

# NOTICE PAPER — No 88

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA 59<sup>th</sup> Parliament

**Friday 19 February 2021**  
*House meets at 9.30 am<sup>±</sup>*

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## FRIDAY ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business for Friday was set under a resolution of the House on Wednesday 16 February 2021. Refer to the Clerk's Daily Running Sheet or [Assembly Live](#), or contact the Procedure Office, for more information.

House meets at 9.30 am

Prayer

Acknowledgement of Country

Formal business:

- introduction of bills
- notices of motion
- petitions
- documents
- messages
- motions by leave
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Statements by members

Government business

Question time at 12.00 noon

Government business

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Government business

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Adjournment debate at 5.00 pm

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — NOTICE OF MOTION

### NOTICE GIVEN ON 18 FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 **\*MR MERLINO** — To move, That —
- (1) So much of standing and sessional orders are suspended on Tuesday 2 March 2021 so as to allow:
    - (a) the Speaker to take the Chair at 10.00 am and the House to proceed in accordance with subparagraphs (b) to (l);
    - (b) a specified area determined by the Speaker at the Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne to be deemed to be the floor of the Chamber until the suspension of the sitting under subparagraph (j);
    - (c) Legislative Council members to be admitted to the Chamber;
    - (d) the House to invite to attend on the floor of the House all Commissioners of the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System and Chair of the Expert Advisory Panel of the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System Professor Patrick McGorry AO;
    - (e) the Speaker to make welcoming remarks;
    - (f) the Chair of the Royal Commission Penny Armytage AM and Professor Patrick McGorry AO to address the House;
    - (g) the Premier and Leader of the Opposition to make responses of up to 10 minutes each;
    - (h) the Minister for Mental Health and one shadow minister to make responses of up to five minutes;
    - (i) the Speaker to make closing remarks;
    - (j) the sitting to be suspended for three hours and all visitors to leave the Chamber;
    - (k) when the sitting resumes, the order of business as set out in SO 36 to apply; and
    - (l) a minister to move a motion to take note of the addresses.
  - (2) the Legislative Assembly invites members of the Legislative Council to attend an Assembly sitting at the Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 10.00 am to hear addresses by the Chair of the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System Penny Armytage AM and Professor Patrick McGorry AO, and a message be sent to the Legislative Council informing them accordingly.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **¥ PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMENDMENT (STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION) BILL 2021** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Green)*.
- 2 **¥ CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (FRACKING BAN) BILL 2020** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Crugnale)*.

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\* *New entry.*

¥ *This item must be dealt with by 5.00 pm Friday under the government business program.*

- 3 **SPENT CONVICTIONS BILL 2020** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Pakula)*.
- 4 **BUDGET PAPERS** — That this House takes note of the 2020–21 budget papers — *Resumption of debate (Mr McGhie)*.
- 5 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENT BILL 2020** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells)*.
- 6 **CRIMES (MENTAL IMPAIRMENT AND UNFITNESS TO BE TRIED) AMENDMENT BILL 2020** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Southwick)*.
- 7 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms McLeish)*.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wakeling)*.
- 2 **JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2021** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wakeling)*.

## GENERAL BUSINESS — NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICES RENEWED ON 4 JUNE 2020

- 1 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that Victoria is in a housing crisis with over 82,000 people on the public housing waiting list; and (2) calls on the Government to reverse its public housing privatisation plans under the so-called ‘public housing renewal program’.
- 2 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) condemns logging in Victoria’s old growth forests; and (2) calls on the Government to create the Great Forest National Park and Emerald Link to protect Victoria’s endangered species.
- 3 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the IPCC warns we have 10 years to limit a climate change catastrophe but this Government has no plans to transition Victoria from coal; and (2) calls on the Government to urgently plan to stop burning and mining coal and move to 100 per cent renewable energy.
- 4 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that South Kensington Train Station is one of the most inadequate and inaccessible train stations on the metropolitan network; and (2) calls on the Government to upgrade the station immediately.

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- 5 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the significant backlog of school maintenance across Victoria and (2) calls on the government to fix the outstanding school maintenance backlog, including \$2 million for urgently-needed repairs at Kensington Primary to make the school safe for staff and students.
- 6 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the increase in homelessness in the Prahran electorate; and (2) calls on the Government to build more public housing to reduce homelessness and abandon its plans to privatise public housing estates.
- 7 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to — (1) proceed with the stage 1 upgrade of South Yarra Station; (2) plan and fund further significant upgrades to South Yarra Station; and (3) connect South Yarra Station to Melbourne Metro.
- 8 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the rapid growth in tram patronage over the past decade; and (2) calls on the Government to manufacture 300 new high capacity trams to reduce overcrowding and upgrade every tram route in Melbourne with safer stops and traffic priority.
- 9 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately and permanently ban duck shooting in Victoria.
- 10 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that Australia’s first pill testing trial in Canberra was a success with a number of people disposing of potentially lethal drugs; and (2) calls on the Government to urgently run pill testing trials in Victoria to reduce harm and save lives.

#### NOTICES RENEWED ON 16 JUNE 2020

- 11 **MS McLEISH** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier’s failure to publicly denounce the Aussie Farms Map website which threatens the privacy and security of Victorian farmers, and calls on the Government to join the Federal Minister for Agriculture to request that the Charities Commission consider revoking Aussie Farms’ charity status.
- 12 **MS BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes the Liberal Nationals’ commitment at the last election to complete the upgrade of the Warrnambool Base Hospital and condemns the Andrews Labor Government for failing to match this commitment.
- 13 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House notes the Government’s proposed St Kilda Road separated bike lanes will not be completed until 2025, and calls on the Government to immediately build a 17 km separated bike lane from St Kilda Road to Sydney Road.
- 14 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to remove the Punt Road Public Acquisition Overlay.
- 15 **MS BRITNELL** — To move, That this House notes the Liberal Nationals’ commitment at the last election of fast rail to Warrnambool and condemns the Government for only proposing fast rail as far as Geelong and forgetting regional communities in Western Victoria.

- 16 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House acknowledges that the Murray-Darling Basin is facing an enormous ecological crisis and calls on the Andrews Government to urgently allocate more environmental water flows to the river.
- 17 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately fix the dangerous Punt Road pedestrian crossing at South Yarra Primary.
- 18 **MS McLEISH** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for failing to provide adequate levels of maintenance in Victoria's public school system, and calls on the Government to provide additional resources in the forthcoming budget for maintenance of deteriorating school infrastructure.
- 19 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to develop a masterplan for St Kilda Junction.
- 20 **MS BRITNELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Andrews Labor Government for its mismanagement of south-west road maintenance resources and notes that the community are sick of wasteful sub-standard patch up jobs having to be repaired repeatedly.
- 21 **MS BRITNELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to upgrade the Portland to Maroona freight rail line, despite its own recommendations that it is necessary to improve freight movement productivity.
- 22 **MS BRITNELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Andrews Labor Government for its continual attacks on volunteers by making them constantly beg for basic resources, despite the enormous contribution they make to the community, free of charge.

#### NOTICES RENEWED ON 18 JUNE 2020

- 23 **MR PEARSON** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government's national leadership in renewable energy development, through the Victorian Renewable Energy Target and the Solar Homes programs, and the investment and job creation that has flowed from these policies.
- 24 **MS HALFPENNY** — To move, That this House commends the Andrews Labor Government for its historic action to address family violence including its commitment to implementing all 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission.
- 25 **MR EDBROOKE** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government's record investment in our schools and the impact this investment is having in making Victoria the Education State.
- 26 **MS WARD** — To move, That this House recognises that Victorians who were previously not able to access TAFE now have access to the training they need to get a good, sustainable job thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's free TAFE initiative.

#### NOTICES RENEWED ON 14 OCTOBER 2020

- 27 **DR READ** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the Brunswick electorate is experiencing a boom in medium to high-rise buildings; (2) notes Moreland Council's structure plan specifying

maximum heights for apartment developments is often exceeded when appealed to VCAT; and (3) calls on the Government to set mandatory height limits in the area.

- 28 **DR READ** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the Brunswick electorate is experiencing a boom in medium to high-rise apartment buildings; (2) notes this places significant pressure on local infrastructure; and (3) calls on the Government to invest in public transport and other local infrastructure to keep pace with population growth.
- 29 **DR READ** — To move, That this House notes the significant backlog of school maintenance across Victoria and calls on the Government to fix the outstanding school maintenance backlog, including at schools in the Brunswick electorate, many of which require significant work to return them to the national standards.
- 30 **DR READ** — To move, That this House condemns the Andrews Government for overseeing a justice system that is putting greater numbers of vulnerable, traumatised women behind bars for relatively minor offences and calls on the Government to reverse this trend through evidence-based justice reforms.
- 31 **DR READ** — To move, That this House notes that manipulation of the electoral system through group voting tickets enabled candidates to be elected to the other place with as little as 0.60 per cent of the first preference vote and calls on the Government to stop this manipulation by implementing long overdue electoral reform.
- 32 **DR READ** — To move, That this House notes that Sydney Road is in the top five locations for cyclists to be 'doored' in the State and calls on the Andrews Government to build separated bike lanes on Sydney Road.

#### NOTICES RENEWED ON 28 OCTOBER 2020

- 33 **MR O'BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House notes the recent abolition of the Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Joint Investigatory Committee and calls for the immediate establishment of a Law Reform, Sentencing and Community Safety Joint House Standing Committee.
- 34 **MR O'BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House requires a Law Reform, Sentencing and Community Safety Joint House Standing Committee, contingent on its establishment, to inquire into and report on the adequacy of Victoria's homicide, sentencing and parole laws, including — (1) the adequacy of current sentencing law and practice in matters of family violence homicide, including the adequacy of sentencing and parole consequences available where an accused fails to disclose what they know about the circumstances surrounding the death of the victim(s); (2) whether the current legal framework meets community expectations and appropriately considers the impact on the community following a homicide; (3) whether there should be greater penalties for perpetrators who fail to assist police, the courts and other authorities regarding the cause and circumstances surrounding the death of a victim; and (4) what type of legislative and other changes may be required to ensure the rights of victims are adequately considered; and (5) otherwise review the current legal framework in both Victorian and other key jurisdictions.

**NOTICE RENEWED ON 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

- 35 **DR READ** — To move, That this House — (1) notes globally, nationally and locally, human induced climate change is contributing to droughts, bushfires and heatwave deaths; and (2) declares that we are in a climate emergency requiring urgent action across all levels of government, including a plan to keep coal and gas in the ground.

**NOTICES RENEWED ON 18 JUNE 2020**

- 36 **MR TAK** — To move, That this House recognises the unprecedented investment in public dental under the Andrews Labor Government by delivering free treatment to all public school students by 2022.
- 37 **MS CRUGNALE** — To move, That this House recognises the \$82.8 million funding package that will bridge the divide between city and country schools.

**NOTICES RENEWED ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

- 38 **MR TAYLOR** — To move, That this House commends the Andrews Labor Government's commitment of \$51.2 million to put mental health professionals in all state secondary schools by 2022.
- 39 **MS THEOPHANOUS** — To move, That this House commends the Andrews Labor Government for its action to address our broken mental health system with the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, including its commitment to implement all recommendations of the Royal Commission.
- 40 **MS ADDISON** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government's investment in Victoria's mental health system of \$1.7 billion over the first term of Government versus \$609 million between 2010–14 by the former Liberal-National Government.

**NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2020**

- 41 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that the Government's response to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's Central West Investigation Final Report was due to be tabled by 18 February 2019; and (2) calls on the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to table this response without further delay.
- 42 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that the Government's response to recommendations in the Victorian State of the Environment 2018 Report is overdue; and (2) calls on the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to table this response without further delay.
- 43 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that the COVID-19 pandemic did not justify a full 12-month delay in the implementation of long overdue changes to the Environment Protection Authority; and (2) calls on the Government to bring forward the commencement of the *Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018*.



- 44 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) started a review of the pollution licences of Victoria’s three coal power plants back in 2017; and (2) calls on the EPA to release its findings without further delay.
- 45 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes the huge increase in demand for Centrelink services due to COVID-19; and (2) calls on the Victorian Government to urge the Commonwealth Government not to close the Centrelink Yarra Service Centre or any other Centrelink Service Centres.
- 46 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that Melbourne has more live music venues per capita than any other city in the world, but many are at risk of closing due to COVID-19; and (2) calls on the Government to urgently commit to a rescue package for live music venues in Victoria.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2020

- 47 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) expresses solidarity with Black Lives Matter protesters; (2) acknowledges Victoria’s history of racism, over-policing, and deaths in custody; and (3) calls on the Government to overhaul our justice system to prevent and eradicate racism, prioritise justice reinvestment, and raise the age of legal culpability to 14.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 4 JUNE 2020

- 48 **MS RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the appalling performance of V/Line train services on the north-east line, which resulted in punctuality falling to a new low of 1.1 per cent in April and calls on the Minister to give a full account of this deterioration in service and its impact on travellers.

#### NOTICES GIVEN ON 16 JUNE 2020

- 49 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that the Victorian State of the Environment Report found increasing rates of native species extinction; and (2) declares a biodiversity emergency and takes all necessary action to address this crisis.
- 50 **MR O’BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House pursuant to s 16 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973* refers the following matter to the Ombudsman for investigation and report — (1) allegations aired on *60 Minutes* and in *The Age* that the Member for Preston, the Member for Kororoit, and another minister misused members’ staff and other budget entitlements against the provisions of relevant statutes, guides and rules of the Parliament of Victoria for internal ALP purposes, including branch stacking; and (2) any other breach of applicable policies, laws or codes in relation to these allegations — and requires the Clerk to write to the Ombudsman to convey the terms of the resolution.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 17 JUNE 2020

- 51 **MR O’BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House pursuant to s 16 of the *Ombudsman Act 1973* refers the following matter to the Ombudsman for investigation and report — (1) allegations aired on *60 Minutes* and in *The Age* that the Member for Preston, the Member for Kororoit, and another minister misused members’ staff and other budget entitlements against the provisions of relevant statutes, guides and rules of the Parliament of Victoria for

internal ALP purposes, including branch stacking; (2) allegations aired in *The Age* that the Member for Preston as Minister for Multicultural Affairs inappropriately approved grants to certain multicultural groups whose members are engaged with improper internal ALP activities, including branch stacking; and (3) any other breach of applicable policies, laws or codes in relation to these allegations — and requires the Clerk to write to the Ombudsman to convey the terms of the resolution.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 18 JUNE 2020

- 52 **MR O'BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House requests the Auditor-General to investigate and report on the \$2.3 million grant by the Andrews Labor Government to the Migrant Workers Centre, whether any of those funds have been misappropriated for partisan political campaigning and whether staff at the Migrant Workers Centre were improperly directed to participate in campaigns at state and federal elections.

#### NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 53 **MR HIBBINS** — To move, That this House — (1) notes that people in and around Sunbury, Bacchus Marsh and Ravenhall are greatly concerned about plans to truck toxic soil from the West Gate Tunnel to their communities; and (2) calls on the Government to find lasting solutions which protect residents and eco-systems.
- 54 **MR NORTHE** — To move, That this House requires — (1) a select committee be appointed to inquire into the Government's health and financial response to the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) such committee to consist of three members from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House, three members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, and the member for Morwell; (3) the members to be appointed by lodgement of the names with the Speaker no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 22 September 2020; (4) the Committee to be chaired by a non-government member; and (5) the Committee be required to present its final report no later than 31 March 2021.
- 55 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House refers an inquiry into the management of future outbreaks of COVID-19 and alternatives to current lockdown approaches to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 3 December 2020 including, but not limited to, an examination of — (1) the economic, health and social costs of current approaches to managing COVID-19; (2) any cost-benefit analyses undertaken into current management of the pandemic; (3) the efficacy of current approaches to suppress the virus given second wave outbreaks in Victoria and other jurisdictions; (4) advice from experts in public health (including state and federal chief health officers), epidemiology, mental health, economics and sociology; (5) approaches taken by other jurisdictions in Australia and around the world; (6) the operation and use of state of emergency provisions under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* and the state of disaster provisions under the *Emergency Management Act 1986*; (7) usefulness or applicability of existing departmental Pandemic Influenza Incident Response plans; and (8) any other related matter.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 56 **MR O'BRIEN** (*Malvern*) — To move, That this House condemns the Andrews Labor Government for its incompetent handling of the COVID-19 pandemic including its sub-standard contact

tracing program, failure to properly protect healthcare workers, disastrous hotel quarantine system, illogical job-destroying business restrictions and infringement of the liberties of Victorians.

#### NOTICES GIVEN ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 57 **MR BRAYNE** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government Solar Homes program's success in installing more than 40,000 solar systems on rooftops across Victoria to help 770,000 households invest in solar PV, hot water and batteries over the next 10 years while creating 5,500 new jobs and slashing carbon emissions.
- 58 **MR KENNEDY** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government's commitment to legislating nurse to patient ratios in Victoria's public health services so that nurses and midwives no longer have to bargain over this fundamental issue of public safety.
- 59 **MR KENNEDY** — To move, That this House recognises the Andrews Labor Government is making sure students can thrive at school by expanding the School Breakfast Clubs program to offer lunches and school holiday supplies to children who need them.

#### NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 OCTOBER 2020

- 60 **DR READ** — To move, That this House condemns the Andrews Labor Government for increasing the gap in incarceration rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians to amongst the worst levels in Australia, and calls on the Government to reform bail and other sentencing to urgently address this.
- 61 **DR READ** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's minimum age of criminal responsibility allows the imprisonment of children as young as 10 years old and calls on Victoria to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14 years old.
- 62 **DR READ** — To move, That this House notes the law and order approach to drugs has failed and calls on the Government to legalise and regulate the supply of cannabis in a manner consistent with harm minimisation principles.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 28 OCTOBER 2020

- 63 **MS SANDELL** — To move, That this House — (1) condemns the Government for its destruction of a sacred ancestor tree of the Djab Wurrung people and the heavy-handed police response including the arrest, fining and force removal of protestors; and (2) calls on the Government to immediately cease works on the Western Highway duplication.

#### NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 NOVEMBER 2020

- 64 **MS McLEISH** — To move, That this House — (1) condemns the Premier's failure to publicly denounce the Aussie Farms map website which threatens the privacy and security of Victorian farmers; and (2) calls on the Government to join the Federal Minister for Agriculture to request that the Charities Commission consider revoking Aussie Farms' charity status.
- 65 **MS McLEISH** — To move, That this House — (1) condemns the Minister for Education for failing to provide adequate levels of maintenance in Victoria's public school system; and (2) calls on the

Government to provide additional resources in the forthcoming budget for maintenance of deteriorating school infrastructure.

- 66 **MS McLEISH** — To move, That this House takes note of the petition presented by the Member for Eildon on 19 February 2019, requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to ensure that ADR68 standard school buses with seat belts are used on all regional and rural routes.

#### NOTICE GIVEN ON 8 DECEMBER 2020

- 67 **MS RYAN** — To move, That this House — (1) condemns the Government for failing to control weeds along the north-east rail corridor and comply with the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994* which requires landowners to manage weeds and pests; and (2) acknowledges the impact the spread of these weeds is having on adjoining landholders.

### GENERAL BUSINESS — ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### ORDER MADE ON 18 JUNE 2020

- 1 **INDOOR GYMNASIUM AT EPPING VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Thomastown (*18 June 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly commits to funding the construction of an indoor gymnasium at Epping Views Primary School — To be considered (*Ms Halfpenny*).

#### ORDERS MADE ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 2 **INCREASED POLICE RESOURCES FOR ECHUCA** — Petition presented by the Member for Murray Plains (*4 September 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly increases police resources in Echuca to support community safety — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 3 **SUPPORT FOR THE NATIVE TIMBER INDUSTRY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*4 September 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly supports Victoria's native timber industry — To be considered (*Mr Bull, Gippsland East*).
- 4 **LOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN EASTWOOD** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*4 September 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly finds more suitable locations for public housing developments in Eastwood — To be considered (*Mr Bull, Gippsland East*).

#### ORDER MADE ON 14 OCTOBER 2020

- 5 **MANAGEMENT OF FIRE FUEL LOADS AT WARRANDYTE STATE PARK** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*14 October 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures fire fuel loads are cleared prior to the 2020–21 fire season to keep residents safe — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).

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**ORDERS MADE ON 15 OCTOBER 2020**

- 6 **WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY AT CRAIGIEBURN AND MORATORIUM** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*15 October 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly rejects the application for a waste to energy facility at Craigieburn due to health, amenity, traffic and environmental concerns, and issue a moratorium on new incinerator plants — To be considered (*Dr Read*).
- 7 **WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY AT CRAIGIEBURN AND GASIFICATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*15 October 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly rejects the application for a waste to energy facility at Craigieburn, or instructs the waste to energy facility at Craigieburn to utilise gasification technology as opposed to incineration technology if it proceeds — To be considered (*Dr Read*).

**ORDER MADE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

- 8 **RECLASSIFY THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*10 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly reclassifies the Mornington Peninsula as outside the metropolitan area and ends the lockdown — To be considered (*Mr Morris*).

**ORDERS MADE ON 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

- 9 **MANAGEMENT OF FIRE FUEL LOADS AT WARRANDYTE STATE PARK** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*11 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures fire fuel loads are cleared prior to the 2020–21 fire season to keep residents safe — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).
- 10 **MANAGEMENT OF FIRE FUEL LOADS AT WARRANDYTE STATE PARK** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*10 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures fire fuel loads are cleared prior to the 2020–21 fire season to keep residents safe — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).
- 11 **MARONG PUBLIC TRANSPORT** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo West (*11 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly extends public transport in Bendigo to Marong, to meet the needs of the community — To be considered (*Ms Edwards*).
- 12 **RECLASSIFY THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*11 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly reclassifies the Mornington Peninsula as outside the metropolitan area and ends the lockdown — To be considered (*Mr Morris*).

**ORDER MADE ON 25 NOVEMBER 2020**

- 13 **RECLASSIFY THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*25 November 2020*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly reclassifies the Mornington Peninsula as outside the metropolitan area and ends the lockdown — To be considered (*Mr Morris*).

### ORDER MADE ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020

- 14 **REINSTATE WARNEET JETTIES BY 2021** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (26 November 2020) — Requesting that Parks Victoria reinstate the entire Warneet North Jetty and the southern end of the Warneet South Jetty to a safe and usable condition by 1 January 2021 — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).

### ORDERS MADE ON 8 DECEMBER 2020

- 15 **MANAGEMENT OF FIRE FUEL LOADS AT WARRANDYTE STATE PARK** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (8 December 2020) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures fire fuel loads at Warrandyte State Park are cleared prior to the 2020–21 fire season to keep residents safe — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).
- 16 **FIVE-WAYS INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (8 December 2020) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly ensures the Government takes urgent steps to ensure the Department of Transport improves the Croydon Road, Brumbys Road, Ringwood-Warrandyte Road and Husseys Lane intersection in Warrandyte South — To be considered (*Mr Smith, Warrandyte*).

### ORDERS MADE ON 9 DECEMBER 2020

- 17 **PLACE HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES UNDERGROUND TO PROTECT WILDLIFE** — Petition presented by the Member for Buninyong (9 December 2020) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly directs the Western Transmission Network to place the proposed high voltage transmission lines underground to protect the Myrniong Biolink wildlife corridor — To be considered (*Ms Staley*).
- 18 **MT GELLIBRAND FIRE TOWER** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (9 December 2020) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides funding for the immediate return to service of the Mt Gellibrand Fire Tower — To be considered (*Mr Riordan*).

### ORDER MADE ON 4 FEBRUARY 2021

- 19 **PROPOSED SALE OF VASEY RSL CARE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mordialloc (4 February 2021) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly protects Cheltenham's Vasey RSL Care from proposed sale so that it can continue to provide care and homes for 700 war widows and veterans — To be considered (*Mr Richardson*).

### ORDERS MADE ON 17 FEBRUARY 2021

- 20 **AUSSIE FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (17 February 2021) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly addresses the urgent need for stronger protection of law abiding farmers by revoking Aussie Farms' status as a charitable organisation, shutting down the Aussie Farms website and legislating stronger legal protections to appropriately penalise aggressive protesters and trespassers — To be considered (*Mr O'Brien, Gippsland South*).
- 21 **REBUILD PORT WELSHPOOL MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (17 February 2021) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly

calls on the Government to provide funding to rebuild the Port Welshpool Marine Search and Rescue base — To be considered (*Mr O'Brien, Gippsland South*).

- 22 **IMPROVE CENTRAL GIPPSLAND'S DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*17 February 2021*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government to provide the people of Central Gippsland with improved drug and alcohol counselling, referral and rehabilitation services — To be considered (*Mr O'Brien, Gippsland South*).
- 23 **STAFF FOR THE NEW MEDICAL CENTRE IN YARRAM**— Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*17 February 2021*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly assists the management board of the new medical centre in Yarram in its duty of care to the community to recruit and employ a team of doctors — To be considered (*Mr O'Brien, Gippsland South*).
- 24 **AGNES FALLS CANTILEVERED PLATFORM** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*17 February 2021*) — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to provide funding to Parks Victoria for the construction of a cantilevered viewing platform at Agnes Falls — To be considered (*Mr O'Brien, Gippsland South*).

BRIDGET NOONAN  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

COLIN BROOKS MP  
*Speaker*

## SPEAKER, DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

**SPEAKER** — Mr Brooks.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** — Ms Edwards.

**ACTING SPEAKERS** — Ms Blandthorn, Mr Bull (*Sunbury*), Mr Carbines, Ms Connolly, Ms Couzens, Ms Crugnale, Mr Dimopoulos, Mr Edbrooke, Ms Halfpenny, Ms Kilkenny, Mr McGuire, Ms Richards, Mr Richardson, Ms Settle, Ms Suleyman, Mr Taylor and Ms Ward.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Ms Allan, Ms Hennessy, Mr Merlino, Mr Pakula, Mr Smith (*Warrandyte*), Mr Walsh and Mr Wells.

**\*ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE** — Ms Addison, Mr Blackwood, Ms Couzens, Mr Eren, Mr Rowswell, Ms Ryan and Ms Theophanous.

**ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Ms Blandthorn, Mr Guy, Ms Hall and Dr Read.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE** — Ms Connolly, Mr Fowles, Ms Green, Mr Hamer, Mr McCurdy, Mr Morris and Mr Smith (*Kew*).

**HOUSE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Bull (*Gippsland East*), Ms Crugnale, Ms Edwards, Mr Fregon, Ms Sandell and Ms Staley.

**INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Mr Halse, Mr McGhie, Mr Rowswell, Mr Taylor and Mr Wells.

**LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES STANDING COMMITTEE** — Ms Couzens, Ms Kealy, Mr Newbury, Ms Settle, Mr Southwick, Ms Suleyman and Mr Tak.

**PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE** — Ms Allan, Mr Guy, Ms Hennessy, Mr McGuire, Mr Morris, Ms Neville, Mr Pakula, Ms Ryan and Mr Wells.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Ms Blandthorn, Mr Hibbins, Mr Maas, Mr O'Brien (*Gippsland South*), Ms Richards, Mr Richardson, Mr Riordan and Ms Vallenge.

**SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (JOINT<sup>φ</sup>)** — Mr Burgess and Ms Connolly.

**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** — Speaker, Ms Allan, Mr Cheeseman, Ms Edwards, Mr Fregon, Ms McLeish, Ms Sheed, Ms Staley and Mr Walsh.

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<sup>φ</sup> Joint committees include members of both Houses. For Council membership, see the Legislative Council notice paper.



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## SESSIONAL ORDERS

Adopted by the House on 5 February 2019 and amended on 27 November 2019.

### 1 Days and times of meeting

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 12.00 noon, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

### 2 Interruption of business for adjournment

Standing Order 32 be suspended and the following to apply:

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Speaker will interrupt the business before the House at:
  - (a) 7.00 pm each sitting Tuesday and Wednesday;
  - (b) 5.00 pm on any other sitting day.
- (2) If a division is taking place when the time for the interruption arises, the division will be completed and the result announced. 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. The Speaker will then interrupt business.
- (3) If the time for the interruption arises:
  - (a) at the same time as the completion time set by the government business program; or
  - (b) after the interruption for the completion time of the government business program, but before all business on the program has been dealt with —

all business on the government business program will be completed first. The Speaker will then interrupt business for the adjournment.
- (4) After the interruption:
  - (a) before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a minister may move that the sitting be continued. That motion must be put immediately without amendment or debate. If it is agreed to, the House will resume debate at the point at which it had been interrupted; or
  - (b) if a motion is not moved, the Speaker will immediately propose the question 'That the House now adjourns'. Any business under discussion and any other business not concluded at the time of the adjournment will be listed on the notice paper for the next sitting day. Any member speaking at the time of the interruption may, when debate resumes, continue his or her speech.

### 3 Order of business

- (1) So much of standing orders as provide for question time to be held at 2.00 pm on sitting days other than Tuesdays is suspended to allow for question time to be held at 11.00 am on those days.
- (2) In Standing Order 55, for '2.00 pm', wherever occurring, read '11.00 am'.
- (3) So much of Standing Orders 36, 38, 39 and 41 be suspended so as to enable the following order of business on:

#### **Wednesdays**

Formal business

Disallowance motions

Statements by members

Statements on parliamentary committee reports

Government business

Question time (11.00 am)

Government business *continued*

Matter of public importance or grievance debate (2.00 pm)

Government business *continued*

General business

#### **Thursdays (and Fridays)**

Formal business

Statements by members

Government business

Question time (11.00 am)

Government business *continued*

General business.

- (4) So much of Standing Orders 38 and 39 be suspended so as to enable:
  - (a) at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 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 2.00 pm:
    - (i) it will be completed without interruption and 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);

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- (c) the Chair announces the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be;
  - (d) any business under discussion and not completed at the interruption will be resumed immediately at the end of the grievance debate or matter of public importance, whichever the case may be, and any member speaking at the time of the interruption may then continue his or her speech.
- (5) In Standing Order 39(9) for 'statements on parliamentary committee reports under SO 41' read 'government business'.

#### **4 Answers to questions on notice**

A reply to a question on notice delivered to the Clerk under Standing Order 54(3) must be submitted within 30 days.

#### **5 Who may ask oral questions without notice**

Only non-government members may ask questions without notice under Standing Order 55.

#### **6 Supplementary questions without notice**

- (1) At the conclusion of each answer to an oral question without notice, the questioning member may ask the responding minister a supplementary question to elucidate or clarify the answer.
- (2) Supplementary questions must actually and accurately relate to the original question, must relate to or arise from the answer and must not be a separate question on the same topic.

#### **7 Ministers' statements**

After each oral question without notice and any related supplementary questions, any minister may seek the call to make a statement of up to two minutes.

#### **8 Constituency questions**

- (1) At the conclusion of oral questions without notice and ministers' statements, five government members and five non-government members may ask one oral question each to ministers relating to constituency matters.
- (2) Replies to constituency questions must be given in writing within 30 days by delivering a reply to the Clerk. The Clerk must give the response to the member who asked the question and electronically publish the response.

## **9 Duration of question time**

Standing Order 55(2) is suspended and the following to apply:

Question time will last until five oral questions and related supplementary questions have been answered, up to five ministers' statements have been made and up to ten constituency questions have been asked and where a question is ruled out of order it is, for the purposes of this sessional order, deemed to have been answered.

## **10 Time limits on answers and questions**

- (1) The time limit for each oral question, supplementary question and constituency question is one minute.
- (2) The time limit for the answer to each oral question is three minutes, and for the answer to each supplementary question is one minute.

## **11 Content of answers**

Standing Order 58(1)(a) is suspended and all answers to questions must be direct, factual, succinct and relevant.

## **12 Chair ordering member to withdraw — application during oral questions without notice and ministers' statements**

Where:

- (1) a member is ordered to withdraw from the House under Standing Order 124 during oral questions without notice or ministers' statements; and
- (2) the time for oral questions without notice and ministers' statements ends before the end of the suspension period —

the member may return to the Chamber after the time for oral questions without notice and ministers' statements but must serve the remainder of their suspension during the next question time, subject to Standing Order 124(2).

## **13 Time limit for lead speakers**

For the purposes of Standing Order 131, and subject to any agreement to the contrary, additional time provided for the lead speaker of any other party does not apply where such a party has advised the Speaker that it is in a coalition arrangement with another party.

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## 14 Notices of motion

Standing Orders 140(1) and 141 are suspended and the following to apply:

- (1) A member may only move a motion to discuss a subject if he or she has given notice of that motion on a previous sitting day.
- (2) Copies of all verbal notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before notices are called on by the Speaker.
- (3) Copies of all written notices must be provided to the Clerks at the table before the conclusion of formal business.
- (4) All notices given by ministers must be verbal.
- (5) Verbal notices must be read to the House. They can only be given before the House proceeds to the business of the day as set out in the notice paper.
- (6) All notices, except notices given under paragraph (7) given by members who are not ministers, must be given in writing. Members may give notice by lodging a copy with the Clerks in accordance with paragraph (3).
- (7) A motion by a member expressing no confidence in the Premier and ministers, in the terms set out in s 8A of the *Constitution Act 1975*, may only be given verbally.
- (8) The Clerk must notify the Speaker of a notice of a motion by a member to disallow a statutory rule to which Standing Order 151 applies, and the Speaker will report details to the House at the first convenient opportunity.

## 15 Procedure for a division

Standing Order 164(1) is suspended and the following to apply:

When a division is requested, the Clerk will ring the bells for four minutes as indicated by the timer.

## 16 Redactions

The Standing Orders Committee (the Committee) is empowered to authorise redactions from a document published by the House, Assembly Hansard, official broadcast footage of the Assembly Chamber or an Assembly Committee, a petition, or a document tabled under SO 171 on safety or security grounds using the following process:

- (1) A person, including a member of Parliament, may write to the Clerk and request the redaction including details of the nature of the safety or security risk and how redaction would reduce or remove this risk. The Clerk will then forward that request to the Committee as soon as practicable.

- (2) If the Committee is satisfied there is a safety or security risk and the redaction is warranted, the Committee may approve the request. All members present at the meeting must unanimously agree for the Committee's decision to be effective.
- (3) The Clerk will inform the person who made the request of the Committee's decision. Where the Committee unanimously approves the redaction, the Clerk must take all necessary steps to give effect to the Committee's decision.
- (4) A redaction does not affect the protections provided by ss 73, 74 or 74AA of the *Constitution Act 1975*.
- (5) The Clerk must include a statement of the number of redactions made and the type of document they were redacted from, excluding any identifying information, in the annual report of the Department of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) The Committee may issue guidelines on the operation of this sessional order.