

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Nos 41, 42, 43 and 44

No 41 — Tuesday 17 October 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 5 October 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made, by leave, and question — that so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended today to immediately allow:

- (1) The Premier to move a motion about events in Israel and Gaza;
- (2) At the conclusion of the motion, unless otherwise ordered, the House to adjourn for one hour;
- (3) When the House returns after the adjournment, the order of business to be:

Question time
Formal business
Statements by members
Government business
Adjournment (7.00 pm) —

(Jacinta Allan) — put and agreed to.

- 3 **EVENTS IN ISRAEL AND GAZA** — Motion made and question — that this House:
 - (1) Unequivocally condemns the attacks on Israel by Hamas, which are the heinous acts of terrorists and have encompassed the targeting and murder of civilians, including women and children, the taking of hostages, and indiscriminate rocket fire;
 - (2) Stands with Israel and recognises its inherent right to defend itself;
 - (3) Condemns antisemitism and recognises that generations of Jewish people have been subjected to this hateful prejudice;
 - (4) Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages;
 - (5) Recognises that Hamas does not represent the Palestinian people, nor their legitimate needs and aspirations;

- (6) Acknowledges the devastating loss of Israeli and Palestinian life and that innocent civilians on all sides are suffering as a result of the attacks by Hamas and the subsequent conflict;
- (7) Supports justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike;
- (8) Acknowledges what has unfolded is deeply distressing for many in the Victorian community, close to the heart of many, and it is important that we maintain respect for each other here at home as people express their views;
- (9) Condemns all forms of hate speech and violent extremist activity, including Antisemitism and Islamophobia;
- (10) Recognises an attack on any religion is an attack on all religions and that we all share a responsibility to unite, condemn and defeat such an attack on our common values and way of life; and
- (11) Affirms in the strongest possible terms that hateful prejudice has no place in Victoria —

(Jacinta Allan) — after debate —

Amendment proposed — That paragraph (2) be omitted and replaced with the following paragraph:

- ‘(2) Condemns war crimes perpetrated by the state of Israel, including the bombing of Palestinian civilians and calls for an immediate ceasefire between all parties and an end to the war on Gaza, recognising also that for there to be peace there must be an end to the state of Israel’s illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories;’ —

(Sam Hibbins) — after debate —

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; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O’Brien; Michael O’Brien; Kim O’Keeffe; Tim Pallas; 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; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Original 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; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Chris Crewther; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; 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; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

- 4 **ADJOURNMENT** — Motion made and question — That as a further mark of support, sympathy and respect, the House now adjourns until 2:30 pm (*Jacinta Allan*) — put and agreed to.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 42 — Tuesday 17 October 2023 (2.30 pm)

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

- 3 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Bus Safety Act 2009*, the *Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017*, the *Marine (Domestic Commercial Vessel National Law Application) Act 2013*, the *Road Management Act 2004*, the *Road Safety Act 1986*, the *Sentencing Act 1991*, the *Transport Accident Act 1986*, the *Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983*, the *Transport Integration Act 2010* 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.
- 4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — Ben Carroll introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* and the Education and Care Services National Law set out in the Schedule to that Act to provide for the approval in principle of certain types of education and care service premises, to amend the *Children’s Services Act 1996* to make certain offences infringement offences and to provide for the approval in principle of certain types of children’s service premises, and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 5 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* to further provide for matters relating to the container deposit scheme, the waste to energy scheme and the recovery of regulatory costs for those schemes and to amend the *Environment Protection Act 2017* to improve the operation of that Act and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.
- 6 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Proposed Mind Australia development in Torquay — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly requests that the Government work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a more appropriate location for the 12-unit Mind Australia development, bearing 249 signatures (*Richard Riordan*)

Development at 26 Silvereye Street Torquay — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to work with Mind Australia and the Surf Coast Shire Council to find a location for the 12-unit development which provides adequate outdoor space and parking, bearing 67 signatures (*Richard Riordan*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 7 **PETITION — PROPOSED MIND AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT IN TORQUAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Richard Riordan*) — put and agreed to.
- 8 **PETITION — DEVELOPMENT AT 26 SILVEREYE STREET TORQUAY** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Richard Riordan*) — put and agreed to.

9 DOCUMENTS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE — Sarah Connolly, Chair, tabled a report from the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on the Appointment of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Ordered to be published.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Gary Maas, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 12 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

Planning and Environment Amendment (Soil Protection) (Solar Power Generation Facilities) Bill 2023

Residential Tenancies Amendment (Rent Freeze and Caps) Bill 2023

Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023

State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023

Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

Financial Report for the State of Victoria 2022–23, incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 4 — Released on 6 October 2023

Report from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events that he had not received the Report 2022–23 of the Puffing Billy Railway Board, together with an explanation for the delay

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 — Report of requests under s 11

Ombudsman — Report 2022–23 — released on 12 October 2023

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

Ararat — C39 Part 2

Darebin — C211

Loddon — C47

Melbourne — C434

Monash — C170

Victoria Planning Provisions — VC247

Yarra Ranges — C186

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 — SR 104

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 — SR 105

Residential Tenancies Act 1997 — SR 106

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 16B in relation to:

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017:

Secretary Approval Nurse Immunisers — SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE

Secretary Approval Pharmacist Immunisers — SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE

Wildlife Act 1975 — Declaration of the dingo to be unprotected wildlife

University of Melbourne — Report 2021 (*replacement for copy tabled on 21 June 2022*).

- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Bail Amendment Bill 2023 with amendments.

Ordered — That the amendments be taken into consideration immediately.

- 11 **BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — that the amendments be agreed to (*Steve Dimopoulos*) — after debate — put.

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

AYES 79

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Colin Brooks; 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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Wayne Farnham; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; David Hodgett; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Emma Kealy; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Tim McCurdy; Steve McGhie; Cindy McLeish; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; Tim Pallas; 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; Emma Vulin; Peter Walsh; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson; Jess Wilson.

NOES 4

Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Hibbins; Tim Read; Ellen Sandell.

Question agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

12 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILL** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, on 10 October 2023, given the royal assent to the Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, presented to her by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for and on behalf of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023.

14 **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 19 October 2023:

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2023
Special Investigator Repeal Bill 2023
State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023 —

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

Amendment proposed — That the words ‘State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2023’ be omitted *(James Newbury)* — and, after debate —

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; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; 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; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; 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;; 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; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — 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; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; 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; 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; 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; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

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

16 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Danny O'Brien circulated an amendment 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 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 7.26 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 43 — Wednesday 18 October 2023

The House started at 9.30 am.

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

- 2 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — Anthony Carbines introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1958* to provide for 2 non-fatal strangulation offences and to make a consequential amendment to the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* and for other purposes’; and, after debate, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

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

Auditor-General — Eloque: the Joint Venture Between DoT and Xerox — Ordered to be published

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notice of approval of an amendment to the Victoria Planning Provisions Planning Scheme — VC241.

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Salute Prohibition) Bill 2023 without amendment.

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

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

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

- 8 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Melissa Horne 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 (*Melissa Horne*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

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

Motion made and question — That the debate be adjourned for 13 days (*Melissa Horne*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 50

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; 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; 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 30

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; Sam Hibbins; 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; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to. Debate adjourned until 31 October 2023.

- 9 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREMISES APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE) BILL 2023** — 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 (*Jess Wilson*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 1 November 2023.

- 10 **ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Steve Dimopoulos 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 (*Steve Dimopoulos*).

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 1 November 2023.

- 11 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Under SO 64, Tim Read 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 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 12 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Motion made and 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 —

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

Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.

- 13 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 14 **SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

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

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

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly grant leave to the Premier, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, to appear before the Legislative Council Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid to provide evidence in her capacity as the former Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery.

Ordered — That the message be taken into consideration immediately.

- 16 **ATTENDANCE OF PREMIER BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Order read for consideration of the message from the Legislative Council.

Motion made and question — That this House refuses to grant leave to the Premier, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, to appear before the Legislative Council Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid to provide evidence in her capacity as the former Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery (*Gabrielle Williams*) — and, after debate —

Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — HELPING VICTORIAN CHILDREN THRIVE** — The Speaker read Nathan Lambert’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House notes the importance that the Allan Labor Government has put on helping Victorian children thrive by:

- (1) Making kinder free;
- (2) Delivering hundreds of new and upgraded schools;
- (3) Making it free to study to become a secondary school teacher in Victoria;
- (4) Opening 50 new government-owned childcare centres;
- (5) Supporting students with additional funding upgrades to every government specialist school in Victoria; and
- (6) Funding the biggest ever investment in care services to deliver improved outcomes for children in residential care.’

Nathan Lambert addressed the House — Discussion followed.

18 **ATTENDANCE OF PREMIER BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Debate continued on question — That the motion be agreed to.

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 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D’Ambrosio; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; 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; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 25

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; 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 Rowsell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Original question — accordingly put.

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

AYES 49

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Colin Brooks; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; 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; 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; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 29

Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Gabrielle de Vietri; Sam Groth; Sam Hibbins; 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; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

Ordered — That a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 19 **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 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker

No 44 — Thursday 19 October 2023

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:

National Parks Act 1975 — Report 2022–23 on the working of the Act

National Parks Advisory Council — Report 2022–23

Recycling Victoria — Report 2022–23

Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Act 2017 — Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) — 2022–23 Progress Report

Victorian Electoral Commission — Report 2022–23

Victorian Inspectorate — Report 2022–23.

- 3 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 31 October 2023 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

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

- 5 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (NON-FATAL STRANGULATION) BILL 2023** — 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 (*Michael O'Brien*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 2 November 2023.

- 6 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — 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 puts in place measures to ensure that those responsible for the Lawyer X scandal are held to account' (*Michael O'Brien*) — and, after debate —

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*James Newbury*) — after debate, put.

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

AYES 28

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; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner; Jess Wilson.

NOES 51

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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; 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; 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.

Question defeated.

Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

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.

- 7 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — 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 standing orders.

- 8 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 9 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — 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 commits to:

- (a) consulting with key housing industry stakeholders on the impact of this Bill; and
- (b) easing cost-of-living pressures to ensure every Victorian has the best opportunity to enjoy the social and economic benefits home ownership provides' —

(*Peter Walsh*) — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House on 17 October 2023 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; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; 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; Emma Vulin; 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; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

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 50

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; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; 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; Emma Vulin; 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; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallence; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

- 10 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — 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.

- 11 **SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR REPEAL BILL 2023** — 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 puts in place measures to ensure that those responsible for the Lawyer X scandal are held to account’.

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; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; 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.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

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 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; Gabrielle de Vietri; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Katie Hall; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Sam Hibbins; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkenny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; 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.

NOES 25

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; 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 Rowswell; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Bridget Vallance; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Nicole Werner.

Question agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 5.13 pm under sessional orders.

- 12 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 5.47 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker