRV will be funded; (4) advice on the timeline of when each stage of establishing the RDRV will be reached and for full operations; (5) details on how the Minister intends to seek advice in the absence of the Estate Agents Council (EAC) and Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC); and (6) details on what bodies will replace the EAC and PRAC, including plans for appointments, remuneration, and public information about those bodies’; debate resumed.

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 11 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 13 **ESTATE AGENTS, RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT (FUNDING) BILL 2024** — 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 items under the resolution of the House on 19 March 2024 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 51

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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos;

Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; 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.

- 14 **ENERGY AND PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENABLING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY) BILL 2024** — 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.

- 15 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House recognises the Government's support for Victorians starting, or growing their families, and in the critical early years of their children's lives, by: (1) Delivering public IVF; (2) Establishing Victoria's first public egg and sperm bank; and (3) Expanding Victoria's Early Parenting Centre network.

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

- 16 **BIG HOUSING BUILD** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes — (a) since the start of the Big Housing Build in November 2020, 7,600 homes are completed or underway, with Victoria on track to deliver over 12,000 much-needed social and affordable homes; and (b) the new \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund will deliver more than 1,300 additional homes.

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

- 17 **LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes that: (1) The Government has removed 72 dangerous and congested level crossings; (2) In 2018 the Government promised to remove 75 level crossings by 2025, and is already two years ahead of schedule; and (3) The Government will remove a total of 110 level crossings by 2030 — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'House' be omitted and replaced with the words: '(1) Notes that two successive Auditor-General's reports have found flaws with the business case put forward for Level Crossing Removals, leading to billions in budget blowouts; and (2) Calls on the Government to release costings for every level crossing removal project it has undertaken'.

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 51

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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Eden Foster; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Tim Pallas; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 28

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Tim Read; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; Ellen Sandell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

- 18 **EDUCATION STATE** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House recognises the work of the Andrews Labor Government to build the Education State by: (1) Making kinder free; (2) Delivering hundreds of new schools and school upgrades; (3) Supporting student wellbeing; (4) Implementing One VCE; and (5) Putting over 70 courses on the Free TAFE list.

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

- 19 **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (VICTORIA) AMENDMENT (VICGRID) BILL 2024** — 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.

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

AYES 54

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; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; 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; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

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; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowswell; David Southwick; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

- 20 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.40 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker