



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

No. 119 — Thursday, 9 September 2021

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- 1 The President took the Chair at 9.06 a.m., read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
 - 2 **PETITION — SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE FOR COVID-19 PLAYGROUND CLOSURES** — Mr Limbrick presented a Petition bearing 3,603 signatures from certain citizens of Victoria requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to immediately table in the Legislative Council, the scientific evidence demonstrating the necessity for playground closures as part of the COVID-19 restrictions or lift the closure of playgrounds without delay.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - 3 **MEAT INDUSTRY AMENDMENT (RABBIT FARMS) BILL 2021** — Mr Meddick introduced *A Bill for an Act to amend the Meat Industry Act 1993 in relation to rabbits and rabbit farming and for other purposes*.
On the motion of Mr Meddick, the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on the next day of meeting.
 - 4 **PAPERS PURSUANT TO STATUTE** — The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid on the Table by the Clerk:
Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in respect of Statutory Rule No. 114.
 - 5 **PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS — 2021 DUCK HUNTING SEASON** — The Clerk laid on the Table a letter from the Attorney-General, dated 3 September 2021, in response to the Resolution of the Council of 17 March 2021 (on the motion of Mr Bourman) and further to the Government's initial response of 4 May 2021, relating to the 2021 Duck Hunting Season, identifying 307 documents within the scope of the order, claiming Executive privilege over 9 documents in full and 23 documents in part, providing 275 documents in full and 23 documents in part, together with schedules of the identified documents.
 - 6 **SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Ms Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 9.00 a.m.
Question — put and agreed to.
 - 7 **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.
 - 8 **POLICE INFORMANTS ROYAL COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR BILL 2021** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Amendments proposed to be moved in Committee by Mr O'Donohue were circulated.

Question — put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was 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.

9 EDUCATION AND TRAINING REFORM AMENDMENT (VICTORIAN ACADEMY OF TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP) BILL 2021 — 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.

Business having been interrupted at 11.00 a.m. pursuant to an Order of the Council of 7 September 2021 —

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

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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:

- **Transurban – West Gate Tunnel** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Barton — response from Ms Pulford due Monday, 13 September 2021.
- **TAFE Ambassador role** — substantive question asked by Dr Bach — response from Ms Tierney due Friday, 10 September 2021.
- **Fuel reduction plans** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Bourman — response from Ms Symes due Monday, 13 September 2021.

11 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.

12 ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 — 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 PAPER — PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Pursuant to an Order of the Council of 7 September 2021, the President presented a report on how the Chamber can facilitate remote participation of Members, including comments on the legal or constitutional impediments to this, how voting can be conducted if a Member is unwell or isolating due to COVID-19 and how sitting hours could be managed.

14 ADJOURNMENT — Ms Stitt 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 1.18 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

ANDREW YOUNG
Clerk of the Legislative Council