



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

No. 157 — Tuesday, 24 May 2022

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- 1 The President took the Chair at 11.34 a.m., read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
 - 2 **ASSENT TO ACTS** — The President read Messages from the Governor informing the Council that she had, on the following dates, given the Royal Assent to the following Acts presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:
 - On 18 May 2022 —
Justice Legislation Amendment (Fines Reform and Other Matters) Act 2022
 - On 24 May 2022 —
Road Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2022
Transport Legislation Amendment (Port Reforms and Other Matters) Act 2022.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS AND MINISTERS' STATEMENTS** — Questions without notice were taken and Ministers' Statements were made pursuant to Sessional Order 13.
ASHTON REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (ESTA) — Ms Symes having given answers to a question without notice and supplementary question relating to the Ashton review of ESTA —
On the motion of Mr Davis, the Minister's answers were ordered to be taken into consideration on the next day of meeting.
QUESTIONS — Questions without notice and Ministers' Statements continued.
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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:
 - **Police resources in Northern Region** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Ms Maxwell — response from Ms Tierney due Thursday, 26 May 2022.
 - **Protection of koala habitat** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Meddick — response from Mr Leane due Thursday, 26 May 2022.
 - 4 **CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS** — Constituency questions were taken pursuant to Standing Order 8.08 and further questions were received from Members for incorporation in Hansard pursuant to an Order of the Council of 7 September 2021.
 - 5 **PETITION — BUS STOP AT YARRUNGA COMMUNITY CENTRE** — Mr Barton presented a Petition bearing 197 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to review public transport services to the Croydon Hills area, include Croydon Hills Drive as part of the existing bus route 672 and create a bus stop directly outside the Yarrunga Community Centre.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

- 6 FIREFIGHTERS' PRESUMPTIVE RIGHTS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022** — Ms Maxwell introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2019 and the Forests Amendment (Forest Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation) Act 2021 to provide for additional specified forms of cancer that are presumed to be caused by the nature of a firefighter's employment for the purposes of claiming compensation.*

On the motion of Ms Maxwell, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.

7 PAPERS —

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — ALERT DIGEST — Pursuant to section 35 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, Mr Gepp presented Alert Digest No. 7 of 2022 (including Appendices) from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee. Ordered to be published.

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PAPERS PURSUANT TO STATUTE — The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid on the Table by the Clerk:

Essential Services Commission — Accident towing fees review 2021; Final report, 1 April 2022, under section 212G of the Accident Towing Services Act 2007.

Municipal Association of Victoria — Report, 2020-21.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of Approval of the following amendments to planning schemes —

Baw Baw Planning Scheme — Amendment C139.

Boroondara Planning Scheme — Amendment C355.

Cardinia Planning Scheme — Amendment C257.

Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme — Amendment C261.

Greater Geelong Planning Scheme — Amendment C422.

Mansfield Planning Scheme — Amendment C50.

Moreland Planning Scheme — Amendment C216.

Nillumbik Planning Scheme — Amendment C131.

Stonnington Planning Scheme — Amendments C297, C317 and C318.

Victoria Planning Provisions — Amendment VC218.

Statutory Rules under the following Acts of Parliament —

Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 — No. 25.

Gas Safety Act 1997 — No. 29.

Long Service Benefits Portability Act 2018 — No. 26.

Road Safety Act 1986 — Nos. 30 and 31.

Service Victoria Act 2018 — No. 27.

Summary Offences Act 1966 — No. 28.

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in respect of Statutory Rule Nos. 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31.

- 8 BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL** — Mr Davis moved, by leave, That precedence be given to the following General Business on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 —

- (1) Order of the Day made this day by Ms Maxwell, second reading of the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2022;
- (2) the notice of motion given this day by Ms Crozier on the Ashton review into the capabilities of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority;
- (3) the notice of motion given this day by Mr Davis on funding for the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Victorian Ombudsman;
- (4) the notice of motion given this day by Mr Quilty on the establishment of a Royal Commission into the integrity of COVID-19 public health directions;
- (5) Order of the Day No. 63, resumption of debate on a production of documents motion relating to correspondence between the Premier and Mr John Woodman and his employees and companies; and

(6) Notice of motion No. 768, standing in the name of Mr Davis on Victorian Building Authority fee increases.

Question — put and agreed to.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS — Statements were made by Members pursuant to Standing Order 5.13 and further statements were received from Members for incorporation in Hansard pursuant to an Order of the Council of 7 September 2021.

10 BUSINESS POSTPONED — Ordered — That the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business, Nos. 683 to 746, be postponed until later this day.

11 JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 — 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 AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Amendments proposed to be moved in Committee by Ms Bath, Mr Meddick (two sets) and Dr Ratnam were circulated.

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

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

Debate ensued and further adjournment matters were received from Members for incorporation in Hansard pursuant to an Order of the Council of 7 September 2021.

And then the Council, at 6.07 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow.

ANDREW YOUNG
Clerk of the Legislative Council