

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****No 122 — Wednesday 14 May 2025**

*The House started at 9.30 am.*

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

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

Auditor-General:

Domestic Building Insurance — Ordered to be published

Quality of Victoria's Critical Data Assets — Ordered to be published

Bendigo Kangan Institute — Report 2024

Box Hill Institute — Report 2024

Chisholm Institute — Report 2024

Gordon Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GOTAFE) — Report 2024

Holmesglen Institute — Report 2024

Melbourne Polytechnic — Report 2024

South West Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE) — Report 2024

TAFE Gippsland — Report 2024

William Angliss Institute of TAFE — Report 2024

Wodonga Institute of TAFE — Report 2024.

- 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Energy and Land Legislation Amendment (Energy Safety) Bill 2025 with amendments.

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

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — Agreeing to the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Amendment (Energy Upgrades for the Future) Bill 2025 without amendment.

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

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

- 7 **CORRECTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — 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 (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 May 2025.

- 8 **ROADS AND PORTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025** — 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 (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned for two weeks. Debate adjourned until 28 May 2025.

- 9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS** — Motion made and question — That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended on 20, 27 and 28 May 2025 to allow:

(1) The House to meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 27 May.

(2) The order of business to be:

**Tuesday 20 May**

Question time and constituency questions

Formal business

Statements by members  
Government business

**Tuesday 27 May**

Formal business  
Statements by members  
Statements on committee reports  
Government business  
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)  
Government business continued  
Grievance debate (4.00 pm)  
Government business continued

**Wednesday 28 May**

Formal business  
Statements by members  
Government business  
Question time and constituency questions (2.00 pm)  
Government business continued

- (3) In relation to the grievance debate:
  - (a) at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 27 May, unless a division is taking place, the Chair interrupts the business before the House and the bells are then rung for one minute;
  - (b) if a division is taking place at 4.00 pm:
    - (i) it will be completed without interruption and the result announced;
    - (ii) if the division is on a closure motion, and the motion is agreed to, the question or questions then required to be put to close the issue before the House will also be dealt with;
    - (iii) business is then interrupted following the procedure in sub-paragraph (a);
  - (c) the Chair announces the grievance debate;
  - (d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the grievance debate, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue their speech.
- (4) The Speaker to interrupt business under Sessional Order 2 at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 28 May —

*(Steve Dimopoulos)* — put and agreed to.

- 10 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Under SO 64, Ben Carroll circulated amendments to be proposed when the House considers the Bill in detail.

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed — That all the words after ‘That’ be omitted and replaced with the words ‘this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until the Government:

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

*(Bridget Vallence)* — and, after debate —

*Business interrupted at 2.00 pm under standing orders.*

- 11 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 12 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS.**

- 13 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Resumption on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

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

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

- 14 **ENERGY AND LAND LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENERGY SAFETY) BILL 2025** — Order read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

After debate, the amendments were agreed to.

Message sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

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

*Business interrupted at 4.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — HOMES FOR VICTORIANS** — The Speaker read Nina Taylor’s proposal to the House —

‘That this House condemns the Opposition for failing to support reforms that deliver more homes for Victorians close to transport, jobs, schools and parks.’

Nina Taylor addressed the House — Discussion followed.

- 17 **WORKPLACE INJURY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025** — Debate continued on question — That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment.

*Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.*

- 18 **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*