



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

No. 34 — Thursday, 12 September 2019

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- 1 The President took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
 - 2 **JOINT SITTING — SENATE VACANCY** — The President reported that the House met with the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator the Honourable Mitch Fifield and that the Honourable Sarah Henderson was chosen to hold the vacant place in the Senate.
 - 3 **PETITION — PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT** — Ms Bath presented a Petition bearing 1,369 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council establish an inquiry into public land management and provide recommendations to the Government in a final report.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - 4 **PAPERS PURSUANT TO STATUTE** — The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid on the Table by the Clerk:
 - Freedom of Information Act 1982 — Professional Standards issued by the Victorian Information Commissioner, pursuant to section 6V(3) of the Act.
 - Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Legislative instrument and related documents under section 16B in respect of the Freedom of Information Professional Standards 2019 under the Freedom of Information Act 1982, dated 28 August 2019.
 - Surveillance Devices Act 1999 — Report, 2018-19 pursuant to section 30L by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
 - 5 **SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Ms Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 October 2019.
Question — put and agreed to.
 - 6 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS** — Statements were made by Members pursuant to Standing Order 5.13.
 - 7 **BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business, Nos. 127 to 140, be postponed until later this day.
 - 8 **2019-20 BUDGET — TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ACHIEVEMENTS** — Ms Stitt moved, That this House notes the Andrews Government's achievements in the 2019-20 Budget, including —
 - (1) undertaking the suburban transport blitz, to reshape our suburbs and make it easier for people to get around;
 - (2) committing \$15.8 billion to fully fund and make the North East Link a reality, creating more than 10,000 jobs and taking thousands of trucks off local roads;
 - (3) supporting major upgrades to the Hurstbridge, Cranbourne and Sunbury lines to run more trains more often;

- (4) investing in vital infrastructure such as the Suburban Rail Loop and Melbourne Airport Rail; and
 (5) the removal of another 25 of our most dangerous and congested level crossings.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Ms Tierney, the debate was adjourned until later this day.

Business having been interrupted at 12.00 noon pursuant to Sessional Orders —

9 QUESTIONS AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS — Questions without notice were taken and Ministers' Statements were made pursuant to Sessional Order 13.

PRIMARY CARE PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING — Ms Mikakos having given answers to a question without notice and supplementary question relating to Primary Care Partnerships Funding —

On the motion of Mr Davis, the Minister's answers were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.

Answers to certain questions on notice were circulated pursuant to Standing Order 8.12.

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QUESTIONS DIRECTED FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE — The President directed written responses be provided to questions without notice pursuant to Standing Order 8.07 as follows:

- **Northern Hospital financial assistance** — substantive question asked by Ms Crozier — response from Ms Mikakos due Friday, 13 September 2019.
- **Electronic monitoring** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Grimley — response from Ms Symes due Monday, 16 September 2019.
- **Primary Care Partnerships Funding** — substantive question asked by Ms Crozier — response from Ms Mikakos due Friday, 13 September 2019.

10 CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS — Constituency questions were taken pursuant to Standing Order 8.08.

11 OWNER DRIVERS AND FORESTRY CONTRACTORS AMENDMENT BILL 2019 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

12 LEGAL PROFESSION UNIFORM LAW APPLICATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question — put and agreed to.

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

Bill returned to the Assembly with a Message informing them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

13 ADJOURNMENT — Ms Tierney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And then the Council, at 4.33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 15 October 2019.

ANDREW YOUNG
 Clerk of the Legislative Council