



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

### No. 75 — Friday, 16 October 2020

*Proof Version*

- 
- 1 The President took the Chair at 9.36 a.m., read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.
  - 2 **PAPERS PURSUANT TO STATUTE** — The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid on the Table by the Clerk:
    - Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996 — Amendment to the Agreement in the Schedule to the Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996, under section 7 of the Act.
    - Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under section 15 in respect of Statutory Rule No. 110.
  - 3 **SITTING OF THE COUNCIL** — Ms Symes moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 27 October 2020, at a time to be determined by the President, or an earlier or later day and hour to be fixed by the President in the week commencing Monday, 26 October 2020, and the President will notify members of any changes to the next sitting date.

Question — put and agreed to.
  - 4 **SELECT COMMITTEE — COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES** — Dr Cumming moved, That —
    - (1) this House —
      - (a) recognises the increasing financial burden on the Victorian health system by preventable illnesses and the COVID-19 pandemic;
      - (b) notes complementary therapies —
        - (i) demonstrate effectiveness in areas of burden to the health system;
        - (ii) is a sector worth \$9 billion and supports domestic jobs, farming, manufacturing, research and exports;
        - (iii) are often cost effective and less invasive;
      - (c) further notes that the Government has a role in —
        - (i) acknowledging and meeting user demands with safe and reliable choices;
        - (ii) ensuring key health policies address complementary therapies;
    - (2) a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to inquire into, consider and report, by 1 June 2021, on the strategic direction for complementary therapies, including but not limited to —
      - (a) the accreditation, registration and regulation of complementary therapy practitioners;
      - (b) the availability of complementary therapies and treatment in hospital settings;
      - (c) opportunities to improve public awareness regarding access, effectiveness and safety;
      - (d) the treatment and access to education pathways and research;
      - (e) any other related matters;
    - (3) the Committee shall consider previous reviews and inquiries into complementary therapies in their investigation;
    - (4) the Committee consist of three Members from the Government nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Council, two Members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader

of the Opposition in the Council, and two Members from among the remaining Members in the Council nominated jointly by minority groups and independent Members;

- (5) a majority of the Members appointed pursuant to paragraph (4) will constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (6) the Chair of the Committee will be a Member of a minority group or an independent Member and the Deputy Chair will be a Member of the Government;
- (7) in addition to exercising a deliberative vote, when votes on a question are equally divided, the Chair, or the Deputy Chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote; and
- (8) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing and Sessional Orders or practices of the Council will have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders or practices of the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

AYES, 19

Mr Atkinson; Dr Bach; Mr Barton; Ms Bath; Mr Bourman; Ms Crozier; Dr Cumming; Mr Davis; Mr Finn; Mr Grimley; Mr Hayes; Mr Limbrick; Ms Lovell; Ms Maxwell; Mrs McArthur; Mr O'Donohue; Mr Ondarchie; Mr Quilty; Mr Rich-Phillips.

*(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an Order of the Council of 23 April 2020)*

NOES, 19

Mr Elasmarr; Mr Erdogan; Ms Garrett; Mr Gepp; Dr Kieu; Mr Leane; Mr Meddick; Mr Melhem; Ms Patten; Ms Pulford; Ms Shing; Ms Stitt; Ms Symes; Mr Tarlamis; Ms Taylor; Ms Terpstra; Ms Tierney; Ms Vaghela; Ms Watt.

*(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an Order of the Council of 23 April 2020)*

The Ayes and Noes being equal, the question was negatived.

- 5 BUSINESS POSTPONED** — Ordered — That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 357, be postponed until the next day of meeting.
- 6 STAGE 4 LOCKDOWN — IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS** — Debate resumed on the question, That this House —
  - (1) notes the very significant impact of the Government's enhanced and broad-brush Stage 4 lockdown on businesses, especially small businesses, across many sectors; and
  - (2) calls on the Government to meet with relevant peak bodies and other representatives of individual business sectors, to work through the early evidence-based lifting of complete closures, sector by sector, where appropriate COVID-19 management plans are in place and it is safe to do so.

*Business having been interrupted at the conclusion of 2 hours of General Business pursuant to Sessional Orders, the debate stood adjourned in the name of Mr Finn.*

- 7 CLADDING SAFETY VICTORIA BILL 2020** — Ms Stitt laid on the Table the statement of compatibility as required by the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.  
On the motion of Ms Stitt, the second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.  
Ms Stitt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
On the motion of Mr Davis, the debate was adjourned for one week.

- 8 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2020** — Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Amendments proposed to be moved in Committee by Mr Davis were circulated.

*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.  
**CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER EVIDENCE TO COVID-19 HOTEL QUARANTINE INQUIRY** — Ms Symes having given answers to a question without notice and supplementary question relating to the Chief Health Officer's evidence to the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry —

On the motion of Mr O'Donohue, 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.

\* \* \* \* \*

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

- **COVID-19 workplace safety** — substantive question asked by Mr Davis — response from Ms Stitt due Monday, 19 October 2020.
- **Illegal fur sales** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Meddick — response from Mr Leane due Tuesday, 20 October 2020.
- **Veterans housing during pandemic** — substantive question asked by Ms Patten — response from Mr Leane due Monday, 19 October 2020.
- **Malsbury Youth Justice Centre – use of internet by detainees** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Ms Maxwell — response from Ms Tierney due Tuesday, 20 October 2020.
- **Impact of lockdown on Victorian community and economy** — substantive and supplementary questions asked by Mr Quilty — response from Ms Symes due Tuesday, 20 October 2020.

**10 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 15 September 2020.

**11 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2020** — Debate continued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

**12 POLICE AND EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020** — Bill committed to a Committee of the whole.

*Business having been interrupted at 4.00 p.m. pursuant to Sessional Orders —*

---

Ms Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

---

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

*Business having been interrupted at the conclusion of the declared extension pursuant to Standing Orders —*

---

Ms Tierney declared, That the sitting be extended by up to one further hour pursuant to Standing Order 4.08.

---

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole.

Bill reported without amendment, the Report was adopted.

Ms Pulford moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question — That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass — put.

The Council divided — The President in the Chair.

## AYES, 33

Mr Atkinson; Dr Bach; Mr Barton; Ms Bath; Mr Bourman; Ms Crozier; Mr Davis; Mr Elasmir; Mr Erdogan; Mr Finn; Ms Garrett; Mr Gepp; Mr Grimley; Dr Kieu; Mr Leane; Ms Lovell; Ms Maxwell; Mrs McArthur; Mr Meddick; Mr Melhem; Mr O'Donohue; Mr Ondarchie; Ms Pulford; Mr Rich-Phillips; Ms Shing; Ms Stitt; Ms Symes; Mr Tarlamis; Ms Taylor; Ms Terpstra; Ms Tierney; Ms Vaghela; Ms Watt.

*(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an Order of the Council of 23 April 2020)*

## NOES, 6

Dr Cumming; Mr Hayes; Mr Limbrick; Ms Patten; Mr Quilty; Dr Ratnam.

*(Recorded by Clerks-at-the-Table, pursuant to an Order of the Council of 23 April 2020)*

Question agreed.

Bill read a third time.

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

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

Debate ensued and a response to an Adjournment matter was circulated pursuant to Standing Order 4.13.

And then the Council, at 6.04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 27 October 2020.

ANDREW YOUNG  
*Clerk of the Legislative Council*